R70. Agriculture and Food, Regulatory Services.
R70-910. Registration of Servicepersons for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices.
R70-910-1. Authority.

Promulgated under Section 4-9-103.

R70-910-2. Policy.

(1) It shall be the policy of the Division of Regulatory Services, Weights and Measures Program, of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food to accept registration of an individual who:

(a) Provides acceptable evidence of all business licenses required by the applicable cities, counties or states to conduct business, if self-employed, or his employer's if not self-employed; provides acceptable evidence as demonstrated by attending Department of Agriculture and Food provided training and successfully passing an exam administered by the department, that she is fully qualified to install, service, repair, or recondition a commercial weighing or measuring device and has a thorough working knowledge of all appropriate weights and measures laws, orders, rules, and regulations; and

(b) has possession of, or has accessible for his use, weights and measures standards and testing equipment certified by the Department of Agriculture and Food to be appropriate in design and capacity.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any individual to place into public or commercial service any weighing or measuring device prior to being tested and sealed by a registered serviceperson.

R70-910-3. Definitions.

(1) "Registered Serviceperson" means any individual who for hire, award, commission, or any other payment of any kind, installs, services, repairs, reconditions, calibrates or places into service a commercial weighing or measuring device, and who is registered by the Department of Agriculture and Food to perform these services.

(2) "Service Agency" means any agency, firm, company, or corporation which, for hire, award, commission, or any other payment of any kind, installs, services, repairs, reconditions, calibrates or places into service a commercial weighing or measuring device.

(3) "Commercial Weighing and Measuring Device" means any weight or measure or weighing or measuring device commercially used or employed in establishing the size, quantity, extent, area, or measurement of quantities, things, product, or articles for distribution or consumption, purchased, offered or submitted for sale, hire, or award or in computing any basic charge or payment for services rendered on the basis of weight or measure, and shall also include any accessory attached to or used in connection with a commercial weighing or measuring device when such accessory is so designed or installed that its operation affects, or may affect, the accuracy of the device.

(4) "Security Seal" means a uniquely identifiable physical seal, such as a lead-and-wire seal or other type of locking seal, or similar apparatus attached to a weighing or measuring device for protection against or indication of access to adjustment.

(5) "Placed in service report" means a report, completed on a department form for declaring that a commercial weighing or measuring device has been put into service.

R70-910-4. Reciprocity.

The Department of Agriculture and Food may enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other State or States that have similar registration policies. Under such agreement, the registered servicepersons of the States party to the reciprocal agreement are granted full reciprocal authority, including reciprocal recognition of certification of standards and testing equipment, in all states party to such agreement.

R70-910-5. Registration Fee.

Upon application for and renewal of registration, the applicant shall pay to the Department of Agriculture and Food a registration fee determined by the department pursuant to subsection 4-2-2(2) for a registered serviceperson. Registration shall expire December 31 of each year, and shall be renewed annually.

R70-910-6. Registration.

(1) An individual may apply for registration to place into service commercial weighing or measuring devices on the Department of Agriculture and Food's application form. An applicant also shall submit appropriate evidence of having passed a department approved exam that measures the applicant's knowledge of device installation, service, repair and maintenance and applicable laws, orders, rules and regulations.

(2) The department shall provide a device service training class and administer a proficiency examination. The proficiency examination will test the basic knowledge required for competency as a serviceperson. The passing score on the examination shall be above 80%.

(3) An examinee who fails the device service proficiency examination shall retake the training class in order to retake the examination.

(4) The department may revise the examination to address knowledge of changes in the law or technology.

(5) Training class attendance and successful completion of the examination may be used to apply for a Certificate of Registration for three successive registration cycles.

(6) Servicepersons who are employed by a service agency that provides training shall notify the department and shall have up to 30 days to become registered.

(a) The department shall provide a class and examination opportunity for new servicepersons within two weeks of notification.

R70-910-7. Certificate of Registration.

Upon receipt and acceptance of a properly executed application form, the Department of Agriculture and Food shall issue to the applicant a "Certificate of Registration," including an assigned registration number, which shall remain effective until returned by the applicant, withdrawn by the Department of Agriculture and Food, or registration expires.

R70-910-8. Privileges of a Registrant.

The bearer of a Certificate of Registration shall have the authority to:

(1) Remove an official rejection tag or mark placed on a weighing or measuring device by the authority of the Department of Agriculture and Food; and

(2) Place in service, until such time as an official examination can be made, a commercial weighing or measuring device that has been newly installed, routinely calibrated or officially rejected.

R70-910-9. Place in Service Report.

The Department of Agriculture and Food shall make available to each registered serviceperson the official Placed in Service Report form. A placed in service report shall be submitted within 24 hours to the department by the serviceperson for each rejected device restored to service and for each newly installed device placed in service. All official rejection tags or marks removed from the device shall be mailed to the Department of Agriculture and Food, the Division of Regulatory Services, Weights and Measures Program, 350 North Redwood Rd, PO Box 146500, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500. A duplicate copy of the report shall be retained by the owner or operator of the device, and a duplicate copy of the report shall be retained by the registered serviceperson or her

employer.

R70-910-10. Standards and Testing Equipment.

(1) A registered serviceperson shall submit, at least biennially to the Department of Agriculture and Food, for examination and certification, any testing equipment and standards that are used, or are to be used, in calibrating or placing into service a commercial weighing and measuring device.

(2) A registered serviceperson may not use, in officially servicing commercial weighing or measuring devices, any standards or testing equipment that have not been certified by the Department of Agriculture and Food.

R70-910-11. Security Seals Required to be Submitted.

(1) A registered serviceperson shall submit to the department the seal that she will use.

(A) If the seal belongs to the registered serviceperson's employer, the serviceperson shall identify the employer.

(2) When a registered serviceperson changes his seal, he shall submit the seal and employer's identification to the department prior to it being used.

(3) A registered serviceperson who uses their own seal shall submit that seal to the department.

(4) When a registered serviceperson changes their own seal, he or she shall submit the seal to the department prior to it being used.

R70-910-12. Qualification to Service Heavy Capacity Scales.

No registered serviceperson shall be qualified to place in service or remove a rejection tag from a heavy capacity scale unless he has adequate testing weights certified by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Division of Regulatory Services, Weights and Measures Program. Adequate testing weights shall be deemed to be 10,000 pounds of test weights or one-fourth the capacity of the scale, whichever is less.

R70-910-13. Unlawful Acts Specified.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any non-registered individual to:

(a) place into public or commercial service a weighing or measuring device; or

(b) to represent themselves as being registered as a serviceperson by the department.

R70-910-14. Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration.

The Department of Agriculture and Food may, for good cause, after careful investigation, consideration, and due notice and process which shall include an opportunity for a hearing, suspend or revoke a Certificate of Registration, Section 4-1-5 and Section 63G-4.

R70-910-15. Publication of Lists of Service Agencies and Registered Servicepersons.

The Department of Agriculture and Food shall publish, and may supply upon request, lists of registered servicepersons and those service agencies which commit to using registered servicepersons to calibrate commercial weighing and measuring devices or place them in service. The department may remove from the lists a service agency found to have used a non-registered service person to calibrate or place into service a commercial weighing or measuring device.

R70-910-16. Notification of Service Agency.

Whenever the voluntary registration of a service person is suspended or revoked, the department shall notify the known employing service agency within three working days.

R70-910-17. Notification of Changed Equipment.

Whenever a voluntarily registered serviceperson changes any testing equipment and standards that are used, or are to be used, in calibrating or placing into service a commercial weighing and measuring device, the serviceperson shall notify and provide proof to the department that the testing equipment or standard has been approved by an official state metrologist.

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

These rules are adopted pursuant to Section 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.

(9) Listing and Delisting Product: Pursuant to 32B-2-202(1) (b) and (k), this rule authorizes the director to make internal department policies in accordance with 32B-2-206(1) (2) and (5) for department duties as defined by 32B- 2-204(1) for listing and de-listing products to include a program to place orders for products not kept for sale by the department.

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 $300 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 $350 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 $700 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	Warning 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.

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Violation Degree and Frequency	Warning Verbal	Warning Written	Fine $ Amount	Suspension No. of Days
Minor				
1st	X	X		
2nd		X	to 25	
3rd			to 50	1 to 5
Over 3			to 75	6 to 10
Moderate				
1st		X	to 50	
2nd			to 75	3 to 10
3rd			to 100	10 to 20
Over 3			to 150	15 to 30
Serious				
1st			to 300	5 to 30
2nd			to 350	10 to 90
Over 2			to 700	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) A dispensing system is approved by the department if it meets the following minimum requirements:

(a) dispenses spirituous liquor in calibrated quantities not to exceed 1.5 ounces;

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

(c) 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) Licensee Responsibility.

(a) The licensee is responsible for verifying that the system, when initially installed, meets the specifications which listed in subsection (1). Once installed, the licensee shall maintain the dispensing system to ensure that it continues to meet the approved specifications. Failure to maintain the system may be grounds for suspension or revocation of the licensee's liquor license.

(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) A "multiple-licensed facility" includes any retail license that shares a licensed premises as allowed by 32B-5-207(2), retail licensed premises that are located in the same room as allowed by 32B-5-207(6), and retail licensees that are authorized for dispensing from an adjacent retail licensed premises as allowed by 32B-6-205.2(11)(a)(iii), 305.2(11)(a)(iii) and 905.1(12)(a)(iii) and any sublicense located within the boundary of a resort building of a resort license under 32B-8 or the boundary of a hotel of a hotel license under 32B-8b.

(b) "cost allocation" means an apportionment of the as purchased cost of the alcoholic beverage product based on the amount sold in connection with each retail license.

(c) "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) The dispensing of alcoholic beverages may be made from the alcoholic beverage inventory of one retail license to patrons in premises of another retail license in a multiple-licensed facility 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 connection with each retail license;

(b) cost allocation of the alcoholic beverage product cost must be made for each retail license 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 in connection with a retail license 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 retail 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 retail 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 retail licensed premises to the various approved retail licenses, or dispensed to each retail license through the use of a remote storage alcoholic beverage dispensing system.

(3) At a multiple-licensed facility where each licensee maintains an inventory of alcoholic beverage products, the alcoholic beverages owned by each retail license 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 retail license 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 retail licensee premises within the facility.

(4) In accordance with 32B-5-207(5)(d) which requires that the commission establish by rule a procedure by which a licensee surrenders a retail license if they have a bar or tavern in the same room as a restaurant in violation of 32B-5-207.

(a) On May 1 2018 a notice will be sent to all bar establishment licensees informing them that renewal of the bar license will be considered notice of intent to surrender any restaurant license in violation of 32B-5-207 unless they apply for a change in floor plan with the department.

(b) On May 1, 2018 a notice will be sent to any tavern that has both a restaurant and a tavern asking them to return a form electing whether to surrender the tavern or restaurant if they are in violation of 32B-5-207 or to apply for a change in floor plan. Failure to respond will result in surrender of restaurant license as of July 1, 2018.

(c) Those that are seeking to keep both licenses shall apply for a change in floor plan with the department outlying what will be done to comply with the requirements of 32B-5-207. If modifications are not completed by July 1, 2018 one or more of the licenses will need to cease operations in accordance with 32B-5-309 until modifications have been completed and staff has inspected the multiple premises to verify compliance with 32B-5-207.

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.

R81-1-12A. Department Training Programs.

(1) Authority and general purpose. This rule is pursuant to 32B-5-405(3) which requires that the department to make rules to develop and implement the retail manager and violation training programs described in 32B-5-405.

(2) Application of the rule.

(a) The requirements for the retail manager and violation training programs described in 32B-5-405.

(b) The department shall accurately identify each individual who takes and completes a training program by maintaining a database in which individual are identified by the last four digits of their social security number.

(c) The department will administer a test to ensure an individual taking a training program is focused and actively engaged in the training material throughout the training program.

(d) The department shall issue a certification card to each individual has completed a training program. Each licensee shall keep a copy of the card on the licensed premise for each individual required to complete the training program.

(e) a fee of $25 will be charged to each individual for participation in a training program to cover the department's cost of providing the training program.

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 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.

(3) Compliance with subsections (1) and (2) are fundamental licensing requirements, the violation of which will result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause in accordance with R81-1-6 and action on the license as determined by the commission in accordance with 32B-1-304(2).

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 High Demand Products of Limited Availability.

(1) Authority and Purpose. This rule is pursuant to Section 32B-1-103, which requires that alcoholic product control be operated as a public business using sound management principles, and 32B-2-202, which authorizes the Department to control liquor merchandise inventory. Some alcoholic beverage products 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.

(3) The Department may make policies governing procedures for the fair distribution of high demand products, including policies for a drawing, when the director determines a special procedure is appropriate.

R81-1-25. Sexually-Oriented Entertainers and Stage Approvals.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to:

(a) 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 bar and only upon a stage or in a designated area approved by the commission in accordance with commission rule in accordance with 32B-1-505(4).

(2) Purpose. This rule establishes guidelines used by the commission to approve stages and designated performance areas in a tavern or bar 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.

(4) Application of Rule.

(a) A sexually-oriented entertainer may appear or perform seminude only on the premises of a tavern or bar.

(b) A tavern or bar 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 bar license from the commission who intends to have sexually-oriented entertainment on the premises;

(B) a current tavern or bar 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 bar 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 submit to a background check to show 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 checks.

(3) Application of Rule.

(a)(i) Except to the extent provided in Subparagraphs (3)(a)(ii),(iii), and (iv), a person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) shall consent to a criminal background check by Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification, Department of Public Safety (hereafter "B.C.I.") and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter "F.B.I").

(ii) A person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) who submitted a criminal background check on or after July 1, 2015 shall not be required to submit to a background check if the department can confirm that the individual has maintained a regulatory or employment relationship as outlined in the department's privacy risk mitigation strategy required by 32B-1-307(4)(iv)(b).

(iii) An applicant for an event permit under 32B-9 shall not be required to submit to a background check if the applicant attests that the persons identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) have not been convicted of any disqualifying criminal offense.

(iv) An applicant for employment with benefits with the department shall be required to submit to a background check if the department has made the decision to offer the applicant employment with the department.

(b) An application that requires background checks(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 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 a background check in a form acceptable to the department; and

(iv) the applicant stipulates in writing that if a criminal history background 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. and F.B.I. is processing the criminal history report(s).

(d) Upon the department's receipt of the criminal history background 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.

(e) In the case of a license or permit, if the statutory deadline for renewing the license or permit occurs before receipt of criminal history background 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 (e).

(f) An applicant for employment with benefits with the department that requires a background check 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 a background check in a form acceptable to the department;

(iii) the applicant stipulates in writing that if a criminal history background 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, 32B-1-601-608.

(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 malt beverages as required by 32B-1-606(2)(c) and (d).

(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) An application for approval is required for any revision of a previously approved label.

(d) A "revision" includes any changes to packaging that significantly modifies the notice that the product is an alcoholic beverage.

(e) An application for approval is not required for any changes 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.

(f) Pursuant to 32B-1-606, a 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; and

(v) separate and apart from any descriptive or explanatory information.

(g) 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 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.

R81-1-31. Duties of Commission Subcommittees.

(1) This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 32B-2-201.5 and shall govern the duties of the two commission subcommittees, Compliance Licensing and Enforcement Subcommittee and the Operations and Procurement Subcommittee.

(2) The Compliance Licensing and Enforcement Subcommittee will review and discuss items related to compliance, licensing and enforcement and make recommendations to the full commission on those items.

(3) The Operations and Procurement Subcommittee will review and discuss items related to operations and procurement and make recommendations to the full commission on those items.

(4) If a quorum of the full commission is present, the subcommittee may act on all agenda action items.

(5) If a quorum of the full commission is not present, a recommendation on action items can be presented to a quorum of the commission for action without discussion if:

(a) A quorum of the subcommittee is present;

(b) There is a unanimous vote on the recommendation; and

(c) A member of the full commission does not request discussion on the items of recommendation.

(6) A subcommittee quorum is the majority of standing members.

R81-1-32. Further Application.

(1) If an applicant has at any time been denied a license or permit based on the locality within which the proposed licensed premises is located, no further application from the applicant pertaining to the same premises or building location shall be considered unless the applicant submits a report evidencing a substantial change in the circumstances that previously caused the denial, of an application.

(2) If an applicant has at any time been denied a license or permit based on the person's ability to manage and operate a retail license of the type for which the person is applying, no further application from the applicant shall be considered unless the applicant submits a report evidencing a substantial change in the circumstances that previously caused the denial, of an application.

(3) If an applicant has at any time been denied a license based on the nature or type of retail operation of the proposed retail licensee, no further application shall be considered for that license type unless the applicant submits a report evidencing a substantial change in the circumstances that previously caused the denial, of an application.

(4) If an applicant has at any time been denied a license or permit based on any other factor the commission considers necessary, the commission may, in its discretion determine under what circumstances in which a further application will be considered.

(5) The commission may prescribe a time period between the denial and hearing a request for further application.

R81-1-33. Alcohol Content.

(1) This rule is made pursuant to Section 32B-1-607, which authorizes the Commission to make rules implementing Part 6, and 32B-2-204, which authorizes the Department to make rules related to measuring the alcohol content of beer.

(2) Before November 1, 2019, a product complies with Title 32B and rules governing labeling if:

(a) the product is beer and if, after sampling, it is determined to contain no more than 3.35% alcohol by weight or 4.18% alcohol by volume; or

(b) the product is heavy beer and if, after sampling, it is determined to contain at least 3.82% alcohol by volume.

(3) On or after November 1, 2019, a product complies with Title 32B and rules governing labeling if:

(a) the product is beer and if, after sampling, it is determined to contain no more than 4.15% alcohol by weight or 5.18% alcohol by volume; or

(b) the product is heavy beer and if, after sampling, it is determined to contain at least 4.82% alcohol by volume.

R81-1-34. Transfer Agreements.

(1) This rule is pursuant to Section 32B-5-310, which authorizes the Department to make rules governing requirements for interim alcoholic beverage management agreements.

(2) An interim alcoholic beverage management agreement is required if a buyer will be performing the day-to-day operations of the business before the Commission approves the transfer of the license from seller to buyer.

(3)(a) Before a retail licensee enters into an interim alcoholic beverage management agreement, it shall provide the proposed interim alcoholic beverage management agreement to the Department for its approval.

(b) The Department shall create a checklist of information that an interim alcoholic beverage management agreement must contain and may create an optional form to assist licensees in providing necessary information.

(c) The Department shall review a proposed interim alcoholic beverage management agreement and, no later than 15 business days after the day on which the agreement is received by the Department:

(i) approve the interim alcoholic beverage management agreement if it contains all the necessary information; or

(ii) return the proposed interim alcoholic beverage management agreement to the licensee, if the agreement is lacking in information or specificity, with guidance on how to remedy any errors or omissions.

(4) Once an interim alcoholic beverage management agreement has been approved by the Department, the seller may allow the buyer to use their license to purchase alcoholic product from the Department, but all revenue from the sale of alcohol during the transition period must be retained by the buyer, less the cost of reimbursing the seller for the cost of the alcoholic product paid to the Department.

(5) The seller must maintain the required bond, insurance, and business license during the transition period, as these are statutory requirements to hold a license, but the buyer may agree to reimburse the seller for any necessary costs incurred to maintain the bond, insurance, and business license.

(6) Nothing in this rule authorizes a licensee to close business without approval from the Department or Commission, as required by statute.

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R81. Alcoholic Beverage Control, Administration. **32B-7-401**
R81-10. Off-Premise Beer Retailers.
R81-10-1. Separation of Alcoholic Beverages from Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Required Signage.

(1) Authority and General Purpose. This rule is pursuant to 32B-7-202(6)(a)(ii) that requires:

(a) an off-premise beer retailer to prominently display a sign in each area where beer is sold, an easily readable sign that reads in print that is no smaller than .5 inches, bold type, "These beverages contain alcohol. Please read the label carefully," and requires the commission to define by rule the format of the sign.

(2) Application of the Rule.

(a) Sign requirements.

(i) The sign required by 32B-7-202(6)(a)(ii) must be:

(A) prominently posted in all areas where beer is sold;

(B) easily readable by the consumer;

(C) in print that is no smaller than .5 inches, bold type.

(ii) The print on the sign must be clearly readable and on a solid, contrasting background.

(iii) The size of the sign, and the size of the print must be sufficiently large so as to be readable, and clearly and unambiguously convey to a consumer that the beverage products displayed in that area contain alcohol. In no instance may the sign be smaller than 8.5 inches x 3.5 inches.

(iv) Additional signs may be necessary depending on the size and type of display area. For example, an entire aisle devoted to beer products may require more than one sign to adequately inform the consumer.

R81-10-2. Off-Premise Beer Retailer State License and Master Off-Premise Beer Retailer State License.

(1) Authority and General Purpose. This rule is pursuant to 32B-2-202(1)(c) which requires the commission to set policy by written rules that establishes criteria and for issuing and denying licenses and 32B-7-408, which authorizes the commission to make rules establishing how a person may apply for a master off-premise beer retailer state license.

(2) No license application will be included on the agenda of a monthly commission meeting for consideration for issuance of a license until in accordance with 32B-7-404(2):

(a) The applicant has submitted a complete application to the department in accordance with 32B-7-402 or 32B-7-408; and

(b) the department has completed an investigation and inspected the proposed licensed premises.

(c) A "complete application" includes the department's application form and all supplemental materials listed on the department's application checklist.

(3)(a) All application requirements of Subsection (2)(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 unless the 10th day of the month is a Saturday, Sunday, or state or federal holiday, in which case all application requirements of Subsection (2)(a) must be filed on the next business day after the 10th day of the month.

(b) An incomplete application will be returned to the applicant.

(c) A completed application filed after the deadline in Subsection (3)(a) will not be considered by the commission that month, but will be included on the agenda of the commission meeting the following month.

(4) Subsection (2)(a) does not preclude the commission from considering an application for a conditional license under the terms and conditions of 32B-7-406.

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R123. Auditor, Administration.
R123-6. Allocation of Money in the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund.
R123-6-1. Authority.

As required by Section 59-2-1603, this rule provides the formula for disbursing monies from the property tax valuation agency fund.

R123-6-2. Definitions.

1. "Combined levy" means the sum of the local levy and the multi-county levy.
2. "Local levy" means a property tax levied in accordance with Utah Code 59-2-1602(4).
3. "Multi-county levy" means a property tax levied in accordance with Utah Code 59-2-1602(2).
4. "Fund" means the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund created in Utah Code 59-2-1602.
5. "Office" means the Office of the State Auditor.

R123-6-3. Disbursements.

1. Subject to subsection (2), the disbursement of monies held in the fund shall be determined based on the following:

a. Fourth, fifth, or sixth class counties whose respective combined levy exceeds the mean of the combined levies of all counties shall receive an amount from the fund equal to 50% of the amount calculated when multiplying the county's Proposed Tax Rate Value (as calculated by Utah State Tax Commission) by the portion of their combined rate that exceeds the mean rate; and

b. a sixth class county shall not receive less than $30,000 annually from the fund.

2. If available monies held in the fund are not sufficient to cover amounts calculated in subsection (1) the disbursement shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis.
3. The Office shall authorize these disbursements on an annual basis.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-17b. Pharmacy Practice Act Rule.
R156-17b-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Pharmacy Practice Act Rule".

R156-17b-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 17b, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 17b or this rule:

(1) "Accredited by ASHP" means a program that:

(a) was accredited by the ASHP on the day the applicant for licensure completed the program; or

(b) was in ASHP candidate status on the day the applicant for licensure completed the program.

(2) "ACPE" means the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

(3) "Analytical laboratory":

(a) means a facility in possession of prescription drugs for the purpose of analysis; and

(b) does not include a laboratory possessing prescription drugs used as standards and controls in performing drug monitoring or drug screening analysis if the prescription drugs are pre-diluted in a human or animal body fluid, human or animal body fluid components, organic solvents, or inorganic buffers at a concentration not exceeding one milligram per milliliter when labeled or otherwise designated as being for in-vitro diagnostic use.

(4) "ASHP" means the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.

(5) "Authorized distributor of record" means a pharmaceutical wholesaler with whom a manufacturer has established an ongoing relationship to distribute the manufacturer's prescription drugs. An ongoing relationship is deemed to exist between such pharmaceutical wholesaler and a manufacturer, as defined in Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code, when the pharmaceutical wholesaler has a written agreement currently in effect with the manufacturer evidencing such ongoing relationship, and the pharmaceutical wholesaler is listed on the manufacturer's current list of authorized distributors of record.

(6) "Authorized personnel" means any person who is a part of the pharmacy staff who participates in the operational processes of the pharmacy and contributes to the natural flow of pharmaceutical care.

(7) "Chain pharmacy warehouse" means a physical location for prescription drugs that acts as a central warehouse and performs intracompany sales or transfers of the prescription drugs to a group of chain pharmacies that have the same common ownership and control.

(8) "Clinic" as used in Subsection 58-17b-625(3)(b) means a class B pharmacy, or a facility which provides out-patient health care services whose primary practice includes the therapeutic use of drugs related to a specific patient for the purpose of:

(a) curing or preventing the patient's disease;

(b) eliminating or reducing the patient's disease;

(c) arresting or slowing a disease process.

(9) "Co-licensed partner" means a person that has the right to engage in the manufacturing or marketing of a co-licensed product.

(10) "Co-licensed product" means a device or prescription drug for which two or more persons have the right to engage in the manufacturing, marketing, or both consistent with FDA's implementation of the Prescription Drug Marketing Act as applicable.

(11) "Community pharmacy" as used in Subsection 58-17b-625(3)(b) means a class A pharmacy as defined in Subsection 58-17b-102(10).

(12) "Cooperative pharmacy warehouse" means a physical location for drugs that acts as a central warehouse and is owned, operated or affiliated with a group purchasing organization (GPO) or pharmacy buying cooperative and distributes those drugs exclusively to its members.

(13) "Counterfeit prescription drug" has the meaning given that term in 21 USC 321(g)(2), including any amendments thereto.

(14) "Counterfeiting" means engaging in activities that create a counterfeit prescription drug.

(15) "Dispense", as defined in Subsection 58-17b-102(22), does not include transferring medications for a patient from a legally dispensed prescription for that particular patient into a daily or weekly drug container to facilitate the patient taking the correct medication.

(16) "Device" means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, or other similar or related article, including any component part or accessory, which is required under Federal law to bear the label, "Caution: Federal or State law requires dispensing by or on the order of a physician."

(17) "DMP" means a dispensing medical practitioner licensed under Section 58-17b, Part 8.

(18) "DMP designee" means an individual, acting under the direction of a DMP, who:

(a)(i) holds an active health care professional license under one of the following chapters:

(A) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

(B) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

(C) Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act;

(D) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

(E) Chapter 16a, Utah Optometry Practice Act;

(F) Chapter 44a, Nurse Midwife Practice Act; or

(G) Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act; or

(ii) is a medical assistant as defined in Subsection 58-67-102 (9);

(b) meets requirements established in Subsection 58-17b-803 (4)(c); and

(c) can document successful completion of a formal or on-the-job dispensing training program that meets standards established in Section R156-17b-622.

(19) "DMPIC" means a dispensing medical practitioner licensed under Section 58-17b, Part 8 who is designated by a dispensing medical practitioner clinic pharmacy to be responsible for activities of the pharmacy.

(20) "Drop shipment" means the sale of a prescription drug to a pharmaceutical wholesaler by the manufacturer of the drug; by the manufacturer's co-licensed product partner, third party logistics provider, or exclusive distributor; or by an authorized distributor of record that purchased the product directly from the manufacturer or from one of these entities; whereby:

(a) the pharmaceutical wholesale distributor takes title to but not physical possession of such prescription drug;

(b) the pharmaceutical wholesale distributor invoices the pharmacy, pharmacy warehouse, or other person authorized by law to dispense to administer such drug; and

(c) the pharmacy, pharmacy warehouse, or other person authorized by law to dispense or administer such drug receives delivery of the prescription drug directly from the manufacturer; from the co-licensed product partner, third party logistics provider, or exclusive distributor; or from an authorized distributor of record that purchases the product directly from the manufacturer or from one of these entities.

(21) "Drug therapy management" means the review of a drug therapy regimen of a patient by one or more pharmacists for the purpose of evaluating and rendering advice to one or more practitioners regarding adjustment of the regimen.

(22) "Drugs", as used in this rule, means drugs or devices.

(23) "Durable medical equipment" or "DME" means equipment that:

(a) can withstand repeated use;

(b) is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;

(c) generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury;

(d) is suitable for use in a health care facility or in the home; and

(e) may include devices and medical supplies.

(24) "Entities under common administrative control" means an entity holds the power, actual as well as legal to influence the management, direction, or functioning of a business or organization.

(25) "Entities under common ownership" means entity assets are held indivisibly rather than in the names of individual members.

(26) "ExCPT", as used in this rule, means the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians.

(27) "FDA" means the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency.

(28) "FDA-approved" means the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.A. Section 301 et seq. and regulations promulgated thereunder permit the subject drug or device to be lawfully manufactured, marketed, distributed, and sold.

(29) "High-risk, medium-risk, and low-risk drugs" refers to the risk to a patient's health from compounding sterile preparations, as referred to in USP-NF Chapter 797, for details of determining risk level.

(30) "Hospice facility pharmacy" means a pharmacy that supplies drugs to patients in a licensed healthcare facility for terminal patients.

(31) "Hospital clinic pharmacy" means a pharmacy that is located in an outpatient treatment area where a pharmacist or pharmacy intern is compounding, admixing, or dispensing prescription drugs, and where:

(a) prescription drugs or devices are under the control of the pharmacist, or the facility for administration to patients of that facility;

(b) prescription drugs or devices are dispensed by the pharmacist or pharmacy intern; or

(c) prescription drugs are administered in accordance with the order of a practitioner by an employee or agent of the facility.

(32) "Legend drug" or "prescription drug" means any drug or device that has been determined to be unsafe for self-medication or any drug or device that bears or is required to bear the legend:

(a) "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription";

(b) "Caution: federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian"; or

(c) "Rx only".

(33) "Long-term care facility" as used in Section 58-17b-610.7 means the same as the term is defined in Section 58-31b-102.

(34) "Maintenance medications" means medications the patient takes on an ongoing basis.

(35) "Manufacturer's exclusive distributor" means an entity that contracts with a manufacturer to provide or coordinate warehousing, distribution, or other services on behalf of a manufacturer and who takes title to that manufacturer's prescription drug, but who does not have general responsibility to direct the drug's sale or disposition. Such manufacturer's exclusive distributor shall be licensed as a pharmaceutical wholesaler under this chapter and be an "authorized distributor of record" to be considered part of the "normal distribution channel".

(36) "Medical supplies" means items for medical use that are suitable for use in a health care facility or in the home and that are disposable or semi-disposable and are non-reusable.

(37) "MPJE" means the Multistate Jurisprudence Examination.

(38) "NABP" means the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

(39) "NAPLEX" means North American Pharmacy Licensing Examination.

(40) "Non drug or device handling central prescription processing pharmacy" means a central prescription processing pharmacy that does not engage in compounding, packaging, labeling, dispensing, or administering of drugs or devices.

(41) "Normal distribution channel" means a chain of custody for a prescription drug that goes directly, by drop shipment as defined in Subsection (19), or via intracompany transfer from a manufacturer; or from the manufacturer's co-licensed partner, third-party logistics provider, or the exclusive distributor to:

(a) a pharmacy or other designated persons authorized under this chapter to dispense or administer prescription drugs to a patient;

(b) a chain pharmacy warehouse that performs intracompany sales or transfers of such drugs to a group of pharmacies under common ownership and control;

(c) a cooperative pharmacy warehouse to a pharmacy that is a member of the pharmacy buying cooperative or GPO to a patient;

(d) an authorized distributor of record, and then to either a pharmacy or other designated persons authorized under this chapter to dispense or administer such drug for use by a patient;

(e) an authorized distributor of record, and then to a chain pharmacy warehouse that performs intracompany sales or transfers of such drugs to a group of pharmacies under common ownership and control; or

(f) an authorized distributor of record to another authorized distributor of record to a licensed pharmaceutical facility or a licensed healthcare practitioner authorized under this chapter to dispense or administer such drug for use by a patient.

(42) "Other health care facilities" means any entity as defined in Utah Code Subsection 26-21-2(13)(a) or Utah Administrative Code R432-1-3(55).

(43) "Parenteral" means a method of drug delivery injected into body tissues but not via the gastrointestinal tract.

(44) "Patient's agent" means a:

(a) relative, friend or other authorized designee of the patient involved in the patient's care; or

(b) if requested by the patient or the individual under Subsection (40)(a), one of the following facilities:

(i) an office of a licensed prescribing practitioner in Utah;

(ii) a long-term care facility where the patient resides; or

(iii) a hospital, office, clinic or other medical facility that provides health care services.

(45) "Pedigree" means a document or electronic file containing information that records each distribution of any given prescription drug.

(46) "PIC", as used in this rule, means the pharmacist-in-charge.

(47) "Prepackaged" or "Prepackaging" means the act of transferring a drug, manually or by use of an automated pharmacy system, from a manufacturer's or distributor's original container to another container in advance of receiving a prescription drug order or for a patient's immediate need for dispensing by a pharmacy or practitioner authorized to dispense in the establishment where the prepackaging occurred.

(48) "Prescription files" means all hard-copy and electronic prescriptions that includes pharmacist notes or technician notes, clarifications or information written or attached that is pertinent to the prescription.

(49) "Professional entry degree", as used in Subsection 58-17b-303(1)(f), means the professional entry degree offered by

the applicant's ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy in the applicant's year of graduation, either a baccalaureate in pharmacy (BSPharm) or a doctorate in pharmacy (PharmD).

(50) "PTCB" means the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

(51) "Qualified continuing education", as used in this rule, means continuing education that meets the standards set forth in Section R156-17b-309.

(52) "Refill" means to fill again.

(53) "Repackage" means repackaging or otherwise changing the container, wrapper, or labeling to further the distribution of a prescription drug, excluding that completed by the pharmacist or DMP responsible for dispensing the product to a patient.

(54) "Research facility" means a facility where research takes place that has policies and procedures describing such research.

(55) "Reverse distributor" means a person or company that retrieves unusable or outdated drugs from a pharmacy for the purpose of removing those drugs from stock and destroying them.

(56) "Self-administered hormonal contraceptive" means the same as defined in Subsection 26-62-102(9).

(57) "Sterile products preparation facility" means any facility, or portion of the facility, that compounds sterile products using aseptic technique.

(58) "Supervisor" means a licensed pharmacist or DMP in good standing with the Division.

(59) "Third party logistics provider" means anyone who contracts with a prescription drug manufacturer to provide or coordinate warehousing, distribution, or other similar services on behalf of a manufacturer, but does not take title to the prescription drug or have any authoritative control over the prescription drug's sale.

(60) "Unauthorized personnel" means any person who is not participating in the operational processes of the pharmacy who in some way would interrupt the natural flow of pharmaceutical care.

(61) "Unit dose" means the ordered amount of a drug in a dosage form prepared for a one-time administration to an individual and indicates the name, strength, lot number and beyond use date for the drug.

(62) "Unprofessional conduct", as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 17b, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-17b-502.

(63) The "Utah Hormonal Contraceptive Self-screening Risk Assessment Questionnaire", adopted September 18, 2018, by the Division in collaboration with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy and Physicians Licensing Board, as posted on the Division's website, is the self-screening risk assessment questionnaire approved by the Division pursuant to Section 26-62-106.

(64) "USP-NF" means the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary (USP 41-NF 36), either First Supplement, dated August 1, 2018, or Second Supplement, dated December 1, 2018, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

(65) "Wholesaler" means a wholesale distributor who supplies or distributes drugs or medical devices that are restricted by federal law to sales based on the order of a physician to a person other than the consumer or patient.

(66) "Wholesale distribution" means the distribution of drugs to persons other than consumers or patients, but does not include:

(a) intracompany sales or transfers;

(b) the sale, purchase, distribution, trade, or other transfer of a prescription drug for emergency medical reasons, as defined under 21 CFR 203.3(m), including any amendments thereto;

(c) the sale, purchase, or trade of a drug pursuant to a prescription;

(d) the distribution of drug samples;

(e) the return or transfer of prescription drugs to the original manufacturer, original wholesale distributor, reverse distributor, or a third party returns processor;

(f) the sale, purchase, distribution, trade, or transfer of a prescription drug from one authorized distributor of record to one additional authorized distributor of record during a time period for which there is documentation from the manufacturer that the manufacturer is able to supply a prescription drug and the supplying authorized distributor of record states in writing that the prescription drug being supplied had until that time been exclusively in the normal distribution channel;

(g) the sale, purchase or exchange of blood or blood components for transfusions;

(h) the sale, transfer, merger or consolidation of all or part of the business of a pharmacy;

(i) delivery of a prescription drug by a common carrier; or

(j) other transactions excluded from the definition of "wholesale distribution" under 21 CFR 203.3 (cc), including any amendments thereto.

R156-17b-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 17b.

R156-17b-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.

R156-17b-105. Licensure - Administrative Inspection.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-103(3)(f), the procedure for disposing of any drugs or devices seized by the Division during an administrative inspection shall be handled as follows:

(1) Any legal drugs or devices found and temporarily seized by the Division that are found to be in compliance with this chapter shall be returned to the PIC or DMPIC of the pharmacy involved at the conclusion of any investigative or adjudicative proceedings and appeals.

(2) Any drugs or devices that are temporarily seized by the Division that are found to be unlawfully possessed, adulterated, misbranded, outdated, or otherwise in violation of this rule shall be destroyed by Division personnel at the conclusion of any investigative or adjudicative proceedings and appeals. The destruction of any seized controlled substance drugs shall be witnessed by two Division individuals. A controlled substance destruction form shall be completed and retained by the Division.

(3) An investigator may, upon determination that the violations observed are of a nature that pose an imminent peril to the public health, safety and welfare, recommend to the Division Director to issue an emergency licensure action, such as cease and desist.

(4) In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-103(1) and 58-17b-601(1), a secure email address must be established by the PIC or DMPIC and responsible party for the pharmacy to be used for self-audits or pharmacy alerts initiated by the Division. The PIC or DMPIC and responsible party shall cause the Division's Licensing Bureau to be notified on the applicable form prescribed by the Division of the secure email address or any change thereof within seven days of any email address change. Only one email address shall be used for each pharmacy.

R156-17b-302. Pharmacy Licensure Classifications - Pharmacist-in-Charge or Dispensing Medical Practitioner-In-Charge Requirements.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-302(4), the

classification of pharmacies holding licenses are clarified as:

(1) A Class A pharmacy includes all retail operations located in Utah and requires a PIC.

(2) A Class B pharmacy includes an institutional pharmacy that provides services to a target population unique to the needs of the healthcare services required by the patient. All Class B pharmacies require a PIC or DMPIC except for pharmaceutical administration facilities and narcotic treatment program pharmacies. Examples of Class B pharmacies include:

(a) closed door pharmacies;

(b) hospital clinic pharmacies;

(c) narcotic treatment program pharmacies;

(d) nuclear pharmacies;

(e) branch pharmacies;

(f) hospice facility pharmacies;

(g) pharmaceutical administration facility pharmacies;

(h) sterile product preparation facility pharmacies; and

(i) dispensing medical practitioner clinic pharmacies.

(3) A Class C pharmacy includes a pharmacy that is involved in:

(a) manufacturing;

(b) producing;

(c) wholesaling;

(d) distributing; or

(e) reverse distributing.

(4) A Class D pharmacy requires a PIC licensed in the state where the pharmacy is located and includes an out-of-state mail order pharmacy. Facilities with multiple locations shall have licenses for each facility and each component part of a facility.

(5) A Class E pharmacy does not require a PIC and includes:

(a) analytical laboratory pharmacies;

(b) animal control pharmacies;

(c) durable medical equipment provider pharmacies;

(d) human clinical investigational drug research facility pharmacies;

(e) medical gas provider pharmacies;

(f) animal narcotic detection training facility pharmacies

(g) third party logistics providers;

(h) non drug or device handling central prescription processing pharmacies; and

(i) veterinarian pharmaceutical facility pharmacies.

(6) All pharmacy licenses shall be converted to the appropriate classification by the Division as identified in Section 58-17b-302.

(7) Each Class A and each Class B pharmacy required to have a PIC or DMPIC shall have one PIC or DMPIC who is employed on a full-time basis as defined by the employer, who acts as a PIC or DMPIC for one pharmacy. However, the PIC or DMPIC may be the PIC or DMPIC of more than one Class A or Class B pharmacy, if the additional Class A or Class B pharmacies are not open to provide pharmacy services simultaneously.

(8) A PIC or DMPIC shall comply with the provisions of Section R156-17b-603.

R156-17b-303a. Qualifications for Licensure - Education Requirements.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-303(2) and 58-17b-304(7)(b), the credentialing agency recognized to provide certification and evaluate equivalency of a foreign educated pharmacy graduate is the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Foundation.

(2) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-304(7), an applicant for a pharmacy intern license shall demonstrate that he meets one of the following education criteria:

(a) current admission in a College of Pharmacy accredited by the ACPE by written verification from the Dean of the College;

(b) a graduate degree from a school or college of pharmacy that is accredited by the ACPE; or

(c) a graduate degree from a foreign pharmacy school as established by a certificate of equivalency from an approved credentialing agency defined in Subsection (1).

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-305(1)(f), a pharmacy technician shall complete a training program that is:

(a) accredited by ASHP; or

(b) conducted by:

(i) the National Pharmacy Technician Association;

(ii) Pharmacy Technicians University; or

(iii) a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, and

(c) meets the following standards:

(i) completion of at least 180 hours of directly supervised practical training in a licensed pharmacy as determined appropriate by a licensed pharmacist in good standing; and

(ii) written protocols and guidelines for the teaching pharmacist outlining the utilization and supervision of pharmacy technician trainees that address:

(A) the specific manner in which supervision will be completed; and

(B) an evaluative procedure to verify the accuracy and completeness of all acts, tasks and functions performed by the pharmacy technician trainee.

(4) An individual shall complete a pharmacy technician training program and successfully pass the required examination as listed in Subsection R156-17b-303c(4) within two years after obtaining a pharmacy technician trainee license, unless otherwise approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board for good cause showing exceptional circumstances.

(a) Unless otherwise approved under Subsection (4), an individual who fails to apply for and obtain a pharmacy technician license within the two-year time frame shall repeat a pharmacy technician training program in its entirety if the individual pursues licensure as a pharmacy technician.

(5)(a) Pharmacy technician training programs that received Division approval on or before April 30, 2014 are exempt from satisfying standards established in Subsection R156-17b-303a(3) for students enrolled on or before December 31, 2018.

(b) A student in a program described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the program completion deadline and testing requirements in Subsection (4), except that the license application shall be submitted to the Division no later than December 31, 2021.

(c) A program in ASHP candidate status shall notify a student prior to enrollment that if the program is denied accreditation status while the student is enrolled in the program, the student will be required to complete education in another program with no assurance of how many credits will transfer to the new program.

(d) A program in ASHP candidate status that is denied accreditation shall immediately notify the Division, enrolled students and student practice sites, of the denial. The notice shall instruct each student and practice site that:

(i) the program no longer satisfies the pharmacy technician license education requirement in Utah; and

(ii) enrollment in a different program meeting requirements established in Subsection R156-17b-303a(3) is necessary for the student to complete training and to satisfy the pharmacy technician license education requirement in Utah.

(6) An applicant from another jurisdiction seeking licensure as a pharmacy technician in Utah is deemed to have met the qualifications for licensure in Subsection 58-17b-305(1)(f) and 58-17b-305(1)(g) if the applicant:

(a) has engaged in the practice of a pharmacy technician for a minimum of 1,000 hours in that jurisdiction within the past

two years or has equivalent experience as approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board; and

(b) has passed and maintained current PTCB or ExCPT certification.

R156-17b-303b. Licensure - Pharmacist - Pharmacy Internship Standards.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-303(1)(g), the following standards are established for the pharmacy internship required for licensure as a pharmacist:

(1) For graduates of all U.S. pharmacy schools:

(a) At least 1,740 hours of practice supervised by a pharmacy preceptor shall be obtained according to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), Accreditation Standards and Key Elements for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, effective July 1, 2016 ("Standards 2016"), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) If a pharmacy intern is suspended or dismissed from an approved College of Pharmacy, the intern shall notify the Division within 15 days of the suspension or dismissal.

(c) If a pharmacy intern ceases to meet all requirements for intern licensure, the pharmacy intern shall surrender the pharmacy intern license to the Division within 60 days unless an extension is requested and granted by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

(2) For graduates of all foreign pharmacy schools, at least 1,440 hours of supervised pharmacy practice in the United States.

(3) Up to 500 hours towards the requirements of Subsections (1)(a) or (2) may be granted, at the discretion of the Division in collaboration with the Board, for other experience substantially related to the practice of pharmacy.

R156-17b-303c. Qualifications for Licensure - Examinations.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-303(1)(h), the examinations that shall be successfully passed by an applicant for licensure as a pharmacist are:

(a) the NAPLEX with a passing score as established by NABP; and

(b) the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) with a minimum passing score as established by NABP.

(2) An individual who has failed either examination three times shall meet with the Board to request an additional authorization to test. The Division, in collaboration with the Board, may require additional training as a condition for approval of an authorization to retest.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-303(3)(j), an applicant applying by endorsement is required to pass the MPJE.

(4) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-305(1)(g), an applicant applying for licensure as a pharmacy technician shall pass the PTCB or ExCPT with a passing score as established by the certifying body. The certificate shall exhibit a valid date and that the certification is active.

(5) A graduate of a foreign pharmacy school shall obtain a passing score on the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) examination.

R156-17b-303d. Qualifications for Licensure - Meet with the Board.

In accordance with Subsections 58-1-202(1)(d) and 58-1-301(3), an applicant for licensure under Title 58, Chapter 17b may be required to meet with the Board of Pharmacy for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

R156-17b-304. Temporary Licensure.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-303(1), the Division may issue a temporary pharmacist license to a person who meets all qualifications for licensure as a pharmacist in Utah except for the passing of the required examination, if the applicant:

(a)(i) is a graduate of an ACPE accredited pharmacy school within two months immediately preceding application for licensure;

(ii) enrolled in a pharmacy graduate residency or fellowship program; or

(iii) licensed in good standing to practice pharmacy in another state or territory of the United States;

(b) submits a complete application for licensure as a pharmacist except the passing of the NAPLEX and MJPE examinations;

(c) submits evidence of having secured employment conditioned upon issuance of the temporary license, and the employment is under the direct, on-site supervision of a pharmacist with an active, non-temporary license that may or may not include a controlled substance license; and

(d) has registered to take the required licensure examinations.

(2) A temporary pharmacist license issued under Subsection (1) expires the earlier of:

(a) six months from the date of issuance;

(b) the date upon which the Division receives notice from the examination agency that the individual has failed either examination three times; or

(c) the date upon which the Division issues the individual full licensure.

(3) An individual who has failed either examination three times shall meet with the Board to request an additional authorization to test. The Division, in collaboration with the Board, may require additional training as a condition for approval of an authorization to retest.

(4) A pharmacist temporary license issued in accordance with this section cannot be renewed, but may be extended up to six months, as approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

R156-17b-305. Licensure - Pharmacist by Endorsement.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-303(3) and 58-1-301(3), an applicant for licensure as a pharmacist by endorsement shall apply through the "Licensure Transfer Program" administered by NABP.

(2) An applicant for licensure as a pharmacist by endorsement does not need to provide evidence of intern hours if that applicant has:

(a) lawfully practiced as a licensed pharmacist a minimum of 2,000 hours in the four years immediately preceding application in Utah;

(b) obtained sufficient continuing education credits required to maintain a license to practice pharmacy in the state of practice; and

(c) not had a pharmacist license suspended, revoked, canceled, surrendered, or otherwise restricted for any reason in any state for ten years prior to application in Utah, unless otherwise approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

R156-17b-307. Qualifications for Licensure - Criminal Background Checks.

(1) An applicant for licensure as a pharmacy shall document to the satisfaction of the Division the owners and management of the pharmacy and the facility in which the pharmacy is located.

(2) The following individuals associated with an applicant for licensure as a pharmacy shall be subject to the criminal background check requirements set forth in Section 58-17b-307:

(a) the PIC;

(b) the PIC's immediate supervisor;

(c) the senior person in charge of the facility in which the pharmacy is located;

(d) others associated with management of the pharmacy or the facility in which the pharmacy is located as determined necessary by the Division in order to protect public health, safety and welfare; and

(e) owners of the pharmacy or the facility in which the pharmacy is located as determined necessary by the Division in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.

R156-17b-308. Term, Expiration, Renewal, and Reinstatement of License - Application Procedures.

In accordance with Sections 58-1-308 and 58-17b-506:

(1) The renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 17b is established in Section R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal and reinstatement procedures shall be in accordance with Sections R156-1-308a through R156-1-308l, except as provided in Subsection (3).

(3) An applicant whose license was active and in good standing at the time of expiration may apply for reinstatement between two years and eight years after the date of expiration, in accordance with the following practice re-entry requirements:

(a) Each applicant shall:

(i) submit a reinstatement application demonstrating compliance with all requirements and conditions of license renewal;

(ii) pay all license renewal and reinstatement fees for the current renewal period; and

(iii) comply with any additional licensure requirements or conditions considered necessary by the Division in collaboration with the Board to protect the public and ensure the applicant is currently competent to engage in the profession, such as:

(A) a background check;

(B) conditional licensure;

(C) refresher or practice re-entry programs;

(D) licensure exams;

(E) supervised practice requirements;

(F) fitness for duty/competency evaluations; or

(G) any other licensure requirements or conditions determined necessary by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

(b) An applicant applying between two and five years after expiration shall also:

(i) if requested, meet with the Board for evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for licensure; and

(ii) submit evidence that the applicant has successfully completed:

(A) all continuing education for each preceding renewal period in which the license was expired; or

(B) a refresher or practice re-entry program approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

(c) An applicant applying five or more years after expiration shall also:

(i) meet with the Board for evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for licensure;

(ii) submit evidence that the applicant has:

(A) within five years preceding the application, passed the examinations required for licensure under Section R156-17b-303c (NABPLEX and MPJE for a pharmacist, or PTCB or ExCPT for a pharmacy technician); or

(B) successfully completed a refresher or practice re-entry program approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board; and

(iii) successfully practice under conditional licensure during a period of direct supervision by a pharmacist, for a period equal to at least 40 hours of supervision for each expired year.

(4) The Division in collaboration with the Board may approve extension of an intern license upon the request of the licensee, if the intern lacks the required number of internship hours for licensure.

R156-17b-309. Continuing Education.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-310 and Subsections 58-1-203(1)(g) and 58-1-308(3)(b), the continuing education (CE) requirements for renewal or reinstatement of a pharmacist or pharmacy technician license for each two-year renewal cycle are established as follows:

(1) A pharmacist shall complete at least 30 CE hours, which shall include at minimum:

(a) 12 hours of live or technology-enabled participation in lectures, seminars, or workshops;

(b) 15 hours of disease state management/drug therapy, AIDS/HIV therapy, or patient safety;

(c) one hour of pharmacy law or ethics;

(d) if providing immunization administration as defined in R156-17b-621, two hours in immunization or vaccine-related topics;

(e) if providing administration of long-acting injectable drug therapy as defined in Section R156-17b-621a, two hours in topics related to long-acting injectables; and

(f) if dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 62, Family Planning Access Act, two hours in topics related to hormonal contraceptive therapy.

(2)(a) A pharmacy technician shall complete at least 20 CE hours, which shall include at minimum:

(i) six hours of live or technology-enabled participation at lectures, seminars, or workshops; and

(ii) one hour of pharmacy law or ethics.

(c) Current PTCB or ExCPT certification shall fulfill all CE requirements for a pharmacy technician.

(3)(a) If a licensee first becomes licensed during the two-year renewal cycle, the licensee's required number of CE hours shall be decreased proportionately according to the date of licensure.

(b) The Division may defer or waive CE requirements as provided in Section R156-1-308d.

(4) CE credit shall be recognized as follows:

(a) One live CE hour for attending one Utah State Board of Pharmacy meeting, up to a maximum of two CE hours during each two-year period. These hours may count as "pharmacy law or ethics" hours.

(b) Two CE hours for each hour of lecturing or instructing a CE course or teaching in the licensee's profession, up to a maximum of ten CE hours during each two-year period. The licensee shall document the course's content and intended audience (e.g., pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, physicians, nurses). Public service programs, such as presentations to schoolchildren or service clubs, are not eligible for CE credit.

(c) All CE shall be approved by, conducted by, or under the sponsorship of one of the following:

(i) institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, various forms of mediated instruction, and programmed learning courses, presented by an ACPE-approved institution, individual, organization, association, corporation, or agency;

(ii) programs approved by health-related CE approval organizations, provided the CE is nationally recognized by a healthcare accrediting agency and is related to the practice of pharmacy;

(iii) Division training or educational presentations;

(iv) educational meetings that meet ACPE criteria and are sponsored by the Utah Pharmacy Association, the Utah Society of Health-System Pharmacists, or other professional organization or association; and

(v) for pharmacists, programs of certification by qualified individuals, such as certified diabetes educator credentials, board certification in advanced therapeutic disease management or other certification as approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

(5) A licensee shall maintain documentation sufficient to prove compliance with this section, for a period of four years after the end of the renewal cycle for which the CE is due, by:

(a) maintaining registration with the NABP e-Profile CPE Monitor plan or the NABP CPE Monitor Plus plan; and

(b) maintaining a certificate of completion or other adequate documentation for any CE that cannot be tracked by the licensee's NABP plan.

R156-17b-401. Disciplinary Proceedings.

(1) An individual licensed as a pharmacy intern who is currently under disciplinary action and qualifies for licensure as a pharmacist may be issued a pharmacist license under the same restrictions as the pharmacy intern license.

(2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, or DMP whose license or registration is suspended under Subsection 58-17b-701(6) may petition the Division at any time to demonstrate the ability to resume competent practice.

R156-17b-402. Administrative Penalties.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-401(6) and Sections 58-17b-501 and 58-17b-502, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, the following fine and citation schedule shall apply:

(1) preventing or refusing to permit any authorized agent of the Division to conduct an inspection, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(1):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $5,000

(2) failing to deliver the license or permit or certificate to the Division upon demand, in violation Subsection 58-17b-501(2):

initial offense: $100 - $1,000

subsequent offense(s): $500 - $2,000

(3) using the title pharmacist, druggist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee or any other term having a similar meaning or any term having similar meaning when not licensed to do so, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(3)(a):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000

(4) conducting or transacting business under a name that contains as part of that name the words drugstore, pharmacy, drugs, medicine store, medicines, drug shop, apothecary, prescriptions or any other term having a similar meaning or in any manner advertising otherwise describing or referring to the place of the conducted business or profession when not licensed to do so, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(3)(b):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000

(5) buying, selling, causing to be sold, or offering for sale any drug or device that bears the inscription sample, not for resale, investigational purposes, or experimental use only or other similar words inspection, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(4):

initial offense: $1,000 - $5,000

subsequent offense(s): $10,000

(6) using to the licensee's own advantage or revealing to anyone other than the Division, Board or its authorized representatives, any information acquired under the authority of this chapter concerning any method or process that is a trade secret, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(5):

initial offense: $100 - $500

subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000

(7) illegally procuring or attempting to procure any drug for the licensee or to have someone else procure or attempt to procure a drug, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(6):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000

(8) filling, refilling or advertising the filling or refilling of prescription drugs when not licensed do to so, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(7):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000

(9) requiring any employed pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee or authorized supportive personnel to engage in any conduct in violation of this chapter, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(8):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000

(10) being in possession of a drug for an unlawful purpose, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(9):

initial offense: $500 - $1,000

subsequent offense(s): $1,500 - $5,000

(11) dispensing a prescription drug to anyone who does not have a prescription from a practitioner or to anyone who is known or should be known as attempting to obtain drugs by fraud or misrepresentation, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(10):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000

(12) selling, dispensing or otherwise trafficking in prescription drugs when not licensed to do so or when not exempted from licensure, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(11):

initial offense: $1,000 - $5,000

subsequent offense(s): $10,000

(13) using a prescription drug or controlled substance for the licensee that was not lawfully prescribed for the licensee by a practitioner, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-501(12):

initial offense: $100 - $500

subsequent offense(s): $1,000 - $2,5000

(14) willfully deceiving or attempting to deceive the Division, the Board or its authorized agents as to any relevant matter regarding compliance under this chapter, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(1):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000

(15) paying rebates to practitioners or any other health care provider, or entering into any agreement with a medical practitioner or any other person for the payment or acceptance of compensation for recommending the professional services of either party, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(2):

initial offense:$2,500 - $5,000

subsequent offense(s):$5,500 - $10,000

(16) misbranding or adulteration of any drug or device or the sale, distribution or dispensing of any outdated, misbranded, or adulterated drugs or devices, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(3):

initial offense: $1,000 - $5,000

subsequent offense(s): $10,000

(17) engaging in the sale or purchase of drugs that are samples or packages bearing the inscription "sample" or "not for resale" or similar words or phrases, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(4):

initial offense: $500 - $2,000

subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000

(18) accepting back and redistributing any unused drugs, with the exception as provided in Section 58-17b-503, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(5):

initial offense: $1,000 - $5,000

subsequent offense(s): $10,000

(19) engaging in an act in violation of this chapter committed by a person for any form of compensation if the act is incidental to the person's professional activities, including the activities of a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(6):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(20) violating Federal Title II, PL 91, Controlled Substances Act or Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, or rules and regulations adopted under either act, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(7):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(21) requiring or permitting pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, or pharmacy technician trainees to engage in activities outside the scope of practice for their respective license classifications, or beyond their scopes of training and ability, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(8):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
(22) administering without appropriate training, guidelines, lawful order, or in conflict with a practitioner's written guidelines or protocol for administering, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(9):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(23) disclosing confidential patient information in violation of the provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 or other applicable law, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(10):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
(24) engaging in the practice of pharmacy without a licensed pharmacist designated as the PIC, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(11):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(25) failing to report to the Division any adverse action taken by another licensing jurisdiction, government agency, law enforcement agency or court, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(12):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
(26) preparing a prescription drug in a dosage form that is regularly and commonly available from a manufacturer in quantities and strengths prescribed by a practitioner, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(13):
initial offense: $500 - $1,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $5,000
(27) failing to act in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 62, Family Planning Access Act, when dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive under a standing order, in violation of Subsection 58-17b-502(14):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
(28) violating any ethical code provision of the American Pharmaceutical Association Code of Ethics for Pharmacists, October 27, 1994, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(1):
initial offense: $250 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(29) failing to comply with USP-NF Chapter 795 guidelines, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(2):
initial offense: $250 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $750
(30) failing to comply with USP-NF Chapter 797 guidelines, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(2):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(31) failing to comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in this rule, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(3):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
(32) failing to provide the Division with a current mailing address within 10 days following any change of address, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(4):
initial offense: $50 - $100
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $300
(33) defaulting on a student loan, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(5):
initial offense: $100 - $200
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $500
(34) failing to abide by all applicable federal and state law regarding the practice of pharmacy, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(6):
initial offense: $500 - $1,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(35) failing to comply with administrative inspections, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(7):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(36) failing to return a self-inspection report according to the deadline established by the Division, or providing false information on a self-inspection report, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(8):
initial offense: $100 - $250
subsequent offense(s): $300 - $500
(37) violating the laws and rules regulating operating standards in a pharmacy discovered upon inspection by the Division, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(9):
initial violation: $50 - $100
failure to comply within determined time: $250 - $500
subsequent violations: $250 - $500
failure to comply within established time: $750 - $1,000
(38) abandoning a pharmacy and/or leaving drugs accessible to the public, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(10):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(39) failing to identify license classification when communicating by any means, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(11):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
(40) failing to maintain an appropriate ratio of personnel, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(12):
Pharmacist initial offense: $100 - $250
Pharmacist subsequent offense(s): $500 - $2,500
Pharmacy initial offense: $250 - $1,000
Pharmacy subsequent offense(s): $500 - $5,000
(41) allowing any unauthorized persons in the pharmacy, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(13):
Pharmacist initial offense: $50 - $100
Pharmacist subsequent offense(s): $250 - $500
Pharmacy initial offense: $250 - $500
Pharmacy subsequent offense(s): $1,000 - $2,000
(42) failing to offer to counsel any person receiving a prescription medication, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(14):
Pharmacy personnel initial offense: $500 - $2,500
Pharmacy personnel subsequent offense(s): $5,000 - $10,000
Pharmacy: $2,000 per occurrence
(43) failing to pay an administrative fine within the time designated by the Division, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(15):
Double the original penalty amount up to $10,000

(44) failing to comply with the PIC or DMPIC standards as established in Section R156-17b-603, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(16):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s) $2,000 - $10,000
(45) failing to take appropriate steps to avoid or resolve identified drug therapy management problems as referenced in Subsection R156-17b-611(3), in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(17):
initial offense: $500 - $2,500
subsequent offense: $5,000 - $10,000
(46) dispensing a medication that has been discontinued by the FDA, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(18):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense: $200 - $1,000
(47) failing to keep or report accurate records of training hours, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(19):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense: $200 - $1,000
(48) failing to provide PIC or DMPIC information to the Division within 30 days of a change in PIC or DMPIC, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(20):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense: $200 - $1,000
(49) requiring a pharmacy, PIC, or any other pharmacist to operate a pharmacy with unsafe personnel ratio, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(21):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense: $2,000 - $10,000
(50) failing to update the Division within seven calendar days of any change in the email address designated for use in self-audits or pharmacy alerts, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502(22):
Pharmacist initial offense: $100 - $300
Pharmacist subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,000
Pharmacy initial offense: $250 - $500
Pharmacy subsequent offense(s): $500 - $1,250
(51) practicing or attempting to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacist intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee or operating a pharmacy without a license, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(a):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(52) impersonating a licensee or practicing under a false name, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(b):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(53) knowingly employing an unlicensed person, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(c):
initial offense: $500 - $1,000
subsequent offense(s): $1,000 - $5,000
(54) knowingly permitting the use of a license by another person, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(d):
initial offense: $500 - $1,000
subsequent offense(s): $1,000 - $5,000
(55) obtaining a passing score, applying for or obtaining a license or otherwise dealing with the Division or Board through the use of fraud, forgery, intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(e):
initial offense: $100 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(56) issuing a prescription without prescriptive authority conferred by a license or an exemption to licensure, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(f)(i)(A)and 58-1-501(2)(m)(i):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(57) issuing a prescription without prescriptive authority conferred by a license or an exemption to licensure without obtaining information sufficient to establish a diagnosis, identify underlying conditions and contraindications to treatment in a situation other than an emergency or an on-call cross coverage situation, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(1)(f)(i)(B)and 58-1-501(2)(m)(ii):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(58) violating or aiding or abetting any other person to violate any statute, rule or order regulating pharmacy, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a):
initial offense: $100 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(59) violating or aiding or abetting any other person to violate any generally accepted professional or ethical standard, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(b):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(60) engaging in conduct that results in conviction of, or a plea of nolo contendere, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere held in abeyance to a crime, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(c):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(61) engaging in conduct that results in disciplinary action by any other jurisdiction or regulatory authority, that if the conduct had occurred in this state, would constitute grounds for denial of licensure or disciplinary action, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(d):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(62) engaging in conduct, including the use of intoxicants, drugs, or similar chemicals, to the extent that the conduct does or may impair the ability to safely engage in practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(e):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(63) practicing or attempting to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee when physically or mentally unfit to do so, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(f):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(64) practicing or attempting to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee through gross incompetence, gross negligence or a pattern of incompetency or negligence, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(g):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(65) practicing or attempting to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee by any form of action or communication that is false, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(h):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(66) practicing or attempting to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee beyond the individual's scope of competency, abilities or education, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(i):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(67) practicing or attempting to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee beyond the scope of licensure, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(j):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000

(68) verbally, physically or mentally abusing or exploiting any person through conduct connected with the licensee's practice, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(k):
initial offense: $100 - $1,000
subsequent offense(s): $500 - $2,000
(69) acting as a supervisor without meeting the qualification requirements for that position as defined by statute or rule, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(l):
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(70) violating a provision of Section 58-1-501.5, in violation of Subsection 58-1-501(2)(n):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,000 - $10,000
(71) surrendering licensure to any other licensing or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the licensee or applicant in the same occupation or profession while an investigation or inquiry into allegations of unprofessional or unlawful conduct is in progress or after a charging document has been filed against the applicant or licensee alleging unprofessional or unlawful conduct, in violation of Subsection R156-1-501(1):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(72) practicing a regulated occupation or profession in, through, or with a limited liability company that has omitted the words, "limited company," "limited liability company," or the abbreviation "L.C." or "L.L.C." in the commercial use of the name of the limited liability company, in violation of Subsection R156-1-501 (2):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(73) practicing a regulated occupation or profession in, through, or with a limited partnership that has omitted the words, "limited partnership," "limited," or the abbreviation "L.P." or "Ltd." in the commercial use of the name of the limited partnership, in violation of Subsection R156-1-501(3):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(74) practicing a regulated occupation or profession in, through, or with a professional corporation that has omitted the words "professional corporation" or the abbreviation "P.C." in the commercial use of the name of the professional corporation, in violation of Subsection R156-1-501(4):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(75) using a capitalized DBA (doing-business-as name) that has not been properly registered with the Division of Corporations and with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, in violation of Subsection R156-1-501(5):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(76) failing, as a prescribing practitioner, to follow the "Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain," May 2004, established by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc., which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, in violation of R156-1-501(6):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(77) engaging in prohibited acts as defined in Section 58-37-8, in violation of Section 58-37-8:
initial offense: $1,000 - $5,000
subsequent offense(s) $5,000 - $10,000
(78) self-prescribing or self-administering by a licensee of any Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substance that is not prescribed by another practitioner having authority to prescribe the drug, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(1)(a):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(79) prescribing or administering a controlled substance for a condition that the licensee is not licensed or competent to treat, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(1)(b):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(80) violating any federal or state law relating to controlled substances, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(2):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(81) failing to deliver to the Division all controlled substance certificates issued by the Division, to the Division, upon an action that revokes, suspends, or limits the license, in violation of R156-37-502(3):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(82) failing to maintain controls over controlled substances that would be considered by a prudent licensee to be effective against diversion, theft, or shortage of controlled substances, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(4):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(83) being unable to account for shortages of controlled substances in any controlled substances inventory for which the licensee has responsibility, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(5):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(84) knowingly prescribing, selling, giving away, or administering, directly or indirectly, or offering to sell, furnish, give away, or administer any controlled substance to a drug dependent person, as defined in Subsection 58-37-2(1)(s), except for legitimate medical purposes as permitted by law, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(6):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(85) refusing to make available for inspection controlled substance stock, inventory, and records as required under this rule or other law regulating controlled substances and controlled substance records, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(7):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(86) failing to submit controlled substance prescription information to the database manager after being notified in writing to do so, in violation of Subsection R156-37-502(8):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense(s): $2,500 - $10,000
(87) any other conduct that constitutes unprofessional or unlawful conduct:
initial offense: $100 - $500
subsequent offense(s): $200 - $1,000
(88) if licensed as a DMP or DMP clinic pharmacy, delegating the dispensing of a drug to a DMP designee who has not completed a formal or on-the-job dispensing training program that meets standards established in Section R156-17b-622, in violation of Subsection R156-17b-502 (25):
initial offense: $500 - $2,000
subsequent offense: $2,500 - $10,000

R156-17b-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:
(1) violating any provision of the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) Code of Ethics for Pharmacists, October 27, 1994, which is hereby incorporated by reference;
(2) failing to comply with the USP-NF Chapters 795 and 797 if such chapters are applicable to activities performed in the

pharmacy;

(3) failing to comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in these rules;

(4) failing to provide the Division with a current mailing address within a 10 business day period of time following any change of address;

(5) defaulting on a student loan;

(6) failing to abide by all applicable federal and state law regarding the practice of pharmacy;

(7) failing to comply with administrative inspections;

(8) failing to return according to the deadline established by the Division, or providing false information on a self-inspection report;

(9) violating the laws and rules regulating operating standards in a pharmacy discovered upon inspection by the Division;

(10) abandoning a pharmacy or leaving prescription drugs accessible to the public;

(11) failing to identify licensure classification when communicating by any means;

(12) practicing pharmacy with an inappropriate pharmacist to pharmacy intern ratio established by Subsection R156-17b-606(1)(d) or pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio as established by Subsection R156-17b-601(3);

(13) allowing any unauthorized persons in the pharmacy;

(14) failing to offer to counsel any person receiving a prescription medication;

(15) failing to pay an administrative fine that has been assessed in the time designated by the Division;

(16) failing to comply with the PIC or DMPIC standards as established in Section R156-17b-603;

(17) failing to adhere to institutional policies and procedures related to technician checking of medications when technician checking is utilized;

(18) failing to take appropriate steps to avoid or resolve identified drug therapy management problems as referenced in Subsection R156-17b-611(3);

(19) dispensing medication that has been discontinued by the FDA;

(20) failing to keep or report accurate records of training hours;

(21) failing to provide PIC or DMPIC information to the Division within 30 days of a change in PIC or DMPIC;

(22) requiring a pharmacy, pharmacist, or DMP to operate the pharmacy or allow operation of the pharmacy with a ratio of supervising pharmacist or DMP to other pharmacy personnel in circumstances that result in, or reasonably would be expected to result in, an unreasonable risk of harm to public health, safety, and welfare;

(23) failing to update the Division within seven calendar days of any change in the email address designated for use in self-audits or pharmacy alerts;

(24) failing to ensure, as a DMP or DMP clinic pharmacy, that a DMP designee has completed a formal or on-the-job dispensing training program that meets standards established in Section R156-17b-622; and

(25) failing to make a timely report regarding dispensing of an opiate antagonist to the division and to the physician who issued the standing order as required in Section R156-17b-625.

R156-17b-601. Operating Standards - Pharmacy Technician and Pharmacy Technician Trainee.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-102(56), practice as a licensed pharmacy technician is defined as follows:

(1) A pharmacy technician may perform any task associated with the physical preparation and processing of prescription and medication orders including:

(a) receiving written prescriptions;

(b) taking refill orders;

(c) entering and retrieving information into and from a database or patient profile;

(d) preparing labels;

(e) retrieving medications from inventory;

(f) counting and pouring into containers;

(g) placing medications into patient storage containers;

(h) affixing labels;

(i) compounding;

(j) counseling for over-the-counter drugs and dietary supplements under the direction of the supervising pharmacist as referenced in Subsection 58-17b-102(56);

(k) accepting new prescription drug orders left on voicemail for a pharmacist to review;

(l) performing checks of certain medications prepared for distribution filled or prepared by another technician within a Class B hospital pharmacy, such as medications prepared for distribution to an automated dispensing cabinet, cart fill, crash cart medication tray, or unit dosing from a prepared stock bottle, in accordance with the following operating standards:

(i) technicians authorized by a hospital to check medications shall have at least one year of experience working as a pharmacy technician and at least six months experience at the hospital where the technician is authorized to check medications;

(ii) technicians shall only check steps in the medication distribution process that do not require the professional judgment of a pharmacist and that are supported by sufficient automation or technology to ensure accuracy (e.g. barcode scanning, drug identification automation, checklists, visual aids);

(iii) hospitals that authorize technicians to check medications shall have a training program and ongoing competency assessment that is documented and retrievable for the duration of each technician's employment and at least three years beyond employment, and shall maintain a list of technicians on staff that are allowed to check medications;

(iv) hospitals that authorize technicians to check medications shall have a medication error reporting system in place and shall be able to produce documentation of its use;

(v) a supervising pharmacist shall be immediately available during all times that a pharmacy technician is checking medications;

(vi) hospitals that authorize technicians to check medications shall have comprehensive policies and procedures that guide technician checking that include the following:

(A) process for technician training and ongoing competency assessment and documentation;

(B) process for supervising technicians who check medications;

(C) list of medications, or types of medications that may or may not be checked by a technician;

(D) description of the automation or technology to be utilized by the institution to augment the technician check;

(E) process for maintaining a permanent log of the unique initials or identification codes that identify each technician responsible for checked medications by name; and

(F) description of processes used to track and respond to medication errors; and

(m) additional tasks not requiring the judgment of a pharmacist.

(2) A pharmacy technician trainee may perform any task in Subsection (1) with the exception of performing checks of certain medications prepared for distribution filled or prepared by another technician within a Class B hospital pharmacy as described in Subsection (1)(l).

(3) The pharmacy technician shall not receive new prescriptions or medication orders as described in Subsection 58-17b-102(56)(b)(iv), clarify prescriptions or medication orders nor perform drug utilization reviews. A new

prescription, as used in Subsection 58-17b-102(56)(b)(iv), does not include authorization of a refill of a legend drug.

(4) Pharmacy technicians shall have general supervision by a pharmacist in accordance with Subsection R156-17b-603(3)(s).

(5) A pharmacy technician trainee shall practice only under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and in a ratio not to exceed one pharmacy technician trainee to one pharmacist.

R156-17b-602. Operating Standards - Pharmacy Intern.

A pharmacy intern may provide services including the practice of pharmacy under the supervision of an approved preceptor, as defined in Subsection 58-17b-102(50), provided the pharmacy intern met the criteria as established in Subsection R156-17b-306.

R156-17b-603. Operating Standards - Pharmacist-In-Charge or Dispensing-Medical-Practitioner-In-Charge.

(1) The PIC or DMPIC shall have the responsibility to oversee the operation of the pharmacy in conformance with all laws and rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs, durable medical equipment and medical supplies. The PIC or DMPIC shall be personally in full and actual charge of the pharmacy.

(2) In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-103(1) and 58-17b-601(1), a unique email address shall be established by the PIC, DMPIC, or responsible party for the pharmacy to be used for self-audits or pharmacy alerts initiated by the Division. The PIC, DMPIC, or responsible party shall notify the Division of the pharmacy's email address in the initial application for licensure.

(3) The duties of the PIC or DMPIC shall include:

(a) assuring that a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, DMP, or DMP designee dispenses drugs or devices, including:

(i) packaging, preparation, compounding and labeling; and

(ii) ensuring that drugs are dispensed safely and accurately as prescribed;

(b) assuring that pharmacy personnel deliver drugs to the patient or the patient's agent, including ensuring that drugs are delivered safely and accurately as prescribed;

(c) assuring that a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP communicates to the patient or the patient's agent, at their request, information concerning any prescription drugs dispensed to the patient by the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP;

(d) assuring that a reasonable effort is made to obtain, record and maintain patient medication records;

(e) education and training of pharmacy personnel;

(f) establishment of policies for procurement of prescription drugs and devices and other products dispensed from the pharmacy;

(g) disposal and distribution of drugs from the pharmacy;

(h) bulk compounding of drugs;

(i) storage of all materials, including drugs, chemicals and biologicals;

(j) maintenance of records of all transactions of the pharmacy necessary to maintain accurate control over and accountability for all pharmaceutical materials required by applicable state and federal laws and regulations;

(k) establishment and maintenance of effective controls against theft or diversion of prescription drugs and records for such drugs;

(l) if records are kept on a data processing system, the maintenance of records stored in that system shall be in compliance with pharmacy requirements;

(m) legal operation of the pharmacy including meeting all inspection and other requirements of all state and federal laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy;

(n) implementation of an ongoing quality assurance program that monitors performance of the automated pharmacy system, which is evidenced by written policies and procedures developed for pharmaceutical care;

(o) if permitted to use an automated pharmacy system for dispensing purposes:

(i) ensuring that the system is in good working order and accurately dispenses the correct strength, dosage form and quantity of the drug prescribed while maintaining appropriate record keeping and security safeguards; and

(ii) implementation of an ongoing quality assurance program that monitors performance of the automated pharmacy system, which is evidenced by written policies and procedures developed for pharmaceutical care;

(p) assuring that all relevant information is submitted to the Controlled Substance Database in the appropriate format and in a timely manner;

(q) assuring that all pharmacy personnel have the appropriate licensure;

(r) assuring that no pharmacy operates with a ratio of pharmacist or DMP to other pharmacy personnel circumstances that result in, or reasonably would be expected to result in, an unreasonable risk of harm to public health, safety, and welfare;

(s) assuring that the PIC or DMPIC assigned to the pharmacy is recorded with the Division and that the Division is notified of a change in PIC or DMPIC within 30 days of the change; and

(t) assuring, with regard to the unique email address used for self-audits and pharmacy alerts, that:

(i) the pharmacy uses a single email address; and

(ii) the pharmacy notifies the Division, on the form prescribed, of any change in the email address within seven calendar days of the change.

R156-17b-604. Operating Standards - Closing a Pharmacy.

At least 14 days prior to the closing of a pharmacy, the PIC or DMPIC shall comply with the following:

(1) If the pharmacy is registered to possess controlled substances, send a written notification to the appropriate regional office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) containing the following information:

(a) the name, address and DEA registration number of the pharmacy;

(b) the anticipated date of closing;

(c) the name, address and DEA registration number of the pharmacy acquiring the controlled substances; and

(d) the date the transfer of controlled substances will occur.

(2) If the pharmacy dispenses prescription drug orders, post a closing notice sign in a conspicuous place in the front of the prescription department and at all public entrance doors to the pharmacy. Such closing notice shall contain the following information:

(a) the date of closing; and

(b) the name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy acquiring the prescription drug orders, including refill information and patient medication records of the pharmacy.

(3) On the date of closing, the PIC or DMPIC shall remove all prescription drugs from the pharmacy by one or a combination of the following methods:

(a) return prescription drugs to manufacturer or supplier for credit or disposal; or

(b) transfer, sell or give away prescription drugs to a person who is legally entitled to possess drugs, such as a hospital or another pharmacy.

(4) If the pharmacy dispenses prescription drug orders:

(a) transfer the prescription drug order files, including refill information and patient medication records, to a licensed pharmacy within a reasonable distance of the closing pharmacy; and

(b) move all signs or notify the landlord or owner of the property that it is unlawful to use the word "pharmacy", or any other word or combination of words of the same or similar meaning, or any graphic representation that would mislead or tend to mislead the public that a pharmacy is located at this address.

(5) Within 10 days of the closing of the pharmacy, the PIC or DMPIC shall forward to the Division a written notice of the closing that includes the following information:

(a) the actual date of closing;

(b) a surrender of the license issued to the pharmacy;

(c) a statement attesting:

(i) that an inventory as specified in Subsection R156-17b-605(4) has been conducted; and

(ii) the manner in which the legend drugs and controlled substances possessed by the pharmacy were transferred or disposed;

(d) if the pharmacy dispenses prescription drug orders, the name and address of the pharmacy to which the prescription drug orders, including refill information and patient medication records, were transferred.

(6) If the pharmacy is registered to possess controlled substances, a letter shall be sent to the appropriate DEA regional office explaining that the pharmacy has closed. The letter shall include the following items:

(a) DEA registration certificate;

(b) all unused DEA order forms (Form 222) with the word "VOID" written on the face of each order form; and

(c) copy #2 of any DEA order forms (Form 222) used to transfer Schedule II controlled substances from the closed pharmacy.

(7) If the pharmacy is closed suddenly due to fire, destruction, natural disaster, death, property seizure, eviction, bankruptcy or other emergency circumstances and the PIC or DMPIC cannot provide notification 14 days prior to the closing, the PIC or DMPIC shall comply with the provisions of Subsection (1) as far in advance of the closing as allowed by the circumstances.

(8) If the PIC or DMPIC is not available to comply with the requirements of this section, the owner or legal representative shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of this section.

(9) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, a DMP clinic pharmacy that closes but employs licensed practitioners who desire to continue providing services other than dispensing may continue to use prescription drugs in their practice as authorized under their respective licensing act.

R156-17b-605. Operating Standards - Inventory Requirements.

(1) All out of date legend drugs and controlled substances shall be removed from the inventory at regular intervals and in correlation to the beyond use date imprinted on the label.

(2) General requirements for inventory of a pharmacy shall include the following:

(a) the PIC or DMPIC shall be responsible for taking all required inventories, but may delegate the performance of the inventory to another person or persons;

(b) the inventory records shall be maintained for a period of five years and be readily available for inspection;

(c) the inventory records shall be filed separately from all other records;

(d) the inventory records shall be in a written, typewritten, or printed form and include all stocks of controlled substances on hand on the date of the inventory including any that are out of date drugs and drugs in automated pharmacy systems. An inventory taken by use of a verbal recording device shall be promptly transcribed;

(e) the inventory may be taken either as the opening of the business or the close of business on the inventory date;

(f) the person taking the inventory and the PIC or DMPIC shall indicate the time the inventory was taken and shall sign and date the inventory with the date the inventory was taken. The signature of the PIC or DMPIC and the date of the inventory shall be documented within 72 hours or three working days of the completed initial, annual, change of ownership and closing inventory;

(g) the person taking the inventory shall make an exact count or measure all controlled substances listed in Schedule I or II;

(h) the person taking the inventory shall make an estimated count or measure of all Schedule III, IV or V controlled substances, unless the container holds more than 1,000 tablets or capsules in which case an exact count of the contents shall be made;

(i) the inventory of Schedule I and II controlled substances shall be listed separately from the inventory of Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances;

(j) if the pharmacy maintains a perpetual inventory of any of the drugs required to be inventories, the perpetual inventory shall be reconciled on the date of the inventory.

(3) Requirements for taking the initial controlled substances inventory shall include the following:

(a) all pharmacies having any stock of controlled substances shall take an inventory on the opening day of business. Such inventory shall include all controlled substances including any out-of-date drugs and drugs in automated pharmacy systems;

(b) in the event a pharmacy commences business with no controlled substances on hand, the pharmacy shall record this fact as the initial inventory. An inventory reporting no Schedule I and II controlled substances shall be listed separately from an inventory reporting no Schedule III, IV, and V controlled substances;

(c) the initial inventory shall serve as the pharmacy's inventory until the next completed inventory as specified in Subsection (4) of this section; and

(d) when combining two pharmacies, each pharmacy shall:

(i) conduct a separate closing pharmacy inventory of controlled substances on the date of closure; and

(ii) conduct a combined opening inventory of controlled substances for the new pharmacy prior to opening.

(4) Requirement for annual controlled substances inventory shall be within 12 months following the inventory date of each year and may be taken within four days of the specified inventory date and shall include all stocks including out-of-date drugs and drugs in automated pharmacy systems.

(5) Requirements for change of ownership shall include the following:

(a) a pharmacy that changes ownership shall take an inventory of all legend drugs and controlled substances including out-of-date drugs and drugs in automated pharmacy systems on the date of the change of ownership;

(b) such inventory shall constitute, for the purpose of this section, the closing inventory for the seller and the initial inventory for the buyer; and

(c) transfer of Schedule I and II controlled substances shall require the use of official DEA order forms (Form 222).

(6) Requirement for taking inventory when closing a pharmacy includes the PIC, DMPIC, owner, or the legal representative of a pharmacy that ceases to operate as a pharmacy shall forward to the Division, within ten days of cessation of operation, a statement attesting that an inventory has been conducted, the date of closing and a statement attesting the manner by which legend drugs and controlled substances possessed by the pharmacy were transferred or disposed.

(7) All pharmacies shall maintain a perpetual inventory of all Schedule II controlled substances that shall be reconciled

according to facility policy.

R156-17b-606. Operating Standards - Approved Preceptor.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), the operating standards for a pharmacist acting as a preceptor include:

(1) meeting the following criteria:

(a) hold a Utah pharmacist license that is active and in good standing;

(b) document engaging in active practice as a licensed pharmacist for not less than one year in any jurisdiction;

(c) not be under any sanction which, when considered by the Division and Board, would be of such a nature that the best interests of the intern and the public would not be served;

(d) provide direct, on-site supervision to:

(i) no more than two pharmacy interns during a working shift except as provided in Subsection (ii);

(ii) up to five pharmacy interns at public-health outreach programs such as informational health fairs, chronic disease state screening and education programs, and immunization clinics, provided:

(A) the totality of the circumstances are safe and appropriate according to generally recognized industry standards of practice; and

(B) the preceptor has obtained written approval from the pharmacy interns' schools of pharmacy for the intern's participation; and

(e) refer to the intern training guidelines as outlined in the Pharmacy Coordinating Council of Utah Internship Competencies, October 12, 2004, as information about a range of best practices for training interns;

(2) maintaining adequate records to document the number of internship hours completed by the intern and evaluating the quality of the intern's performance during the internship;

(3) completing the preceptor section of a Utah Pharmacy Intern Experience Affidavit found in the application packet at the conclusion of the preceptor/intern relationship regardless of the time or circumstances under which that relationship is concluded; and

(4) being responsible for the intern's actions related to the practice of pharmacy while practicing as a pharmacy intern under supervision.

R156-17b-607. Operating Standards - Supportive Personnel.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-102(69)(a), supportive personnel may assist in any tasks not related to drug preparation or processing including:

(a) stock ordering and restocking;

(b) cashiering;

(c) billing;

(d) filing;

(e) receiving a written prescription and delivering it to the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, DMP, or DMP designee;

(f) housekeeping; and

(g) delivering a pre-filled prescription to a patient.

(2) Supportive personnel shall not enter information into a patient prescription profile or accept verbal refill information.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-102(69)(b) all supportive personnel shall be under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist or DMP. The licensed pharmacist or DMP shall be present in the area where the person being supervised is performing services and shall be immediately available to assist the person being supervised in the services being performed except for the delivery of prefilled prescriptions as provided in Subsection (1)(g) above.

(4) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, DMP, or DMP designee whose license has been revoked or is suspended shall not be allowed to provide any support services in a pharmacy.

R156-17b-608. Common Carrier Delivery.

A pharmacy that employs the United States Postal Service or other common carrier to deliver a filled prescription directly to a patient shall, under the direction of the PIC, DMPIC, or other responsible employee:

(1) use adequate storage or shipping containers and shipping processes to ensure drug stability and potency. The shipping processes shall include the use of appropriate packaging material and devices, according to the recommendations of the manufacturer or the United States Pharmacopeia Chapter 1079, in order to ensure that the drug is kept at appropriate storage temperatures throughout the delivery process to maintain the integrity of the medication;

(2) use shipping containers that are sealed in a manner to detect evidence of opening or tampering;

(3) develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure accountability, safe delivery, and compliance with temperature requirements. The policies and procedures shall address when drugs do not arrive at their destination in a timely manner or when there is evidence that the integrity of a drug was compromised during shipment. In these instances, the pharmacy shall make provisions for the replacement of the drugs;

(4)(i) provide for an electronic, telephonic, or written communication mechanism for a pharmacy to offer counseling to the patient as defined in Section 58-17b-613; and

(ii) provide documentation of such counseling; and

(5) provide information to the patient indicating what the patient should do if the integrity of the packaging or drug was compromised during shipment.

R156-17b-609. Operating Standards - Medication Profile System.

In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-601(1) and 58-17b-604(1), the following operating standards shall apply with respect to medication profile systems:

(1) Patient profiles, once established, shall be maintained by a pharmacy dispensing to patients on a recurring basis for a minimum of one year from the date of the most recent prescription filled or refilled; except that a hospital pharmacy may delete the patient profile for an inpatient upon discharge if a record of prescriptions is maintained as a part of the hospital record.

(2) Information to be included in the profile shall be determined by a responsible pharmacist or DMP at the pharmaceutical facility but shall include as a minimum:

(a) full name of the patient, address, telephone number, date of birth or age and gender;

(b) patient history where significant, including known allergies and drug reactions, and a list of prescription drugs obtained by the patient at the pharmacy including:

(i) name of prescription drug;

(ii) strength of prescription drug;

(iii) quantity dispensed;

(iv) date of filling or refilling;

(v) charge for the prescription drug as dispensed to the patient; and

(c) any additional comments relevant to the patient's drug use.

(3) Patient medication profile information shall be recorded by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, or DMP designee.

R156-17b-610. Operating Standards - Patient Counseling.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), guidelines for providing patient counseling established in Section 58-17b-

613 include the following:

(1) Counseling shall be offered orally in person unless the patient or patient's agent is not at the pharmacy or a specific communication barrier prohibits oral communication.

(2) A pharmacy facility shall orally offer to counsel but shall not be required to counsel a patient or patient's agent when the patient or patient's agent refuses such counseling.

(3) Based upon the professional judgment of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP, patient counseling may include the following elements:

(a) the name and description of the prescription drug;

(b) the dosage form, dose, route of administration and duration of drug therapy;

(c) intended use of the drug, when known, and expected action;

(d) special directions and precautions for preparation, administration and use by the patient;

(e) common severe side or adverse effects or interactions and therapeutic contraindications that may be encountered, including their avoidance, and the action required if they occur;

(f) techniques for self-monitoring drug therapy;

(g) proper storage;

(h) prescription refill information;

(i) action to be taken in the event of a missed dose;

(j) pharmacist comments relevant to the individual's drug therapy, including any other information specific to the patient or drug; and

(k) the date after which the prescription should not be taken or used, or the beyond use date.

(4) The offer to counsel shall be documented and said documentation shall be available to the Division. These records shall be maintained for a period of five years and be available for inspection within 7-10 business days.

(5) Only a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP may orally provide counseling to a patient or patient's agent and answer questions concerning prescription drugs.

(6) If a prescription drug order is delivered to the patient or the patient's agent at the patient's or other designated location, the following is applicable:

(a) the information specified in Subsection (3) of this section shall be delivered with the dispensed prescription in writing;

(b) if prescriptions are routinely delivered outside the area covered by the pharmacy's local telephone service, the pharmacist shall place on the prescription container or on a separate sheet delivered with the prescription container, the telephone number of the pharmacy and the statement "Written information about this prescription has been provided for you. Please read this information before you take this medication. If you have questions concerning this prescription, a pharmacist is available during normal business hours to answer these questions."; and

(c) written information provided in Subsection (6)(b) of this section shall be in the form of patient information leaflets similar to USP-NF patient information monographs or equivalent information.

(7) Patient counseling shall not be required for inpatients of a hospital or institution where other licensed health care professionals are authorized to administer the patient's drugs.

(8) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who dispenses a self-administered hormonal contraceptive shall obtain a completed Utah Hormonal Contraceptive Self-Screening Risk Assessment Questionnaire and provide written information and counseling as described in Section 26-62-106.

R156-17b-610.5. Dispensing in Emergency Department - Patient's Immediate Need.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-610.5, the guidelines for medical practitioners to dispense drugs to a patient in a hospital emergency department are established in this section.

(1) To meet a patient's immediate needs, the prescribing practitioner may provide up to a three-day emergency supply, which is properly labeled according to Subsection R156-17b-610.5(3).

(2) Notwithstanding Subsection R156-17b-610.5(1), the following may be provided:

(a) a seven day supply of sexually-transmitted infections (STI) prophylaxis;

(b) a Naloxone kit.

(3) Labeling of an emergency supply shall at a minimum include:

(a) prescribing practitioner's name, facility name and telephone number;

(b) patient's name;

(c) name of medication and strength;

(d) date given;

(e) instructions for use; and

(f) beyond use date.

(4) Records of controlled substances dispensed by the prescribing practitioner shall be provided to the appropriate pharmacy so that the applicable prescription data can be reported to the Utah Controlled Substance Database.

R156-17b-610.6. Hospital Pharmacy Dispensing Prescription Drugs to Patients at Discharge to Meet a Patient's Immediate Needs.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-610.6, the guidelines for a hospital pharmacy to dispense to an individual who is no longer a patient, on the day discharged from the hospital setting, are established in this section.

(1) The prescription drug shall be dispensed:

(a) during regular inpatient hospital pharmacy hours, by a pharmacist; or

(b) outside of regular inpatient hospital pharmacy hours, by the prescribing practitioner using an appropriately labeled pre-packaged drug.

(2) Labeling for a prescription under Section 58-17b-610.6 shall at a minimum include:

(a) prescribing practitioner's name, facility name, and telephone number;

(b) patient's name;

(c) name and strength of medication;

(d) date given;

(e) instructions for use; and

(f) beyond use date.

(3) Applicable data of controlled substances dispensed shall be reported to the Utah Controlled Substance Database.

R156-17b-610.7. Partial Filling of a Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescription.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-610.7, a pharmacy that partially fills a prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance shall specify by prescription number for each partial fill the:

(a) date;

(b) quantity supplied; and

(c) quantity remaining of the prescription partially filled.

R156-17b-611. Operating Standards - Drug Therapy Management.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-102(17) and 58-17b-601(1), decisions involving drug therapy management shall be made in the best interest of the patient. Drug therapy management may include:

(a) implementing, modifying and managing drug therapy according to the terms of the Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Agreement;

(b) collecting and reviewing patient histories;

(c) obtaining and checking vital signs, including pulse, temperature, blood pressure and respiration;

(d) ordering and evaluating the results of laboratory tests directly applicable to the drug therapy, when performed in accordance with approved protocols applicable to the practice setting; and

(e) such other patient care services as may be allowed by rule.

(2) For the purpose of promoting therapeutic appropriateness, a pharmacist shall at the time of dispensing a prescription, or a prescription drug order, review the patient's medication record. Such review shall at a minimum identify clinically significant conditions, situations or items, such as:

(a) inappropriate drug utilization;

(b) therapeutic duplication;

(c) drug-disease contraindications;

(d) drug-drug interactions;

(e) incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment;

(f) drug-allergy interactions; and

(g) clinical abuse or misuse.

(3) Upon identifying any clinically significant conditions, situations or items listed in Subsection (2) above, the pharmacist shall take appropriate steps to avoid or resolve the problem including consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

R156-17b-612. Operating Standards - Prescriptions.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), the following shall apply to prescriptions:

(1) Prescription orders for controlled substances (including prescription transfers) shall be handled according to the rules of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

(2) A prescription issued by an authorized licensed practitioner, if verbally communicated by an agent of that practitioner upon that practitioner's specific instruction and authorization, may be accepted by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP.

(3) A prescription issued by a licensed prescribing practitioner, if electronically communicated by an agent of that practitioner, upon that practitioner's specific instruction and authorization, may be accepted by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, DMP, or DMP designee.

(4) In accordance with Sections 58-17b-609 and 58-17b-611, prescription files, including refill information, shall be maintained for a minimum of five years and shall be immediately retrievable in written or electronic format.

(5) Prescriptions for legend drugs having a remaining authorization for refill may be transferred by the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP at the pharmacy holding the prescription to a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or DMP at another pharmacy upon the authorization of the patient to whom the prescription was issued or electronically as authorized under Subsection R156-17b-613(9). The transferring pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP and receiving pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP shall act diligently to ensure that the total number of authorized refills is not exceeded. The following additional terms apply to such a transfer:

(a) the transfer shall be communicated directly between pharmacists, pharmacy interns, or DMP or as authorized under Subsection R156-17b-613(9);

(b) both the original and the transferred prescription drug orders shall be maintained for a period of five years from the date of the last refill;

(c) the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP transferring the prescription drug order shall void the prescription electronically or write void/transfer on the face of the invalidated prescription manually;

(d) the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP receiving the transferred prescription drug order shall:

(i) indicate on the prescription record that the prescription was transferred electronically or manually; and

(ii) record on the transferred prescription drug order the following information:

(A) original date of issuance and date of dispensing or receipt, if different from date of issuance;

(B) original prescription number and the number of refills authorized on the original prescription drug order;

(C) number of valid refills remaining and the date of last refill, if applicable;

(D) the name and address of the pharmacy and the name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP to whom such prescription is transferred; and

(E) the name of the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP transferring the prescription drug order information;

(e) the data processing system shall have a mechanism to prohibit the transfer or refilling of legend drugs or controlled substance prescription drug orders that have been previously transferred; and

(f) a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP may not refuse to transfer original prescription information to another pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP who is acting on behalf of a patient and who is making a request for this information as specified in Subsection (12) of this section.

(6) Prescriptions for terminal patients in licensed hospices, home health agencies or nursing homes may be partially filled if the patient has a medical diagnosis documenting a terminal illness and may not need the full prescription amount.

(7) Refills may be dispensed only in accordance with the prescriber's authorization as indicated on the original prescription drug order;

(8) If there are no refill instructions on the original prescription drug order, or if all refills authorized on the original prescription drug order have been dispensed, authorization from the prescribing practitioner shall be obtained prior to dispensing any refills.

(9) Refills of prescription drug orders for legend drugs may not be refilled after one year from the date of issuance of the original prescription drug order without obtaining authorization from the prescribing practitioner prior to dispensing any additional quantities of the drug.

(10) Refills of prescription drug orders for controlled substances shall be done in accordance with Subsection 58-37-6(7)(f).

(11) A pharmacist or DMP may exercise professional judgment in refilling a prescription drug order for a drug, other than a controlled substance listed in Schedule II, without the authorization of the prescribing practitioner, provided:

(a) failure to refill the prescription might result in an interruption of a therapeutic regimen or create patient suffering;

(b) either:

(i) a natural or manmade disaster has occurred that prohibits the pharmacist or DMP from being able to contact the practitioner; or

(ii) the pharmacist or DMP is unable to contact the practitioner after a reasonable effort, the effort should be documented and said documentation should be available to the Division;

(c) the quantity of prescription drug dispensed does not exceed a 72-hour supply, unless the packaging is in a greater quantity;

(d) the pharmacist or DMP informs the patient or the patient's agent at the time of dispensing that the refill is being provided without such authorization and that authorization of the practitioner is required for future refills;

(e) the pharmacist or DMP informs the practitioner of the emergency refill at the earliest reasonable time;

(f) the pharmacist or DMP maintains a record of the emergency refill containing the information required to be

maintained on a prescription as specified in this subsection; and

(g) the pharmacist or DMP affixes a label to the dispensing container as specified in Section 58-17b-602.

(12) If the prescription was originally filled at another pharmacy, the pharmacist or DMP may exercise his professional judgment in refilling the prescription provided:

(a) the patient has the prescription container label, receipt or other documentation from the other pharmacy that contains the essential information;

(b) after a reasonable effort, the pharmacist or DMP is unable to contact the other pharmacy to transfer the remaining prescription refills or there are no refills remaining on the prescription;

(c) the pharmacist or DMP, in his or her professional judgment, determines that such a request for an emergency refill is appropriate and meets the requirements of (a) and (b) of this subsection; and

(d) the pharmacist or DMP complies with the requirements of Subsections (11)(c) through (g) of this section.

(13) The address specified in Subsection 58-17b-602(1)(b) shall be a physical address, not a post office box.

(14) In accordance with Subsection 58-37-6(7)(e), a prescription may not be written, issued, filled, or dispensed for a Schedule I controlled substance unless:

(a) the person who writes the prescription is licensed to prescribe Schedule I controlled substances; and

(b) the prescribed controlled substance is to be used in research.

R156-17b-613. Operating Standards - Issuing Prescription Orders by Electronic Means.

In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-102(29) through (30), 58-17b-602(1), R156-82, and R156-1, prescription orders may be issued by electronic means of communication according to the following standards:

(1) Prescription orders for Schedule II - V controlled substances received by electronic means of communication shall be handled according to Part 1304.04 of Section 21 of the CFR.

(2) Prescription orders for non-controlled substances received by electronic means of communication may be dispensed by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or DMP only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) all electronically transmitted prescription orders shall include the following:

(i) all information that is required to be contained in a prescription order pursuant to Section 58-17b-602;

(ii) the time and date of the transmission, and if a facsimile transmission, the electronically encoded date, time and fax number of the sender; and

(iii) the name of the pharmacy intended to receive the transmission;

(b) the prescription order shall be transmitted under the direct supervision of the prescribing practitioner or his designated agent;

(c) the pharmacist or DMP shall exercise professional judgment regarding the accuracy and authenticity of the transmitted prescription. Practitioners or their agents transmitting medication orders using electronic equipment are to provide voice verification when requested by the pharmacist receiving the medication order. The pharmacist or DMP is responsible for assuring that each electronically transferred prescription order is valid and shall authenticate a prescription order issued by a prescribing practitioner that has been transmitted to the dispensing pharmacy before filling it, whenever there is a question;

(d) a practitioner may authorize an agent to electronically transmit a prescription provided that the identifying information of the transmitting agent is included on the transmission. The practitioner's electronic signature, or other secure method of validation, shall be provided with the electronic prescription; and

(e) an electronically transmitted prescription order that meets the requirements above shall be deemed to be the original prescription.

(3) This section does not apply to the use of electronic equipment to transmit prescription orders within inpatient medical facilities.

(4) No agreement between a prescribing practitioner and a pharmacy shall require that prescription orders be transmitted by electronic means from the prescribing practitioner to that pharmacy only.

(5) The pharmacist or DMP shall retain a printed copy of an electronic prescription, or a record of an electronic prescription that is readily retrievable and printable, for a minimum of five years. The printed copy shall be of non-fading legibility.

(6) Wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, pharmacists and pharmacies shall not supply electronic equipment to any prescriber for transmitting prescription orders.

(7) An electronically transmitted prescription order shall be transmitted to the pharmacy of the patient's choice.

(8) Prescription orders electronically transmitted to the pharmacy by the patient shall not be filled or dispensed.

(9) A prescription order for a legend drug or controlled substance in Schedule III through V may be transferred up to the maximum refills permitted by law or by the prescriber by electronic transmission providing the pharmacies share a real-time, on-line database provided that:

(a) the information required to be on the transferred prescription has the same information as described in Subsection R156-17b-612(5)(a) through (f); and

(b) pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, or pharmacy technician trainees, DMPs, and DMP designees electronically accessing the same prescription drug order records may electronically transfer prescription information if the data processing system has a mechanism to send a message to the transferring pharmacy containing the following information:

(i) the fact that the prescription drug order was transferred;

(ii) the unique identification number of the prescription drug order transferred;

(iii) the name of the pharmacy to which it was transferred; and

(iv) the date and time of the transfer.

R156-17b-614a. Operating Standards - General Operating Standards, Class A and B Pharmacy.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), the following operating standards apply to all Class A and Class B pharmacies, which may be supplemented by additional standards defined in this rule applicable to specific types of Class A and B pharmacies. The general operating standards include:

(a) shall be well lighted, well ventilated, clean and sanitary;

(b) if transferring a drug from a manufacturer's or distributor's original container to another container, the dispensing area, if any, shall have a sink with hot and cold culinary water separate and apart from any restroom facilities. This does not apply to clean rooms where sterile products are prepared. Clean rooms should not have sinks or floor drains that expose the area to an open sewer. All required equipment shall be clean and in good operating condition;

(c) be equipped to permit the orderly storage of prescription drugs and durable medical equipment in a manner to permit clear identification, separation and easy retrieval of products and an environment necessary to maintain the integrity of the product inventory;

(d) be equipped to permit practice within the standards and ethics of the profession as dictated by the usual and ordinary scope of practice to be conducted within that facility;

(e) be stocked with the quality and quantity of product necessary for the facility to meet its scope of practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety and welfare; and

(f) if dispensing controlled substances, be equipped with a security system to:

(i) permit detection of entry at all times when the facility is closed; and

(ii) provide notice of unauthorized entry to an individual; and

(g) be equipped with a lock on any entrances to the facility where drugs are stored.

(2) The temperature of the pharmacy shall be maintained within a range compatible with the proper storage of drugs. If a refrigerator or freezer is necessary to properly store drugs at the pharmacy, the pharmacy shall keep a daily written or electronic log of the temperature of the refrigerator or freezer on days of operation. The pharmacy shall retain each log entry for at least three years.

(3) Facilities engaged in simple, moderate or complex non-sterile or any level of sterile compounding activities shall be required to maintain proper records and procedure manuals and establish quality control measures to ensure stability, equivalency where applicable and sterility. The following requirements shall be met:

(a) Facilities shall follow USP-NF Chapter 795, compounding of non-sterile preparations, and USP-NF Chapter 797 if compounding sterile preparations.

(b) Facilities may compound in anticipation of receiving prescriptions in limited amounts.

(c) Bulk active ingredients shall:

(i) be procured from a facility registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration; and

(ii) not be listed on the federal Food and Drug Administration list of drug products withdrawn or removed from the market for reasons of safety or effectiveness.

(d) All facilities that dispense prescriptions must comply with the record keeping requirements of their State Boards of Pharmacy. When a facility compounds a preparation according to the manufacturer's labeling instructions, then further documentation is not required. All other compounded preparations require further documentation as described in this section.

(e) A master formulation record shall be approved by a pharmacist or DMP for each batch of sterile or non-sterile pharmaceuticals to be prepared. Once approved, a duplicate of the master formulation record shall be used as the compounding record from which each batch is prepared and on which all documentation for that batch occurs. The master formulation record may be stored electronically and shall contain at a minimum:

(i) official or assigned name;

(ii) strength;

(iii) dosage form of the preparation;

(iv) calculations needed to determine and verify quantities of components and doses of active pharmaceutical ingredients;

(v) description of all ingredients and their quantities;

(vi) compatibility and stability information, including references when available;

(vii) equipment needed to prepare the preparation;

(viii) mixing instructions, which shall include:

(A) order of mixing;

(B) mixing temperatures or other environmental controls;

(C) duration of mixing; and

(D) other factors pertinent to the replication of the preparation as compounded;

(ix) sample labeling information, which shall contain, in addition to legally required information:

(A) generic name and quantity or concentration of each active ingredient;

(B) assigned beyond use date;

(C) storage conditions; and

(D) prescription or control number, whichever is applicable;

(x) container used in dispensing;

(xi) packaging and storage requirements;

(xii) description of final preparation; and

(xiii) quality control procedures and expected results.

(f) A compounding record for each batch of sterile or non-sterile pharmaceuticals shall document the following:

(i) official or assigned name;

(ii) strength and dosage of the preparation;

(iii) Master Formulation Record reference for the preparation;

(iv) names and quantities of all components;

(v) sources, lot numbers, and expiration dates of components;

(vi) total quantity compounded;

(vii) name of the person who prepared the preparation;

(viii) name of the compounder who approved the preparation;

(ix) name of the person who performed the quality control procedures;

(x) date of preparation;

(xi) assigned control, if for anticipation of use or prescription number, if patient specific, whichever is applicable;

(xii) duplicate label as described in the Master Formulation Record means the sample labeling information that is dispensed on the final product given to the patient and shall at minimum contain:

(A) active ingredients;

(B) beyond-use-date;

(C) storage conditions; and

(D) lot number;

(xiv) proof of the duplicate labeling information, which proof shall:

(A) be kept at the pharmacy;

(B) be immediately retrievable;

(C) include an audit trail for any altered form; and

(D) be reproduced in:

(I) the original format that was dispensed;

(II) an electronic format; or

(III) a scanned electronic version;

(xvii) description of final preparation;

(xviii) results of quality control procedures (e.g. weight range of filled capsules, pH of aqueous liquids); and

(xix) documentation of any quality control issues and any adverse reactions or preparation problems reported by the patient or caregiver.

(g) The label of each batch prepared of sterile or non-sterile pharmaceuticals shall bear at a minimum:

(i) the unique lot number assigned to the batch;

(ii) all active solution and ingredient names, amounts, strengths and concentrations, when applicable;

(iii) quantity;

(iv) beyond use date and time, when applicable;

(v) appropriate ancillary instructions, such as storage instructions or cautionary statements, including cytotoxic warning labels where appropriate; and

(vi) device-specific instructions, where appropriate.

(h) All prescription labels for compounded sterile and non-sterile medications when dispensed to the ultimate user or agent shall bear at a minimum in addition to what is required in Section 58-17b-602 the following:

(i) generic name and quantity or concentration of each active ingredient. In the instance of a sterile preparation for

parenteral use, labeling shall include the name and base solution for infusion preparation;

(ii) assigned compounding record or lot number; and

(iii) "this is a compounded preparation" or similar language.

(i) The beyond use date assigned shall be based on currently available drug stability information and sterility considerations or appropriate in-house or contract service stability testing;

(i) sources of drug stability information shall include the following:

(A) references can be found in Trissel's "Handbook on Injectable Drugs", 17th Edition, October 31, 2012;

(B) manufacturer recommendations; and

(C) reliable, published research;

(ii) when interpreting published drug stability information, the pharmacist or DMP shall consider all aspects of the final sterile product being prepared such as drug reservoir, drug concentration and storage conditions; and

(iii) methods for establishing beyond use dates shall be documented; and

(j) There shall be a documented, ongoing quality control program that monitors and evaluates personnel performance, equipment and facilities that follows the USP-NF Chapters 795 and 797 standards.

(4) The facility shall have current and retrievable editions of the following reference publications in print or electronic format and readily available and retrievable to facility personnel:

(a) Title 58, Chapter 1, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Act;

(b) R156-1, General Rule of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing;

(c) Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;

(d) R156-17b, Utah Pharmacy Practice Act Rule;

(e) Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act;

(f) R156-37, Utah Controlled Substances Act Rule;

(g) Title 58, Chapter 37f, Controlled Substance Database Act;

(h) R156-37f, Controlled Substance Database Act Rule;

(i) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 21, Food and Drugs, Part 1300 to end or equivalent such as the USP DI Drug Reference Guides;

(j) current FDA Approved Drug Products (orange book); and

(k) any other general drug references necessary to permit practice dictated by the usual and ordinary scope of practice to be conducted within that facility.

(5) The facility shall maintain a current list of licensed employees involved in the practice of pharmacy at the facility. The list shall include individual licensee names, license classifications, license numbers, and license expiration dates. The list shall be readily retrievable for inspection by the Division and may be maintained in paper or electronic form.

(6) Facilities shall have a counseling area to allow for confidential patient counseling, where applicable.

(7) A pharmacy shall not dispense a prescription drug or device to a patient unless a pharmacist or DMP is physically present and immediately available in the facility.

(8) Only a licensed Utah pharmacist, DMP or authorized pharmacy personnel shall have access to the pharmacy when the pharmacy is closed.

(9) The facility or parent company shall maintain a record for not less than 5 years of the initials or identification codes that identify each dispensing pharmacist or DMP by name. The initials or identification code shall be unique to ensure that each pharmacist or DMP can be identified; therefore identical initials or identification codes shall not be used.

(10) The pharmacy facility shall maintain copy 3 of DEA order form (Form 222) that has been properly dated, initialed and filed and all copies of each unaccepted or defective order form and any attached statements or other documents.

(11) If applicable, a hard copy of the power of attorney authorizing a pharmacist, DMP, or DMP designee to sign DEA order forms (Form 222) shall be available to the Division whenever necessary.

(12) A pharmacist, DMP or other responsible individual shall verify that controlled substances are listed on the suppliers' invoices and were actually received by clearly recording their initials and the actual date of receipt of the controlled substances.

(13) The pharmacy facility shall maintain a record of suppliers' credit memos for controlled substances.

(14) A copy of inventories required under Section R156-17b-605 shall be made available to the Division when requested.

(15) The pharmacy facility shall maintain hard copy reports of surrender or destruction of controlled substances and legend drugs submitted to appropriate state or federal agencies.

(16) If the pharmacy does not store drugs in a locked cabinet and has a drop/false ceiling, the pharmacy's perimeter walls shall extend to the hard deck, or other measures shall be taken to prevent unauthorized entry into the pharmacy.

R156-17b-614b. Operating Standards - Class B pharmacy designated as a Branch Pharmacy.

In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-102(8) and 58-1-301(3), the qualifications for designation as a branch pharmacy include the following:

(1) The Division, in collaboration with the Board, shall approve the location of each branch pharmacy. The following shall be considered in granting such designation:

(a) the distance between or from nearby alternative pharmacies and all other factors affecting access of persons in the area to alternative pharmacy resources;

(b) the availability at the location of qualified persons to staff the pharmacy, including the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse;

(c) the availability and willingness of a parent pharmacy and supervising pharmacist to assume responsibility for the branch pharmacy;

(d) the availability of satisfactory physical facilities in which the branch pharmacy may operate; and

(e) the totality of conditions and circumstances which surround the request for designation.

(2) A branch pharmacy shall be licensed as a pharmacy branch of an existing Class A or B pharmacy licensed by the Division.

(3) The application for designation of a branch pharmacy shall be submitted by the licensed parent pharmacy seeking such designation. In the event that more than one licensed pharmacy makes application for designation of a branch pharmacy location at a previously undesignated location, the Division in collaboration with the Board shall review all applications for designation of the branch pharmacy and, if the location is approved, shall approve for licensure the applicant determined best able to serve the public interest as identified in Subsection (1).

(4) The application shall include the following:

(a) complete identifying information concerning the applying parent pharmacy;

(b) complete identifying information concerning the designated supervising pharmacist employed at the parent pharmacy;

(c) address and description of the facility in which the branch pharmacy is to be located;

(d) specific formulary to be stocked indicating with respect to each prescription drug, the name, the dosage strength and dosage units in which the drug will be prepackaged;

(e) complete identifying information concerning each person located at the branch pharmacy who will dispense prescription drugs in accordance with the approved protocol; and

(f) protocols under which the branch pharmacy will operate and its relationship with the parent pharmacy to include the following:

(i) the conditions under which prescription drugs will be stored, used and accounted for;

(ii) the method by which the drugs will be transported from parent pharmacy to the branch pharmacy and accounted for by the branch pharmacy; and

(iii) a description of how records will be kept with respect to:

(A) formulary;

(B) changes in formulary;

(C) record of drugs sent by the parent pharmacy;

(D) record of drugs received by the branch pharmacy;

(E) record of drugs dispensed;

(F) periodic inventories; and

(G) any other record contributing to an effective audit trail with respect to prescription drugs provided to the branch pharmacy.

R156-17b-614c. Operating Standards - Class B - Pharmaceutical Administration Facility.

In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-102(44) and 58-17b-601(1), the following applies with respect to prescription drugs which are held, stored or otherwise under the control of a pharmaceutical administration facility for administration to patients:

(1) The licensed pharmacist shall provide consultation on all aspects of pharmacy services in the facility; establish a system of records of receipt and disposition of all controlled substances in sufficient detail to enable an accurate reconciliation; and determine that drug records are in order and that an account of all controlled substances is maintained and periodically reconciled.

(2) Authorized destruction of all prescription drugs shall be witnessed by the medical or nursing director or a designated physician, registered nurse or other licensed person employed in the facility and the consulting pharmacist or licensed pharmacy technician and must be in compliance with DEA regulations.

(3) Prescriptions for patients in the facility can be verbally requested by a licensed prescribing practitioner and may be entered as the prescribing practitioner's order; but the practitioner must personally sign the order in the facility record within 72 hours if a Schedule II controlled substance and within 30 days if any other prescription drug. The prescribing practitioner's verbal order may be copied and forwarded to a pharmacy for dispensing and may serve as the pharmacy's record of the prescription order.

(4) Prescriptions for controlled substances for patients in Class B pharmaceutical administration facilities shall be dispensed according to Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, and R156-37, Utah Controlled Substances Act Rules.

(5) Requirements for emergency drug kits shall include:

(a) an emergency drug kit may be used by pharmaceutical administration facilities. The emergency drug kit shall be considered to be a physical extension of the pharmacy supplying the emergency drug kit and shall at all times remain under the ownership of that pharmacy;

(b) the contents and quantity of drugs and supplies in the emergency drug kit shall be determined by the Medical Director or Director of Nursing of the pharmaceutical administration facility and the consulting pharmacist of the supplying pharmacy;

(c) a copy of the approved list of contents shall be conspicuously posted on or near the kit;

(d) the emergency kit shall be used only for bona fide emergencies and only when medications cannot be obtained from a pharmacy in a timely manner;

(e) records documenting the receipt and removal of drugs in the emergency kit shall be maintained by the facility and the pharmacy;

(f) the pharmacy shall be responsible for ensuring proper storage, security and accountability of the emergency kit and shall ensure that:

(i) the emergency kit is stored in a locked area and is locked itself; and

(ii) emergency kit drugs are accessible only to licensed physicians, physician assistants and nurses employed by the facility;

(g) the contents of the emergency kit, the approved list of contents and all related records shall be made freely available and open for inspection to appropriate representatives of the Division and the Utah Department of Health.

R156-17b-614d. Operating Standards - Class B - Nuclear Pharmacy.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), the operating standards for a Class B pharmacy designated as a nuclear pharmacy shall have the following:

(1) A nuclear pharmacy shall have the following:

(a) have applied for or possess a current Utah Radioactive Materials License; and

(b) adequate space and equipment commensurate with the scope of services required and provided.

(2) Nuclear pharmacies shall only dispense radiopharmaceuticals that comply with acceptable standards of quality assurance.

(3) Nuclear pharmacies shall maintain a library commensurate with the level of radiopharmaceutical service to be provided.

(4) A licensed Utah pharmacist shall be immediately available on the premises at all times when the facility is open or available to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

(5) In addition to Utah licensure, the pharmacist shall have classroom and laboratory training and experience as required by the Utah Radiation Control Rules.

(6) This rule does not prohibit:

(a) a licensed pharmacy intern or technician from acting under the direct supervision of an approved preceptor who meets the requirements to supervise a nuclear pharmacy; or

(b) a Utah Radioactive Materials license from possessing and using radiopharmaceuticals for medical use.

(7) A hospital nuclear medicine department or an office of a physician/surgeon, osteopathic physician/surgeon, veterinarian, pediatric physician or dentist that has a current Utah Radioactive Materials License does not require licensure as a Class B pharmacy.

(8) A nuclear pharmacy preparing sterile compounds must follow the USP-NF Chapter 797 Compound for sterile preparations.

(9) A nuclear pharmacy preparing medications for a specific person shall be licensed as a Class B - nuclear pharmacy if located in Utah, and as a Class D pharmacy if located outside of Utah.

R156-17b-614f. Operating Standards - Central Prescription Processing.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-601(1), the following operating standards apply to pharmacies that engage in central prescription processing as defined in Subsection 58-17b-102(9):

(1) Centralized prescription processing services may be performed if the parties:

(a) have common ownership or common administrative control; or

(b) have a written contract outlining the services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each party in fulfilling the terms of said contract; and

(c) share a common electronic file or have appropriate technology to allow access to sufficient information necessary or required to fill or refill a prescription drug order.

(2) The parties performing or contracting for centralized prescription processing services shall maintain a policy and procedures manual, and documentation of implementation, which shall be made available to the Division upon inspection and which includes the following:

(a) a description of how the parties will comply with federal and state laws and regulations;

(b) appropriate records to identify the responsible pharmacists and the dispensing and counseling process;

(c) a mechanism for tracking the prescription drug order during each step in the dispensing process;

(d) a description of adequate security to protect the integrity and prevent the illegal use or disclosure of protected health information; and

(e) a continuous quality improvement program for pharmacy services designed to objectively and systematically monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of patient care, pursue opportunities to improve patient care, and resolve identified problems.

(3) "Non drug or device handling central prescription processing pharmacies", as defined in Subsection R156-17b-102(37), shall be licensed as Class E pharmacies. All other central prescription processing pharmacies shall be licensed in the appropriate pharmacy license classification.

R156-17b-615. Operating Standards - Class C Pharmacy - Pharmaceutical Wholesaler/Distributor and Pharmaceutical Manufacturer.

In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-102(47) and 58-17b-601(1), the operating standards for Class C pharmacies designated as pharmaceutical wholesaler/distributor and pharmaceutical manufacturer licensees includes the following:

(1) Each pharmaceutical wholesaler or manufacturer that distributes or manufactures drugs or medical devices in Utah shall be licensed by the Division. A separate license shall be obtained for each separate location engaged in the distribution or manufacturing of prescription drugs. Business names cannot be identical to the name used by another unrelated wholesaler licensed to purchase drugs and devices in Utah.

(2) Manufacturers distributing only their own FDA-approved:

(a) prescription drugs or prescription drugs that are co-licensed products satisfy the requirement in Subsection (1) by registering their establishment with the FDA pursuant to 21 CFR Part 207 and submitting the information required by 21 CFR Part 205 including any amendments thereto, to the Division; or

(b) devices or devices that are co-licensed products, including products packaged with devices, such as convenience kits, that are exempt from the definition of transaction in 21 USC sec. 360eee (24)(B)(xii-xvi) satisfy the requirement in Subsection (1) by registering their establishment with the FDA pursuant to 21 CFR.

(3) An applicant for licensure as a pharmaceutical wholesale distributor shall provide the following minimum information:

(a) All trade or business names used by the licensee (including "doing business as" and "formerly known as");

(b) Name of the owner and operator of the license as follows:

(i) if a person, the name, business address, social security number and date of birth;

(ii) if a partnership, the name, business address, and social security number and date of birth of each partner, and the partnership's federal employer identification number;

(iii) if a corporation, the name, business address, social security number and date of birth, and title of each corporate officer and director, the corporate names, the name of the state of incorporation, federal employer identification number, and the name of the parent company, if any, but if a publicly traded corporation, the social security number and date of birth for each corporate officer shall not be required;

(iv) if a sole proprietorship, the full name, business address, social security number and date of birth of the sole proprietor and the name and federal employer identification number of the business entity;

(v) if a limited liability company, the name of each member, social security number of each member, the name of each manager, the name of the limited liability company and federal employer identification number, and the name of the state where the limited liability company was organized; and

(c) any other relevant information required by the Division.

(4) The licensed facility need not be under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, but shall be under the supervision of a designated representative who meets the following criteria:

(a) is at least 21 years of age;

(b) has been employed full time for at least three years in a pharmacy or with a pharmaceutical wholesaler in a capacity related to the dispensing and distribution of, and recordkeeping related to prescription drugs;

(c) is employed by the applicant full time in a managerial level position;

(d) is actively involved in and aware of the actual daily operation of the pharmaceutical wholesale distribution;

(e) is physically present at the facility during regular business hours, except when the absence of the designated representative is authorized, including but not limited to, sick leave and vacation leave; and

(f) is serving in the capacity of a designated representative for only one licensee at a time.

(5) The licensee shall provide the name, business address, and telephone number of a person to serve as the designated representative for each facility of the pharmaceutical wholesaler that engages in the distribution of drugs or devices.

(6) All pharmaceutical wholesalers and manufacturer shall publicly display or have readily available all licenses and the most recent inspection report administered by the Division.

(7) All Class C pharmacies shall:

(a) be of suitable size and construction to facilitate cleaning, maintenance and proper operations;

(b) have storage areas designed to provide adequate lighting, ventilation, sanitation, space, equipment and security conditions;

(c) have the ability to control temperature and humidity within tolerances required by all prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors handled or used in the distribution or manufacturing activities of the applicant or licensee;

(d) provide for a quarantine area for storage of prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors that are outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, adulterated, opened or unsealed containers that have once been appropriately sealed or closed or in any other way unsuitable for use or entry into distribution or manufacturing;

(e) be maintained in a clean and orderly condition; and

(f) be free from infestation by insects, rodents, birds or vermin of any kind.

(8) Each facility used for wholesale drug distribution or manufacturing of prescription drugs shall:

(a) be secure from unauthorized entry;

(b) limit access from the outside to a minimum in conformance with local building codes, life and safety codes and control access to persons to ensure unauthorized entry is not made;

(c) limit entry into areas where prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors, or prescription drug devices are held to authorized persons who have a need to be in those areas;

(d) be well lighted on the outside perimeter;

(e) be equipped with an alarm system to permit detection of entry and notification of appropriate authorities at all times when the facility is not occupied for the purpose of engaging in distribution or manufacturing of prescription drugs; and

(f) be equipped with security measures, systems and procedures necessary to provide reasonable security against theft and diversion of prescription drugs or alteration or tampering with computers and records pertaining to prescription drugs or prescription drug precursors.

(9) Each facility shall provide the storage of prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors, and prescription drug devices in accordance with the following:

(a) all prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors shall be stored at appropriate temperature, humidity and other conditions in accordance with labeling of such prescription drugs or prescription drug precursors or with requirements in the USP-NF;

(b) if no storage requirements are established for a specific prescription drug, prescription drug precursor, or prescription drug devices, the products shall be held in a condition of controlled temperature and humidity as defined in the USP-NF to ensure that its identity, strength, quality and purity are not adversely affected; and

(c) there shall be established a system of manual, electromechanical or electronic recording of temperature and humidity in the areas in which prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors, and prescription drug devices are held to permit review of the record and ensure that the products have not been subjected to conditions that are outside of established limits.

(10) Each person who is engaged in pharmaceutical wholesale distribution of prescription drugs for human use that leave, or have ever left, the normal distribution channel shall, before each pharmaceutical wholesale distribution of such drug, provide a pedigree to the person who receives such drug. A retail pharmacy or pharmacy warehouse shall comply with the requirements of this section only if the pharmacy engages in pharmaceutical wholesale distribution of prescription drugs. The pedigree shall:

(a) include all necessary identifying information concerning each sale in the chain of distribution of the product from the manufacturer, through acquisition and sale by any pharmaceutical wholesaler, until sale to a pharmacy or other person dispensing or administering the prescription drug. At a minimum, the necessary chain of distribution information shall include:

(i) name, address, telephone number, and if available, the email address of each owner of the prescription drug, and each pharmaceutical wholesaler of the prescription drug;

(ii) name and address of each location from which the product was shipped, if different from the owner's;

(iii) transaction dates;

(iv) name of the prescription drug;

(v) dosage form and strength of the prescription drug;

(vi) size of the container;

(vii) number of containers;

(viii) lot number of the prescription drug;

(ix) name of the manufacturer of the finished dose form; and

(x) National Drug Code (NDC) number.

(b) be maintained by the purchaser and the pharmaceutical wholesaler for five years from the date of sale or transfer and be available for inspection or use upon a request of an authorized officer of the law.

(11) Each facility shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) in general, each person who is engaged in pharmaceutical wholesale distribution of prescription drugs shall establish and maintain inventories and records of all transactions regarding the receipt and distribution or other disposition of the prescription drugs. These records shall include pedigrees for all prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution channel;

(b) upon receipt, each outside shipping container containing prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors, or prescription drug devices shall be visibly examined for identity and to prevent the acceptance of prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors, or prescription drug devices that are contaminated, reveal damage to the containers or are otherwise unfit for distribution:

(i) prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors, or prescription drug devices that are outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, adulterated or in any other way unfit for distribution or use in manufacturing shall be quarantined and physically separated from other prescription drugs, prescription drug precursors or prescription drug devices until they are appropriately destroyed or returned to their supplier; and

(ii) any prescription drug or prescription drug precursor whose immediate sealed or outer secondary sealed container has been opened or in any other way breached shall be identified as such and shall be quarantined and physically separated from other prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors until they are appropriately destroyed or returned to their supplier;

(c) each outgoing shipment shall be carefully inspected for identity of the prescription drug products or devices and to ensure that there is no delivery of prescription drugs or devices that have been damaged in storage or held under improper conditions:

(i) if the conditions or circumstances surrounding the return of any prescription drug or prescription drug precursor cast any doubt on the product's safety, identity, strength, quality or purity, then the drug shall be appropriately destroyed or returned to the supplier, unless examination, testing or other investigation proves that the product meets appropriate and applicable standards related to the product's safety, identity, strength, quality and purity;

(ii) returns of expired, damaged, recalled, or otherwise non-saleable prescription drugs shall be distributed by the receiving pharmaceutical wholesale distributor only to the original manufacturer or a third party returns processor that is licensed as a pharmaceutical wholesale distributor under this chapter;

(iii) returns or exchanges of prescription drugs (saleable or otherwise), including any redistribution by a receiving pharmaceutical wholesaler, shall not be subject to the pedigree requirements, so long as they are exempt from the pedigree requirement under the FDA's Prescription Drug Marketing Act guidance or regulations; and

(d) licensee under this Act and pharmacies or other persons authorized by law to dispense or administer prescription drugs for use by a patient shall be accountable for administering their returns process and ensuring that all aspects of their operation are secure and do not permit the entry of adulterated and counterfeit prescription drugs.

(12) A manufacturer or pharmaceutical wholesaler shall furnish prescription drugs only to a person licensed by the Division or to another appropriate state licensing authority to possess, dispense or administer such drugs for use by a patient.

(13) Prescription drugs furnished by a manufacturer or pharmaceutical wholesaler shall be delivered only to the business address of a person described in Subsections R156-

17b-102(19)(c) and R156-17b-615(13), or to the premises listed on the license, or to an authorized person or agent of the licensee at the premises of the manufacturer or pharmaceutical wholesaler if the identity and authority of the authorized agent is properly established.

(14) Each facility shall establish and maintain records of all transactions regarding the receipt and distribution or other disposition of prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors and shall make inventories of prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors and required records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in accordance with the following:

(a) there shall be a record of the source of the prescription drugs or prescription drug precursors to include the name and principal address of the seller or transferor and the address of the location from which the drugs were shipped;

(b) there shall be a record of the identity and quantity of the prescription drug or prescription drug precursor received, manufactured, distributed or shipped or otherwise disposed of by specific product and strength;

(c) there shall be a record of the dates of receipt and distribution or other disposal of any product;

(d) there shall be a record of the identity of persons to whom distribution is made to include name and principal address of the receiver and the address of the location to which the products were shipped;

(e) inventories of prescription drugs and prescription drug precursors shall be made available during regular business hours to authorized representatives of federal, state and local law enforcement authorities;

(f) required records shall be made available for inspection during regular business hours to authorized representatives of federal, state and local law enforcement authorities and such records shall be maintained for a period of two years following disposition of the products; and

(g) records that are maintained on site or immediately retrievable from computer or other electronic means shall be made readily available for authorized inspection during the retention period; or if records are stored at another location, they shall be made available within two working days after request by an authorized law enforcement authority during the two year period of retention.

(15) Each facility shall establish, maintain and adhere to written policies and procedures that shall be followed for the receipt, security, storage, inventory, manufacturing, distribution or other disposal of prescription drugs or prescription drug precursors, including policies and procedures for identifying, recording and reporting losses or thefts, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories. In addition, the policies shall include the following:

(a) a procedure whereby the oldest approved stock of a prescription drug or precursor product is distributed or used first with a provision for deviation from the requirement if such deviation is temporary and appropriate;

(b) a procedure to be followed for handling recalls and withdrawals of prescription drugs adequate to deal with recalls and withdrawals due to:

(i) any action initiated at the request of the FDA or other federal, state or local law enforcement or other authorized administrative or regulatory agency;

(ii) any voluntary action to remove defective or potentially defective drugs from the market; or

(iii) any action undertaken to promote public health, safety or welfare by replacement of existing product with an improved product or new package design;

(c) a procedure to prepare for, protect against or handle any crisis that affects security or operation of any facility in the event of strike, fire, flood or other natural disaster or other situations of local, state or national emergency;

(d) a procedure to ensure that any outdated prescription drugs or prescription drug precursors shall be segregated from other drugs or precursors and either returned to the manufacturer, other appropriate party or appropriately destroyed;

(e) a procedure for providing for documentation of the disposition of outdated, adulterated or otherwise unsafe prescription drugs or prescription drug precursors and the maintenance of that documentation available for inspection by authorized federal, state or local authorities for a period of five years after disposition of the product;

(f) a procedure for identifying, investigating and reporting significant drug inventory discrepancies (involving counterfeit drugs suspected of being counterfeit, contraband, or suspect of being contraband) and reporting of such discrepancies within three (3) business days to the Division and/or appropriate federal or state agency upon discovery of such discrepancies; and

(g) a procedure for reporting criminal or suspected criminal activities involving the inventory of drugs and devices to the Division, FDA and if applicable, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), within three (3) business days.

(16) Each facility shall establish, maintain and make available for inspection by authorized federal, state and local law enforcement authorities, lists of all officers, directors, managers and other persons in charge which lists shall include a description of their duties and a summary of their background and qualifications.

(17) Each facility shall comply with laws including:

(a) operating within applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations;

(b) permitting the state licensing authority and authorized federal, state and local law enforcement officials, upon presentation of proper credentials, to enter and inspect their premises and delivery vehicles and to audit their records and written operating policies and procedures, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, to the extent authorized by law; and

(c) obtaining a controlled substance license from the Division and registering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) if they engage in distribution or manufacturing of controlled substances and shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations applicable to the distribution or manufacturing of controlled substances.

(18) Each facility shall be subject to and shall abide by applicable federal, state and local laws that relate to the salvaging or reprocessing of prescription drug products.

(19) A Class C pharmacy shall not be located in the same building as a separately licensed Class A, B, D, or E pharmacy unless the two pharmacies are located in different suites as recognized by the United States Postal Service. Two Class C pharmacies may be located at the same address in the same suite if the pharmacies:

(a) are under the same ownership;

(b) have processes and systems for separating and securing all aspects of the operation; and

(c) have traceability with a clear audit trail that distinguishes a pharmacy's purchases and distributions.

R156-17b-616. Operating Standards - Class D Pharmacy - Out of State Mail Order Pharmacies.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-1-301(3) and 58-17b-306(2), an application for licensure as a Class D pharmacy shall include:

(a) a pharmacy care protocol that includes the operating standards established in Subsections R156-17b-610(1) and (8) and R156-17b-612(1) through (4);

(b) a copy of the pharmacist's license for the PIC; and

(c) a copy of the most recent state inspection or NABP

inspection completed as part of the NABP Verified Pharmacy Program (VPP) showing the status of compliance with the laws and regulations for physical facility, records and operations.

(2) An out of state mail order pharmacy that compounds shall follow the USP-NF Chapter 795 Compounding of non-sterile preparations and Chapter 797 Compounding of sterile preparations.

R156-17b-617a. Class E Pharmacy Operating Standards - General Provisions.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-17b-302 and Subsection 58-17b-601(1), Class E pharmacies shall have a written pharmacy care protocol that includes:

(a) the identity of the supervisor or director;

(b) a detailed plan of care;

(c) the identity of the drugs to be purchased, stored, used and accounted for; and

(d) the identity of any licensed healthcare provider associated with the operation.

(2) Class E pharmacies shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws.

R156-17b-617b. Class E Pharmacy Operating Standards - Analytical Laboratory.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-302 and Subsection 58-17b-601(1), an analytical laboratory shall:

(1) be of suitable size and construction to facilitate cleaning, maintenance and proper operations;

(2) provide adequate lighting, ventilation, sanitation, space, equipment and security conditions;

(3) maintain a list of drugs that will be purchased, stored, used and accounted for;

(4) maintain a list of licensed healthcare providers associated with the operation of the business;

(5) possess prescription drugs for the purpose of analysis; and

(6) take measures to prevent the theft or loss of controlled substances.

R156-17b-617c. Class E Pharmacy Operating Standards - Animal Control or Animal Narcotic Detection Training.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-17b-302 and Subsection 58-17b-601(1), an animal control or animal narcotic detection training facility shall:

(a) maintain for immediate retrieval a perpetual inventory of all drugs including controlled substances that are purchased, stored, processed and administered;

(b) maintain for immediate retrieval a current list of authorized employees and their training with regards to the handling and use of legend drugs and/or controlled substances in relation to euthanasia, immobilization, or narcotic detection training of animals;

(c) maintain, for immediate retrieval documentation of all required materials pertaining to legitimate animal scientific drug research, guidance policy and other relevant documentation from the agency's Institutional Review Board, if applicable;

(d) maintain stocks of legend drugs and controlled substances to the smallest quantity needed for efficient operation to conduct animal euthanasia, immobilization, or narcotic detection training purposes;

(e) maintain all legend drugs and controlled substances in an area within a building having perimeter security that limits access during working hours, provides adequate security after working hours, and has the following security controls:

(i) a permanently secured safe or steel cabinet substantially constructed with self-closing and self-locking doors employing either multiple position combination or key lock type locking mechanisms; and

(ii) requisite key control, combination limitations, and change procedures;

(f) have a responsible party who is the only person authorized to purchase and reconcile legend drugs and controlled substances and is responsible for the inventory of the animal control or animal narcotic detection training facility pharmacy;

(g) ensure that only defined and approved individuals pursuant to the written facility protocol have access to legend drugs and controlled substances; and

(h) develop and maintain written policies and procedures for immediate retrieval that include the following:

(i) the type of activity conducted with regards to legend drugs and/or controlled substances;

(ii) how medications are purchased, inventoried, prepared and used in relation to euthanasia, immobilization, or narcotic detection training of animals;

(iii) the type, form and quantity of legend drugs and/or controlled substances handled;

(iv) the type of safe or equally secure enclosures or other storage system used for the storage and retrieval of legend drugs and/or controlled substances;

(v) security measures in place to protect against theft or loss of legend drugs and controlled substances;

(vi) adequate supervision of employees having access to manufacturing and storage areas;

(vii) maintenance of records documenting the initial and ongoing training of authorized employees with regard to all applicable protocols;

(viii) maintenance of records documenting all approved and trained authorized employees who may have access to the legend drugs and controlled substances; and

(ix) procedures for allowing the presence of business guests, visitors, maintenance personnel, and non-employee service personnel.

R156-17b-617d. Class E Pharmacy Operating Standards- Durable Medical Equipment.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-17b-302 and Subsection 58-17b-601(1), durable medical equipment facility shall:

(a) be of suitable size and construction to facilitate cleaning, maintenance and proper operations;

(b) provide adequate lighting, ventilation, sanitation, space, equipment and security conditions;

(c) be equipped to permit the orderly storage of durable medical equipment in a manner to permit clear identification, separation and easy retrieval of products and an environment necessary to maintain the integrity of the product inventory;

(d) be equipped to permit practice within the standards and ethics of the profession as dictated by the usual and ordinary scope of practice to be conducted within that facility;

(e) maintain prescription forms and records for a period of five years;

(f) be locked and enclosed in such as way as to bar entry by the public or any non-personnel when the facility is closed; and

(g) post the license of the facility in full view of the public.

(2) A licensed practitioner who administers durable medical equipment to a patient or animal is not engaging in the practice of pharmacy, and does not require a license as a Class E pharmacy.

R156-17b-617e. Class E Pharmacy Operating Standards - Human Clinical Investigational Drug Research Facility.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-17b-302 and Subsection 58-17b-601(1), a human clinical investigational drug research facility licensed as a Class E Pharmacy shall, in addition to the requirements contained in Subsection R156-17b-617a, conduct operations in accordance with the operating standards set forth in 21 CFR Part 312, April 1, 2012 edition, which are hereby

incorporated by reference.

(2) In accordance with Subsections 58-37-6(2)(b) and (3)(a)(i), persons licensed to conduct research with controlled substances in Schedules I-V within this state may possess, manufacture, produce, distribute, prescribe, dispense, administer, conduct research with, or perform laboratory analysis upon those substances to the extent authorized by their license.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-37-6(2), the following persons are not required to obtain a license and may lawfully possess controlled substances included in Schedules II-V:

(a) an agent or employee acting in the usual course of the person's business or employment, and

(b) an ultimate user, or any person who possesses any controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner.

(4) A separate license is required at each principal place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, produces, distributes, dispenses, conducts research with, or performs laboratory analysis upon controlled substances.

R156-17b-617f. Class E Pharmacy Operating Standards - Medical Gas Provider.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-302 and Subsection 58-17b-601(1), a medical gas facility shall:

(a) develop standard operating policy and procedures manual;

(b) conduct training and maintain evidence of employee training programs and completion certificates;

(c) maintain documentation and records of all transactions to include:

(i) batch production records

(ii) certificates of analysis

(iii) dates of calibration of gauges;

(d) provide adequate space for orderly placement of equipment and finished product;

(e) maintain gas tanks securely;

(f) designate return and quarantine areas for separation of products;

(g) label all products;

(h) fill cylinders without using adapters; and

(i) comply with all FDA standards and requirements.

R156-17b-618. Change in Ownership or Location.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-17b-614, except for changes in ownership caused by a change in the stockholders in corporations that are publicly listed and whose stock is publicly traded, a licensed pharmaceutical facility shall make application for a new license and receive approval from the Division no later than ten business days prior to any of the following proposed changes:

(a) location or address, except for a reassignment of a new address by the United States Postal Service that does not involve any change of location;

(b) name, except for a doing-business-as (DBA) name change that is properly registered with the Division of Corporations and filed with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing; or

(c) ownership when one of the following occurs:

(i) a change in entity type; or

(ii) the sale or transfer of 51% or more of an entity's ownership or membership interest to another individual or entity.

(2) Upon approval of the change in location, name, or ownership, and the issuance of a new license, the original license shall be surrendered to the Division.

(3) Upon approval of the name change, the original licenses shall be surrendered to the Division.

R156-17b-619. Operating Standards - Third Party Payors.

Reserved.

R156-17b-620. Operating Standards - Automated Pharmacy System.

In accordance with Section 58-17b-621, automated pharmacy systems can be utilized in licensed pharmacies, remote locations under the jurisdiction of the Division and licensed health care facilities where legally permissible and shall comply with the following provisions:

(1) Documentation as to type of equipment, serial numbers, content, policies and procedures and location shall be maintained on site in the pharmacy for review upon request of the Division. Such documentation shall include:

(a) name and address of the pharmacy or licensed health care facility where the automated pharmacy system is being used;

(b) manufacturer's name and model;

(c) description of how the device is used;

(d) quality assurance procedures to determine continued appropriate use of the automated device; and

(e) policies and procedures for system operation, safety, security, accuracy, patient confidentiality, access and malfunction.

(2) Automated pharmacy systems should be used only in settings where there is an established program of pharmaceutical care that ensures that before dispensing, or removal from an automated storage and distribution device, a pharmacist reviews all prescription or medication orders unless a licensed independent practitioner controls the ordering, preparation and administration of the medication; or in urgent situations when the resulting delay would harm the patient including situations in which the patient experiences a sudden change in clinical status.

(3) All policies and procedures must be maintained in the pharmacy responsible for the system and, if the system is not located within the facility where the pharmacy is located, at the location where the system is being used.

(4) Automated pharmacy systems shall have:

(a) adequate security systems and procedures to:

(i) prevent unauthorized access;

(ii) comply with federal and state regulations; and

(iii) prevent the illegal use or disclosure of protected health information;

(b) written policies and procedures in place prior to installation to ensure safety, accuracy, security, training of personnel, and patient confidentiality and to define access and limits to access to equipment and medications.

(5) Records and electronic data kept by automated pharmacy systems shall meet the following requirements:

(a) all events involving the contents of the automated pharmacy system must be recorded electronically;

(b) records must be maintained by the pharmacy for a period of five years and must be readily available to the Division. Such records shall include:

(i) identity of system accessed;

(ii) identify of the individual accessing the system;

(iii) type of transaction;

(iv) name, strength, dosage form and quantity of the drug accessed;

(v) name of the patient for whom the drug was ordered; and

(vi) such additional information as the PIC may deem necessary.

(6) Access to and limits on access to the automated pharmacy system must be defined by policy and procedures and must comply with state and federal regulations.

(7) The PIC or pharmacist designee shall have the responsibility to ensure that:

(a) user access to the system is assigned, discontinued or changed according to employment status and credentials;

(b) access to the medications comply with state and federal regulations; and

(c) the automated pharmacy system is filled and stocked accurately and in accordance with established written policies and procedures.

(8) The filling and stocking of all medications in the automated pharmacy system shall be accomplished by qualified licensed healthcare personnel under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

(9) A record of medications filled and stocked into an automated pharmacy system shall be maintained for a period of five years and shall include the identification of the persons filling, stocking and checking for accuracy.

(10) All containers of medications stored in the automated pharmacy system shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.

(11) All aspects of handling controlled substances shall meet the requirements of all state and federal laws and regulations.

(12) The automated pharmacy system shall provide a mechanism for securing and accounting for medications removed from and subsequently returned to the automated pharmacy system, all in accordance with existing state and federal law. Written policies and procedures shall address situations in which medications removed from the system remain unused and must be secured and accounted for.

(13) The automated pharmacy system shall provide a mechanism for securing and accounting for wasted medications or discarded medications in accordance with existing state and federal law. Written policies and procedures shall address situations in which medications removed from the system are wasted or discarded and must be secured.

R156-17b-621. Operating Standards - Pharmacist Administration - Training.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-502(9), appropriate training for the administration of a prescription drug includes:

(a) current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification; and

(b) successful completion of a training program which includes at a minimum:

(i) didactic and practical training for administering injectable drugs;

(ii) the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for the administration of immunizations; and

(iii) the management of an anaphylactic reaction.

(2) Sources for the appropriate training include:

(a) ACPE approved programs; and

(b) curriculum-based programs from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department programs and other Board recognized providers.

(3) Training is to be supplemented by documentation of two hours of continuing education related to the area of practice in each preceding renewal period.

(4) The "Vaccine Administration Protocol: Standing Order to Administer Immunizations and Emergency Medications", adopted March 27, 2012, by the Division in collaboration with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy, as posted on the Division website, is the guideline or standard for pharmacist administration of vaccines and emergency medications.

R156-17b-621a. Operating Standards - Pharmacist Administration of a Long-acting Injectable Drug Therapy - Training.

In accordance with Subsections 58-17b-502(9) and 58-17b-625(2):

(1) Training for a pharmacist to administer long-acting injectables intramuscularly shall include successful completion of:

(a) current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification; and

(b) a training program for administering long-acting injectables intramuscularly that is provided by an ACPE accredited provider.

(2) An individual who engages in the administration of long-acting injectables intramuscularly shall:

(a) maintain documentation that the required training was obtained prior to any administration; and

(b) for each renewal cycle after the initial training, successfully complete a minimum of two hours of continuing education related to long-acting injectables.

R156-17b-621b. Operating Standards - Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern Dispensing of a Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptive - Training.

In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-502(14) and Section 26-62-106:

(1) Prior to dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive, a pharmacist or pharmacy intern shall successfully complete a training program for dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives that is provided by an ACPE-accredited provider and approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

(2) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who engages in the dispensing of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive shall:

(a) maintain documentation that the required training was obtained prior to any dispensing; and

(b) for each renewal cycle after the initial training, successfully complete a minimum of two hours of continuing education related to dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive, in accordance with Section R156-17b-309.

(3) The Utah Hormonal Contraceptive Self-screening Risk Assessment Questionnaire, adopted September 18, 2018, posted on the Division's website, is the self-screening risk assessment questionnaire to be used for pharmacist and pharmacy intern dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.

R156-17b-622. Standards - Dispensing Training Program.

(1) In accordance with Subsection R156-17b-102(17), a formal or on-the-job dispensing training program completed by a DMP designee is one that covers the following topics to the extent that the topics are relevant and current to the DMP practice where the DMP designee is employed:

(a) role of the DMP designee;

(b) laws affecting prescription drug dispensing;

(c) pharmacology including the identification of drugs by trade and generic names, and therapeutic classifications;

(d) pharmaceutical terminology, abbreviations and symbols;

(e) pharmaceutical calculations;

(f) drug packaging and labeling;

(g) computer applications in the pharmacy;

(h) sterile and non-sterile compounding;

(i) medication errors and safety;

(j) prescription and order entry and fill process;

(k) pharmacy inventory management; and

(l) pharmacy billing and reimbursement.

(2) Documentation demonstrating successful completion of a formal or on-the-job dispensing training program shall include the following information:

(a) name of individual trained;

(b) name of individual or entity that provided training;

(c) list of topics covered during the training program; and

(d) training completion date.

R156-17b-623. Standards - Approved Cosmetic Drugs and Injectable Weight Loss Drugs for Dispensing Medical Practitioners.

(1) A cosmetic drug that may be dispensed by a DMP in accordance with Section 58-17b-803 is limited to Latisse.

(2) An injectable weight loss drug that may be dispensed by a DMP in accordance with Section 58-17b-803 is limited to human chorionic gonadotropin.

R156-17b-624. Operating Standards. Repackaged or Compounded Prescription Drugs - Sale to a Practitioner for Office Use.

Pursuant to Section 58-17b-624, a pharmacy may repackage or compound a prescription drug for sale to a practitioner for office use provided that it is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding the practice of pharmacy, including, but not limited to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.A 301 et seq.

R156-17b-625. Standards - Reporting and Maintaining Records on the Dispensing of an Opiate Antagonist.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 26-55-105(2)(c) and (d), the pharmacist-in-charge or a responsible corporate officer of each pharmacy licensee that dispenses an opiate antagonist pursuant to a valid standing prescription drug order issued by a physician, shall affirm that the pharmacy licensee has complied with the protocol for dispensing an opiate antagonist as set forth in Section 26-55-105, and shall report, on an annual basis, to the division and to the physician who issued the opiate antagonist standing drug order, the following information:

(a) the total number of single doses of opiate antagonists dispensed during the reporting period; and

(b) the name of each opiate antagonist dispensed, along with the total number of single doses of that particular named opiate antagonist.

(2) Corporations or organizations with multiple component pharmacy licenses may submit one cumulative report for all its component pharmacy licensees. However, that report must contain the information described above for each of the component pharmacy licensees.

(3) Null reporting is not required. If a pharmacy licensee does not dispense an opiate antagonist during any year, that pharmacy licensee is not required to make an affirmation or report to the division.

(4) The annual affirmation and report described above is due to the division and to the physician who issued the standing drug order no later than 15 days following December 31 of each calendar year.

(5) In accordance with Subsection 26-55-105(2)(d), a pharmacy licensee who dispenses an opiate antagonist pursuant to a valid standing prescription order issued by a physician, shall maintain, subject to audit, the following information:

(a) the name of the individual to whom the opiate antagonist is dispensed;

(b) the name of the opiate antagonist dispensed;

(c) the quantity of the opiate antagonist dispensed;

(d) the strength of the opiate antagonist dispensed;

(e) the dosage quantity of the opiate antagonist dispensed;

(f) the full name of the drug outlet which dispensed the opiate antagonist;

(g) the date the opiate antagonist was dispensed; and

(h) the name of physician issuing the standing order to dispense the opiate antagonist.

(6) The division approves the protocol for the issuance of a standing prescription drug order for opiate antagonists, which is set forth in Subsection 26-55-105(2)(a) through (d) along with the requirements set forth in the foregoing provisions, and the reporting requirements set forth in Sections R156-67-604 and R156-68-604.

R156-17b-904. Criteria for Eligible Prescription Drug - Beyond-use Date or Expiration Date.

The division in collaboration with the board has not established a date later than the beyond use date or the expiration date recommended by the manufacturer for a specific prescription drug.

R156-17b-905. Fees.

As authorized by Subsection 58-17b-905(2)(e), an eligible pharmacy may charge the following handling fees:

(1) Before accepting a prescription drug under the program: $0 - $10; and

(2) Before dispensing a prescription drug under the program: $0 - $5.

R156-17b-907a. Registration Requirements - Eligible Pharmacy.

(1) A pharmacy seeking registration with the division as an eligible pharmacy shall submit an application on a form provided by the division.

(2) The division's form shall at a minimum require the applicant pharmacy to establish that:

(a) the applicant is currently licensed and in good standing with the division;

(b) the applicant agrees to maintain, subject to inspection by the division, written standards and procedures in compliance with Section R156-17b-907c;

(c) the applicant agrees to create and maintain, subject to inspection by the division, a special training program in accordance with Section R156-17b-907e; and

(d) as required by Subsection 58-17b-902(8), the applicant is operated by a county, county health department, a pharmacy under contract with a county health department, the Department of Health, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, or a charitable clinic.

R156-17b-907b. Formulary.

The formulary established under Subsection 58-17b-907(2) shall include all prescription drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that meet Section 58-17b-904 criteria, except for:

(1) controlled substances;

(2) compounded drugs; and

(3) drugs that can only be dispensed to a patient registered with the drug's manufacturer per federal Food and Drug Administration requirements.

R156-17b-907c. Standards and Procedures - Eligible Pharmacies.

An eligible pharmacy shall maintain written standards and procedures available for inspection by the division that:

(1) satisfy the requirements of Section 58-17b-907; and

(2) satisfy labeling requirements of Subsections 58-17b-602(5) through (8), and ensure that labels clearly identify the eligible drug was dispensed under the program.

R156-17b-907d. Standards and Procedures - Facilities and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Clients.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-907(4)(a), the division shall schedule and facilitate an annual meeting between the Department of Health and eligible pharmacies to establish program standards and procedures for assisted living facilities and nursing care facilities; and

(2) In accordance with Subsection 58-17b-907(4)(b), the division shall schedule and facilitate an annual meeting between the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and eligible pharmacies to establish program standards and procedures for mental health and substance abuse clients.

R156-17b-907e. Special Training Program.

An eligible pharmacy shall:

(1) create and maintain a special training program that its pharmacists and licensed pharmacy technicians shall complete before participating in the program; and

(2) maintain a record for at least two years of all pharmacists and licensed pharmacy technicians that have completed the special training program.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-38a. Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Rule.
R156-38a-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act Rule."

R156-38a-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act; Title 58, Chapter 1, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Act; and Rule R156-1, General Rule of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, which shall apply to this rule, as used in this rule:

(1) "Affidavit", as required by Subsection 38-11-110(2)(a), means a form affidavit approved by the Division that establishes the following:

(a) the applicant is an owner as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(17);

(b) the residence is an owner-occupied residence as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(18);

(c) the amount of the general contract as defined in Subsection 38-11-107(1)(b)(i)(B) and clarified in Subsection R156-38a-102(14);

(d) the original contractor as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(16);

(e) the location of the residence; and

(f) any other information necessary to establish eligibility for the issuance of a certificate of compliance under Subsection 38-11-110(2)(a), as determined by the Division.

(2) "Affidavit of Compliance" means the affidavit submitted by the owner seeking issuance of a certificate of compliance under Subsection 38-11-110(1)(a)(ii).

(3) "Applicant" means either a claimant, as defined in Subsection (4), or a homeowner, as defined in Subsection (8), who submits an application for a certificate of compliance.

(4) "Claimant" means a person who submits an application or claim for payment from the fund.

(5) "Construction project", as used in Subsection 38-11-203(4), means all qualified services related to the written contract required by Subsection 38-11-204(4)(a).

(6) "Contracting entity" means an original contractor, a factory built housing retailer, or a real estate developer that contracts with a homeowner.

(7) "During the construction", as used in Subsection 38-11-204(1)(c)(ii), means beginning at the time the claimant first provides qualified services and throughout the time frame the claimant provides qualified services.

(8) "Homeowner" means the owner of an owner-occupied residence.

(9) "Licensed or exempt from licensure", as used in Subsection 38-11-204(4) means that, on the date the written contract was entered into, the contractor held a valid, active license issued by the Division pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 55 of the Utah Code in any classification or met any of the exemptions to licensure given in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55.

(10) "Necessary party" includes the Division, on behalf of the fund, and the applicant.

(11) "Owner", as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(17), does not include any person or developer who builds residences that are offered for sale to the public.

(12) "Permissive party" includes:

(a) with respect to claims for payment: the nonpaying party, the homeowner, and any entity who may be required to reimburse the fund if a claimant's claim is paid from the fund;

(b) with respect to an application for a certificate of compliance: the original contractor and any entity who has demanded from the homeowner payment for qualified services.

(13) "Qualified services", as used in Subsection 38-11-102(20) do not include:

(a) services provided by the claimant to cure a breach of the contract between the claimant and the nonpaying party; or

(b) services provided by the claimant under a warranty or similar arrangement.

(14) "Totals no more", as used in Subsection 38-11-107(1)(b)(ii)(A), means the inclusion of all changes or additions.

(15) "Written contract", as used in Subsection 38-11-204(4)(a)(i), means one or more documents for the same construction project which collectively contain all of the following:

(a) an offer or agreement conveyed for qualified services that will be performed in the future;

(b) an acceptance of the offer or agreement conveyed prior to the commencement of any qualified services; and

(c) identification of the residence, the parties to the agreement, the qualified services that are to be performed, and an amount to be paid for the qualified services that will be performed.

R156-38a-103a. Authority - Purpose - Organization.

(1) This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Section 38-11-103 to enable the Division to administer Title 38, Chapter 11, the Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act.

(2) The organization of this rule is patterned after the organization of Title 38, Chapter 11.

R156-38a-103b. Duties, Functions, and Responsibilities of the Division.

The duties, functions and responsibilities of the Division with respect to the administration of Title 38, Chapter 11, shall, to the extent applicable and not in conflict with the Act or this rule, be in accordance with Section 58-1-106.

R156-38a-104. Board.

Board meetings shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section R156-1-205.

R156-38a-105a. Adjudicative Proceedings.

(1) The classification of adjudicative proceedings initiated under Title 38, Chapter 11 is set forth at Sections R156-46b-201 and R156-46b-202.

(2) The identity and role of presiding officers for adjudicative proceedings initiated under Title 38, Chapter 11, is set forth in Sections 58-1-109 and R156-1-109.

(3) Issuance of investigative subpoenas under Title 38, Chapter 11 shall be in accordance with Subsection R156-1-110.

(4) Adjudicative proceedings initiated under Title 38, Chapter 11, shall be conducted in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Utah Administrative Procedures Act, and Rules R151-46b and R156-46b, Utah Administrative Procedures Act Rules for the Department of Commerce and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, respectively, except as otherwise provided by Title 38, Chapter 11 or this rule.

(5) Claims for payment and applications for a certificate of compliance shall be filed with the Division and served upon all necessary and permissive parties.

(6) Service of claims, applications for a certificate of compliance, or other pleadings by mail to a qualified beneficiary of the fund addressed to the address shown on the Division's records with a certificate of service as required by R151-46b-8, shall constitute proper service. It shall be the responsibility of each applicant or registrant to maintain a current address with the Division.

(7) A permissive party is required to file a response to a claim or application for certificate of compliance within 30 days of notification by the Division of the filing of the claim or

application for certificate of compliance, to perfect the party's right to participate in the adjudicative proceeding to adjudicate the claim or application. The response of a permissive party seeking to dispute an owner's affidavit of compliance shall clearly state the basis for the dispute.

(8)(a) For claims wherein the claimant has had judgment entered against the nonpaying party, findings of fact and conclusions of law entered by a civil court or state agency submitted in support of or in opposition to a claim against the fund shall not be subject to readjudication in an adjudicative proceeding to adjudicate the claim.

(b) For claims wherein the nonpaying party's bankruptcy filing precluded the claimant from having judgment entered against the nonpaying party, a claim or issue resolved by a prior judgment, order, findings of fact, or conclusions of law entered in by a civil court or a state agency submitted in support of or in opposition to a claim against the fund shall not be subject to readjudication with respect to the parties to the judgment, order, findings of fact, or conclusions of law.

(9) A party to the adjudication of a claim against the fund may be granted a stay of the adjudicative proceeding during the pendency of a judicial appeal of a judgment entered by a civil court or the administrative or judicial appeal of an order entered by an administrative agency provided:

(a) the administrative or judicial appeal is directly related to the adjudication of the claim; and

(b) the request for the stay of proceedings is filed with the presiding officer conducting the adjudicative proceeding and concurrently served upon all parties to the adjudicative proceeding, no later than the deadline for filing the appeal.

(10) Notice pursuant to Subsection 38-1a-701(6)(f) shall be accomplished by sending a copy of the Division's order by first class, postage paid United States Postal Service mail to each lien claimant listed on the application for certificate of compliance. The address for the lien claimant shall be:

(a) if the lien claimant is a licensee of the Division or a registrant of the fund, the notice shall be mailed to the current mailing address shown on the Division's records; or

(b) if the lien claimant is not a licensee of the Division or a registrant of the fund, the notice shall be mailed to the registered agent address shown on the records of the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code.

R156-38a-105b. Notices of Denial - Notices of Incomplete Application - Conditional Denial of Claims - Extensions of Time to Correct Claims - Prolonged Status.

(1)(a) A written notice of denial of a claim or certificate of compliance shall be provided to an applicant who submits a complete application if the Division determines that the application does not meet the requirements of Section 38-11-204 or Subsection 38-11-110(1)(a), respectively.

(b) A written notice of incomplete application shall be provided to an applicant who submits an incomplete application. The notice shall advise the applicant that the application is incomplete and that the application will be denied, unless the applicant corrects the deficiencies within the time period specified in the notice and the application otherwise meets all qualifications for approval.

(2) An applicant may upon written request receive a single 30 day extension of the time period specified in the notice of incomplete application.

(3) (a) A claimant may for any reason be granted a single request for prolonged status;

(b) A homeowner seeking issuance of a certificate of compliance may be granted prolonged status if the homeowner submits a written request documenting that the homeowner:

(i) can be reasonably expected to complete the application if an additional extension is granted; or

(ii) has filed a pending action in small claims or district court to resolve a dispute of the affidavit of compliance.

(c) An application under (3)(a) or (3)(b) that is granted prolonged status shall be inactive for a period of one year or until reactivated by the applicant, whichever comes first.

(d) At the end of the one year period, the applicant under (3)(a) or (3)(b) shall be required to either complete the application or demonstrate reasonable cause for prolonged status to be renewed for another one year period. The following shall constitute valid causes for renewing prolonged status:

(i) continuing litigation the outcome of which will affect whether the applicant can demonstrate compliance with Section 38-11-110 or 38-11-204;

(ii) ongoing bankruptcy proceedings involving the nonpaying party or contracting entity that would prevent the applicant from complying with Section 38-11-204;

(iii) continuing compliance by the nonpaying party with a payment agreement between the claimant and the nonpaying party; or

(iv) other reasonable cause as determined by the presiding officer.

(e) Upon expiration of the one year prolonged status of an application, the Division shall issue to the applicant an updated notice of incomplete application pursuant to Subsection (1)(b). Included with that notice shall be a form that provides the applicant an opportunity to:

(i) reactivate the application;

(ii) withdraw the application; or

(iii) request prolonged status be renewed pursuant to Subsection (3)(d).

(f) A request for renewal of prolonged status made under Subsection (3)(d) shall include evidence sufficient to demonstrate the validity of the reasons given as justification for renewal.

(g) If an applicant's request for prolonged status or renewal of prolonged status is denied, the applicant may request agency review.

(h) An application which has been reactivated from prolonged status may not be again prolonged unless the applicant can establish compliance with the requirements of Subsection (3)(d).

R156-38a-107. Application of Requirements under Subsection 38-11-107(1)(b).

The provisions of Subsection 38-11-107(1)(b) shall apply only to general contracts entered into after May 10, 2010.

R156-38a-108. Notification of Rights under Title 38, Chapter 11.

A notice in substantially the following form shall prominently appear in an easy-to-read type style and size in every contract between an original contractor and homeowner and in every notice of intent to hold and claim lien filed under Section 38-1a-502 against a homeowner or against an owner-occupied residence:

"X. PROTECTION AGAINST LIENS AND CIVIL ACTION. Notice is hereby provided in accordance with Section 38-11-108 of the Utah Code that under Utah law an "owner" may be protected against liens being maintained against an "owner-occupied residence" and from other civil action being maintained to recover monies owed for "qualified services" performed or provided by suppliers and subcontractors as a part of this contract, if either section (1) or (2) is met:

(1)(a) the owner entered into a written contract with an original contractor, a factory built housing retailer, or a real estate developer;

(b) the original contractor was properly licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act at the time the contract was executed; and

(c) the owner paid in full the contracting entity in

accordance with the written contract and any written or oral amendments to the contract; or

(2) the amount of the general contract between the owner and the original contractor totals no more than $5,000."

(3) An owner who can establish compliance with either section (1) or (2) may perfect the owner's protection by applying for a Certificate of Compliance with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. The application is available at www.dopl.utah.gov/rlrf.

R156-38a-109. Format for Instruction and Form Required under Subsection 38-1a-701(6).

The instructions and form required under Subsection 38-1a-701(6) shall be the Homeowner's Application for Certificate of Compliance prepared by the Division.

R156-38a-110a. Applications by Homeowners seeking issuance of Certificate of Compliance under Subsection 38-11-110(1)(a)(i) - Supporting Documents and Information.

The following supporting documents shall, at a minimum, accompany each homeowner application for a certificate of compliance seeking protection under Subsection 38-11-110(1)(a)(i):

(1) a copy of the written contract between the homeowner and the contracting entity;

(2)(a) if the homeowner contracted with an original contractor, documentation issued by the Division that the original contractor was licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, on the date the contract was entered into;

(b) if the homeowner contracted with a real estate developer:

(i) a copy of the contract between the real estate developer and the licensed contractor with whom the real estate developer contracted for construction of the residence or other credible evidence showing the existence of such a contract and setting forth a description of the services provided to the real estate developer by the contractor;

(ii) credible evidence that the real estate developer offered the residence for sale to the public; and

(iii) documentation issued by the Division that the contractor with whom the real estate developer contracted for construction of the residence was licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, on the date the contract was entered into;

(c) if the real estate developer is a licensed contractor under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, who engages in the construction of a residence that is offered for sale to the public:

(i) a copy of the contract between the homeowner and the contractor real estate developer;

(ii) credible evidence that the contractor real estate developer offered the residence for sale to the public; and

(iii) documentation issued by the Division showing that the contractor real estate developer with whom the homeowner contracted for construction of the residence was licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, on the date the contract was entered into;

(d) if the homeowner contracted with a manufactured housing retailer, a copy of the completed retail purchase contract;

(3) one of the following:

(a) except as provided in Subsection (7), an affidavit from the contracting entity acknowledging that the homeowner paid the contracting entity in full in accordance with the written contract and any amendments to the contract; or

(b) other credible evidence establishing that the homeowner paid the contracting entity in full in accordance with the written contract and any amendments to the contract; and

(4) credible evidence establishing ownership of the incident residence on the date the written contract between the owner and the contracting entity was entered;

(5) one of the following:

(a) a copy of the certificate of occupancy issued by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the incident residence;

(b) if no occupancy permit was required by the local government entity but a final inspection was required, a copy of the final inspection approval issued by the local government entity; or

(c) if neither Subsection (5)(a) nor (b) applies, an affidavit from the homeowner or other credible evidence establishing the date on which the original contractor substantially completed the written contract;

(6)(a) an affidavit from the homeowner establishing that the residence is an owner-occupied residence as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(18); or

(b) other credible evidence establishing that the residence if an owner-occupied residence as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(18).

(7) If any of the following apply, the affidavit described in Subsection (3)(a) shall not be accepted as evidence of payment in full unless that affidavit is accompanied by independent, credible evidence substantiating the statements made in the affidavit:

(a) the affiant is the homeowner;

(b) the homeowner is an owner, member, partner, shareholder, employee, or qualifier of the contracting entity;

(c) the homeowner has a familial relationship with an owner, member, partner, shareholder, employee, or qualifier of the contracting entity;

(d) the homeowner has a familial relationship with the affiant;

(e) an owner, member, partner, shareholder, employee, or qualifier of the contracting entity is also an owner, member, partner, shareholder, employee, or qualifier of the homeowner;

(f) the contracting entity is an owner, member, partner, shareholder, employee, or qualifier of the homeowner; or

(g) the affiant stands to benefit in any way from approval of the claim or application for certificate of compliance.

R156-38a-110b. Applications by Homeowners seeking issuance of a Certificate of Compliance under Subsection 38-11-110(1)(a)(ii) - Supporting Documents and Information.

The following supporting documents shall, at a minimum, accompany each homeowner application for a certificate of compliance seeking protection under Subsection 38-11-110(1)(a)(ii):

(1)(a) the original affidavit of compliance; and

(b) a list of known subcontractors who provided service, labor, or materials under the general contractor.

(2) When an affidavit of compliance is disputed, the owner must submit evidence demonstrating compliance with the requirements specified in Subsection 38-11-110(2)(c)(ii).

R156-38a-203. Limitation on Payment of Claims.

(1) Claims may be paid prior to the pro-rata adjustment required by Subsection 38-11-203(4)(b) if the Division determines that a pro-rata payment will likely not be required.

(2) If any claims have been paid before the Division determines a pro-rata payment will likely be required, the Division will notify the claimants of the likely adjustment and that the claimants will be required to reimburse the Division when the final pro-rata amounts are determined.

(3) The pro-rata payment amount required by Subsection 38-11-203(4)(b) shall be calculated as follows:

(a) determine the total claim amount each claimant would

be entitled to without consideration of the limit set in Subsection 38-11-203(4)(b);

(b) sum the amounts each claimant would be entitled to without consideration of the limit to determine the total amount payable to all claimants without consideration of the limit;

(c) divide the limit amount by the total amount payable to all claimants without consideration of the limit to find the claim allocation ratio; and

(d) for each claim, multiply the total claim amount without consideration of the limit by the claim allocation ratio to find the net payment for each claim.

R156-38a-204a. Claims Against the Fund by Nonlaborers - Supporting Documents and Information.

The following supporting documents shall, at a minimum, accompany each nonlaborer claim for recovery from the fund:

(1) one of the following:

(a) a copy of the certificate of compliance issued by the Division establishing that the owner is in compliance with Subsection 38-11-204(4)(a) and (b) for the residence at issue in the claim;

(b) the documents required in Section R156-38a-110a; or

(c) a copy of a civil judgment containing findings of fact that:

(i) the homeowner entered a written contract in compliance with Subsection 38-11-204(4)(a);

(ii) the contracting entity was licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act;

(iii) the homeowner paid the contracting entity in full in accordance with the written contract and any amendments to the contract; and

(iv) the homeowner is an owner as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(17) and the residence is an owner-occupied residence as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(18);

(2) if the applicant recorded a notice of claim under Section 38-1a-502, a copy of that notice establishing the date that notice was filed.

(3) one of the following as applicable:

(a) a copy of an action date stamped by a court of competent jurisdiction filed by the claimant against the nonpaying party to recover monies owed for qualified services performed on the owner-occupied residence; or

(b) documentation that a bankruptcy filing by the nonpaying party prevented the claimant from satisfying Subsection (a);

(4) one of the following:

(a) a copy of a civil judgment entered in favor of the claimant against the nonpaying party containing a finding that the nonpaying party failed to pay the claimant pursuant to their contract; or

(b) documentation that a bankruptcy filing by the nonpaying party prevented the claimant from obtaining a civil judgment, including a copy of the proof of claim filed by the claimant with the bankruptcy court, together with credible evidence establishing that the nonpaying party failed to pay the claimant pursuant to their contract;

(5) one or more of the following as applicable:

(a) a copy of a supplemental order issued following the civil judgment entered in favor of the claimant and a copy of the return of service of the supplemental order indicating either that service was accomplished on the nonpaying party or that said nonpaying party could not be located or served;

(b) a writ of execution issued if any assets are identified through the supplemental order or other process, which have sufficient value to reasonably justify the expenditure of costs and legal fees which would be incurred in preparing, issuing, and serving execution papers and in holding an execution sale; or

(c) documentation that a bankruptcy filing or other action by the nonpaying party prevented the claimant from satisfying Subparagraphs (a) and (b);

(6) certification that the claimant is not entitled to reimbursement from any other person at the time the claim is filed and that the claimant will immediately notify the presiding officer if the claimant becomes entitled to reimbursement from any other person after the date the claim is filed; and

(7) one or more of the following:

(a) a copy of invoices setting forth a description of, the location of, the performance dates of, and the value of the qualified services claimed;

(b) a copy of a civil judgment containing a finding setting forth a description of, the location of, the performance dates of, and the value of the qualified services claimed; or

(c) credible evidence setting forth a description of, the location of, the performance dates of, and the value of the qualified services claimed.

(8) If the claimant is requesting payment of costs and attorney fees other than those specifically enumerated in the judgment against the nonpaying party, the claim shall include documentation of those costs and fees adequate for the Division to apply the requirements set forth in Section R156-38a-204d.

(9) In claims in which the presiding officer determines that the claimant has made a reasonable but unsuccessful effort to produce all documentation specified under this rule to satisfy any requirement to recover from the fund, the presiding officer may elect to accept the evidence submitted by the claimant if the requirements to recover from the fund can be established by that evidence.

(10) A separate claim must be filed for each residence and a separate filing fee must be paid for each claim.

R156-38a-204b. Claims Against the Fund by Laborers - Supporting Documents.

(1) The following supporting documents shall, at a minimum, accompany each laborer claim for recovery from the fund:

(a) one of the following:

(i) a copy of a wage claim assignment filed with the Employment Standards Bureau of the Antidiscrimination and Labor Division of the Labor Commission of Utah for the amount of the claim, together with all supporting documents submitted in conjunction therewith; or

(ii) a copy of an action filed by claimant against claimant's employer to recover wages owed;

(b) one of the following:

(i) a copy of a final administrative order for payment issued by the Employment Standards Bureau of the Antidiscrimination and Labor Division of the Labor Commission of Utah containing a finding that the claimant is an employee and that the claimant has not been paid wages due for work performed at the site of construction on an owner-occupied residence;

(ii) a copy of a civil judgment entered in favor of claimant against the employer containing a finding that the employer failed to pay the claimant wages due for work performed at the site of construction on an owner-occupied residence; or

(iii) a copy of a bankruptcy filing by the employer which prevented the entry of an order or a judgment against the employer;

(c) one of the following:

(i) a copy of the certificate of compliance issued by the Division establishing that the owner is in compliance with Subsection 38-11-204(4)(a) and (b) for the residence at issue in the claim;

(ii) an affidavit from the homeowner establishing that he is an owner as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(17) and that the residence is an owner-occupied residence as defined by

Subsection 38-11-102(18);

(iii) a copy of a civil judgment containing a finding that the homeowner is an owner as defined by Subsection 38-11-102(17) and that the residence is an owner-occupied residence as defined by Subsection 38-11-102(18); or

(iv) other credible evidence establishing that the owner is an owner as defined by Subsection 38-11-102(17) and that the residence is an owner-occupied residence as defined by Subsection 38-11-102(18).

(2) When a laborer makes claim on multiple residences as a result of a single incident of nonpayment by the same employer, the Division must require payment of at least one application fee required under Section 38-11-204(1)(b) and at least one registration fee required under Subsection 38-11-204(7), but may waive additional application and registration fees for claims for the additional residences, where no legitimate purpose would be served by requiring separate filings.

R156-38a-204c. Calculation of Costs, Attorney Fees and Interest for Payable Claims.

(1) Payment for qualified services, costs, attorney fees, and interest shall be made as specified in Section 38-11-203.

(2) When a claimant provides qualified service on multiple properties, irrespective of whether those properties are owner-occupied residences, and files claim for payment on some or all of those properties and the claims are supported by a single judgment or other common documentation and the judgment or documentation does not differentiate costs and attorney fees by property, the amount of costs and attorney fees shall be allocated among the related properties using the following formula: (Qualified services attributable to the owner-occupied residence at issue in the claim divided by Total qualified services awarded as judgment principal or total documented qualified services) x Total costs or total attorney fees.

(3)(a) For claims wherein the claimant has had judgment entered against the nonpaying party, post-judgment costs shall be limited to those costs allowable by a district court, such as costs of service, garnishments, or executions, and shall not include postage, copy expenses, telephone expenses, or other costs related to the preparation and filing of the claim application.

(b) For claims wherein the nonpaying party's bankruptcy filing precluded the claimant from having judgment entered against the nonpaying party, total costs shall be limited to those costs that would have been allowable by the district court had judgment been entered, such as, but not limited to, costs of services, garnishments, or executions, and shall not include postage, copy expenses, telephone expenses, or other costs related to the preparation and filing of the claim application.

(4) The interest rate or rates applicable to a claim shall be the rate for the year or years in which payment for the qualified services was due.

(5) If the evidence submitted in fulfillment of Subsection R156-38a-204b(7) does not specify the date or dates upon which payment was due, the Division shall assume payment was due 30 calendar days after the date on which the claimant billed the nonpaying party for the qualified services.

(6) If the qualified services at issue in a claim were billed in two or more installments and payment was due on two or more dates, the claimant shall provide documentation sufficient for the Division to determine each payment due date and the attendant portion of qualified services for which payment was due on that date. If the claimant does not provide sufficient documentation, the Division shall assume the nonpaying party's debt accrued evenly throughout the period so an equal portion of the qualified services balance shall be applied to each billing installment.

(7) If a claimant receives partial payment for qualified services between the time judgment is entered and the claim is filed, the Division shall calculate payment amounts by accruing costs, attorney fees and interest to the date of the payment then reducing the individual balances of first interest, then costs, then attorney fees, and finally qualified services to a zero balance until the entire payment is applied. The Division shall then make payment of the remaining balances plus additional accrued interest on the remaining qualified services balance.

R156-38a-301a. Contractor Registration as a Qualified Beneficiary - All License Classifications Required to Register Unless Specifically Exempted - Exempted Classifications.

(1) All license classifications of contractors are determined to be regularly engaged in providing qualified services for purposes of automatic registration as a qualified beneficiary, as set forth in Subsections 38-11-301(1) and (2), with the exception of the following license classifications:

TABLE II

Primary Classification Number	Subclassification Number	Classification
E100		General Engineering Contractor
	P202	Boiler Installation Contractor
	P204	Industrial Piping Contractor
	S262	Gunnite and Pressure Grouting Contractor
S320		Steel Erection Contractor
	S321	Steel Reinforcing Contractor
	S322	Metal Building Erection Contractor
	S323	Structural Stud Erection Contractor
S340		Sheet Metal Contractor
S360		Refrigeration Contractor
S440		Sign Installation Contractor
	S441	Non Electrical Outdoor Advertising Sign Contractor
S450		Mechanical Insulation Contractor
S470		Petroleum System Contractor
S480		Piers and Foundations Contractor
I101		General Engineering Trades Instructor
I102		General Building Trades Instructor
I103		General Electrical Trades Instructor
I104		General Plumbing Trades Instructor
I105		General Mechanical Trades Instructor

R156-38a-301b. Event Necessitating Registration - Name Change by Qualified Beneficiary - Reorganization of Registrant's Business Type - Transferability of Registration.

(1) Any change in entity status by a registrant requires registration with the Fund by the new or surviving entity before that entity is a qualified beneficiary.

(2) The following constitute a change of entity status for purposes of Subsection (1):

(a) creation of a new legal entity as a successor or related-party entity of the registrant;

(b) change from one form of legal entity to another by the registrant; or

(c) merger or other similar transaction wherein the existing registrant is acquired by or assumed into another entity and no longer conducts business as its own legal entity.

(3) A qualified beneficiary registrant shall notify the Division in writing of a name change within 30 days of the change becoming effective. The notice shall provide the following:

(a) the registrant's prior name;

(b) the registrant's new name;

(c) the registrant's registration number; and

(d) proof of registration with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code as required by state law.

(4) A registration shall not be transferred, lent, borrowed, sold, exchanged for consideration, assigned, or made available for use by any entity other than the registrant for any reason.

(5) A claimant shall not be considered a qualified beneficiary registrant merely by virtue of owning or being owned by an entity that is a qualified beneficiary.

R156-38a-401. Requirements for a Letter of Credit and/or Evidence of a Cash Deposit as Alternate Security for Mechanics' Lien.

To qualify as alternate security under Subsection 38-1a-804(2)(c)(i)(B) "evidence of a cash deposit" must be an account at a federally insured depository institution that is pledged to the protected party and is payable to the protected party upon the occurrence of specified conditions in a written agreement.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-38b. State Construction Registry Rule.
R156-38b-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "State Construction Registry Rule."

R156-38b-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 38, Chapter 1a, Preconstruction and Construction Liens; Title 38, Chapter 1b, Government Construction Projects; Title 58, Chapter 1, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Act; and Rule R156-1, General Rule of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing; which shall apply to these rules, as used in the referenced statutes or this rule:

(1) "Alternate means" means transmission by telefax, by U.S. mail, or by private commercial courier.

(2) "Electronic" or "Electronically" means transmission by Internet or by electronic mail and does not mean a transmission by alternate means or process.

(3) "J2EE" means SUN Microsystem's Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition, for multi-tier server-oriented enterprise applications.

(4) "Merge" means to link two or more filings together under a unique project number as required by Subsection 38-1b-201(3)(c).

(5) "Private project" means a construction project, commenced after July 31, 2011, that is not a government project.

(6) "SCR" means the State Construction Registry established in Sections 38-1a-201 through 38-1a-211.

R156-38b-103. Authority - Purpose.

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 38-1a-202(3)(a) to administer the SCR.

R156-38b-201. Duties, Functions, and Responsibilities of the Division.

In accordance with Subsection 38-1a-202(3)(a), the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division are oversight and enforcement of the Act, and include:

(1) establishing rules to implement the SCR;

(2) providing oversight of the design, operation, and maintenance of the SCR; and

(3) auditing the functionality and integrity of the SCR.

R156-38b-301. Duties, Functions, and Responsibilities of the Designated Agent.

In accordance with Subsections 38-1a-202(2) and (4) through (7), the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the designated agent include:

(1) designing, developing, hosting, operating, and maintaining the SCR;

(2) providing training, marketing, and technical support for the SCR;

(3) performing other duties, functions, and responsibilities provided by statute, rule, or contract; and

(4) obtaining and maintaining insurance coverage as follows:

(a) general liability insurance, which at a minimum shall be the amount established for the designated agent's master contract with the State of Utah; and

(b) errors and omissions insurance as required by Subsection 38-1a-202(5), which may be satisfied by the designated agent's current policy that insures its parent company and all subsidiaries in the amount of $5 Million.

R156-38b-401. Reliability, Availability and Security Standards.

The designated agent shall provide a reliable hosting environment which shall contain the following elements:

(1) Operating Standard. The designated agent shall initially adhere to the J2EE standard and such standard in the future as the Division shall designate in cooperation with the designated agent.

(2) System Upgrades. The designated agent shall notify the Division when the SCR requires an update that may cause significant service interruption. Functional or structural changes that impact the system requirements shall require prior approval from the Division.

(3) Security. The designated agent shall take commercially reasonable steps to provide that the information contained in the SCR is secure and protected from unauthorized entry.

(4) System Backup. The designated agent shall provide adequate backup of the system and its data, including the following:

(a) Redundant Servers. There shall be multiple servers running the SCR and Internet environments, but no more than two sets of servers.

(b) Data Backup Environment. There shall be facilities to continuously back up data contained in the SCR. This backed-up data must be easily retrieved and either viewed or placed back into the SCR if required.

(c) Redundant Power Supply. There shall be a single reliable redundant power supply for the entire environment.

(5) System Recovery. In the event of a system failure, the designated agent shall provide system recovery and re-deployment to meet a standard that will result in restoration into full production within a maximum of three business days which are defined as Mondays through Fridays with legal holidays excluded. In the event of destruction of the designated agent's primary hosting facility, the designated agent shall meet a standard whereby complete service restoration could be implemented within two weeks provided the telecommunications and data center vendor can meet this schedule.

(6) Software Licensing. The designated agent shall maintain valid software licenses for all purchased software used for the SCR.

(7) System Monitoring. The designated agent shall provide continuous monitoring of SCR environment.

(8) System Support. The designated agent shall provide appropriate personnel to continuously maintain the SCR environment.

(9) Continuity of Operations. In the event that, for whatever reason, operation and maintenance of the SCR is transferred to the state or another designated agent, continuity of the SCR shall be maintained in accordance with the governing contractual provisions with the designated agent.

(10) In the event that the Division elects to provide some of the services listed in (1) through (8) above, the designated agent will be relieved of the responsibilities for the services so assumed. Such election by the Division shall be in writing.

R156-38b-402. User Identification and Password.

(1) All users are required to register with the designated agent.

(2) The designated agent shall issue a unique user ID and password to each user who successfully registers to use the SCR.

(3) The information gathered in the registration process shall be maintained in the SCR as the user profile.

(4) The registration process shall include the following information and any other information established by the Division in collaboration with the designated agent:

(a) first and last name of the individual registering; and

(b) email address, if any.

(5) The designated agent shall provide the ability for a

user to view and modify the user's profile.

(6) The designated agent shall provide an industry accepted secure method for a user to recover a forgotten user ID or password.

(7) The designated agent shall pre-populate filings with any information available in the user's profile.

R156-38b-403. Transaction Log.

The designated agent shall maintain a transaction log of the SCR that includes a transaction record of completed transactions by registered user.

R156-38b-501. Required Information for SCR Filing Notices.

(1) Electronic notice filings shall be input into the SCR entry screen by the person making the filing but shall not be accepted by the designated agent unless the person complies with the content requirements for the SCR filing.

(2) The designated agent shall verify that data is submitted for each of the content requirements, but it is not responsible for the accuracy, suitability, or coherence of the data.

R156-38b-502. Merging Notices of Commencement.

(1) Checking for Existing Notices. In order to prevent duplicate filings of notices of commencement, the designated agent shall search the SCR for any existing notices of commencement before allowing a user to create a new notice of commencement.

(a) If an existing notice of commencement is identified the following procedures apply:

(i) For an electronic filing:

(A) the designated agent shall indicate that a notice of commencement may have already been filed for the project and display the possible notice or notices of commencement that may match the existing project filing.

(B) The designated agent shall allow the user to review the content of any existing notices to determine whether a notice has already been filed for the project before allowing a new notice to be filed.

(ii) For an alternate means filing, the designated agent shall notify the filer by electronic or alternate means as specified by the filer, that a notice of commencement has already been filed for the particular project and include a copy of the existing notice of commencement.

(b) As part of the process described in Subsection R156-38b-502(1), the SCR search for an existing notice of commencement shall display, for review by the person who submitted the search parameters, all notice of commencement filings that fit the search parameters indicated by the submission that prompted the search.

(c) If no existing notice of commencement is identified for the particular project, the designated agent shall allow the person who submitted the filing to file a new notice of commencement.

(2) Merging of Duplicate Filings. Duplicate filings shall be avoided to the extent possible in accordance with the procedure outlined in this Subsection. The SCR shall include functionality to allow a person who has successfully filed a notice of commencement which duplicates another notice of commencement already in the SCR to merge the notice of commencement with the existing notice of commencement filing.

(a) The affected SCR filings shall reflect the effective date of the merger.

(b) The designated agent shall provide notification of the merger to all persons who are associated with either notice of commencement filing, including those who have filed preliminary notices.

(c) The effective date of a merger reflects the date the unique merger number was cross-referenced to duplicate notice of commencement filings. A merger does not dissolve or affect the filing dates, or the consequences of the filing dates, of the notices being combined.

(3) The person making a notice filing shall be responsible for correctly identifying a project, and for the consequences of failing to correctly identify a project. Neither the Division nor the designated agent shall be responsible for the consequences of a person making a notice of commencement filing that identifies a project in such a way that the designated agent is unable to identify an existing notice of commencement for the project, according to the search criteria established by the Division in collaboration with the designated agent, nor for the designated agent allowing the person to make a successful duplicate notice of commencement filing with a different description of the project.

R156-38b-503. Alternate Filings.

(1) Alternate Means of Filing. The alternate means of filing are those established by Subsection 38-1a-201(1)(e)(ii), including U.S. Mail and telefax. Private commercial courier is established as an additional alternate means of receipt by the designated agent, but not dispatch from the designated agent.

(2) Content Requirements. The content requirements for alternate means filings shall be the same as for electronic filings as set forth for Notices in Title 38, Chapters 1a and 1b or this rule.

(3) Format Requirements. Alternate means filings shall be submitted in a standard format adopted by the Division in collaboration with the designated agent. Filings not submitted in the standard format, in the sole judgment of the designated agent, shall be rejected and dispatched to the submitter. The filing fee shall be retained by the designated agent as a processing fee for rejecting and dispatching the filing. An additional filing fee shall be due upon resubmission.

(4) Methodology.

(a) U.S. Mail. An alternate means filing by U.S. Mail shall be submitted to the designated agent's mailing address by any method of U.S. Mail.

(b) Express Mail. An alternate means filing by commercial private courier shall be submitted to the designated agent's mailing address by any commercially available method of express mail.

(c) Telefax. An alternate means filing by telefax shall be submitted to the designated agent's toll-free unique SCR fax number.

(5) Processing Requirements.

(a) Transaction Receipt. The designated agent shall confirm a successful alternate method filing and fee payment receipt by sending a transaction receipt as specified in Section R156-38b-602.

(b) Creation of Electronic Image. The designated agent shall create and maintain an electronic image of alternate method filings that are accepted into the SCR. Once an electronic image has been created and the accepted alternate method filing has been entered into the SCR, the original version of the accepted alternate method filing may be destroyed. The electronic image shall remain accessible for audit purposes.

(6) Data Entry Standards.

(a) In accordance with Subsection 38-1a-202(6), the designated agent shall meet or exceed the following data entry standards for alternate means filings:

(i) a primary operator shall manually input information filed by alternate means;

(ii) a secondary operator shall independently input the construction project permit number and original contractor name;

(iii) the designated agent shall automatically compare all

entries from the primary and secondary operators for consistency;

(iv) following the above procedures, the designated agent shall visually inspect at least 5% of all notices created by alternate means filing; and

(v) these standards are to be met prior to Internet publication.

R156-38b-504. Dates of Filings.

The official filing date of a particular filing shall be determined as follows:

(1) In the case of an electronic filing, it shall be the date the designated agent accepts a filing input by the person making the filing and makes available a payment receipt to the person making the filing.

(2) In the case of an alternate means filing, it shall be the date upon which the designated agent received a filing that was ultimately accepted into the SCR including content requirements and payment.

R156-38b-505. Status of and Process for Filings Not Accepted by the Designated Agent.

(1) A filing that is not accepted by the designated agent shall not be considered to be filed.

(2) The designated agent shall electronically indicate to a person whose electronic filing is not accepted that the filing is not accepted and the reason or reasons why it is not accepted. The designated agent shall allow the person making the electronic filing to attempt to correct any defects, if possible.

(3) The designated agent shall notify a person whose alternate means filing is not accepted that the filing is not accepted and the reason or reasons why it is not accepted. The designated agent shall allow the person making the alternate means filing to correct the defect or defects.

(4) A fee payment received with a filing submitted by alternate means that is not accepted shall be retained by the designated agent as the processing fee for handling the incomplete filing.

(5) For auditing purposes, the designated agent shall maintain a record of all processing fees received with filings submitted by alternate means that are not accepted.

R156-38b-601. Fee Payment Methods.

(1) Pay-as-you-go Account. Payments may be made online by a credit card transaction in the amount established by the Division in collaboration with the designated agent. For alternate means filings, users will have the option of sending in a check or credit card information with their filing.

(2) Monthly Accounts. Payments may be made by a monthly account as specified by the Division in collaboration with the designated agent, as follows:

(a) an account in which the designated agent charges monthly fees to a credit card or bank account designated and authorized by the registered user; or

(b) an account, guaranteed by a credit card, in which the designated agent sends a monthly invoice to be paid by the registered user within 30 days.

R156-38b-602. Transaction Receipts.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 38-1a-201(1)(g), the designated agent shall make available a transaction receipt upon acceptance of a filing into the SCR. The receipt shall indicate:

(a) the amount of any fee payment being processed;

(b) that the filing is accepted by the designated agent;

(c) the date and time of the filing's acceptance; and

(d) the content of the accepted filing.

(2) The designated agent shall send a transaction receipt to a person who submits a filing by alternate means that is accepted.

R156-38b-603. Fee Payment Accounting.

The designated agent shall keep accurate records to account for all fee payments, including filing fee payments and registration payments for access to SCR data. The designated agent shall make its accounting records available to the Division upon notification for auditing purposes.

R156-38b-604. Fee Payment Collection.

The designated agent shall conduct or contract for all fee payment collection activities and shall document or require to be documented such activities. The designated agent shall make its collection activity records available to the Division upon notification, for auditing purposes.

R156-38b-702. Archiving Requirements.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 38-1a-202(4)(a), the designated agent shall archive the SCR computer data files semi-annually for auditing purposes.

(2) In accordance with Subsection 38-1a-202(4)(c), filings shall be archived as follows:

(a) one year after the day on which a notice of completion is accepted into the SCR; or

(b) if no notice of completion is filed, two years after the last filing activity for a project.

(3) For purposes of this section, "archive" means to preserve an original or a copy of computer data files and filings separate from the active SCR.

(4) The designated agent shall maintain a transaction log of archived filings and make it available to the Division upon request for auditing purposes.

R156-38b-703. SCR Record Classification.

With the exception of any data that is subclassified as a private record, the SCR shall be classified by the Division under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA), as a public record series.

R156-38b-704. Registered User Access to SCR Data.

In accordance with Subsection 38-1a-207(5), construction projects in the SCR shall be accessible to an interested person who has registered with the designated agent and has been assigned a unique user ID and password to gain access to the SCR.

R156-38b-705. Public Access to SCR Data.

Requests for public access to SCR data shall be handled in accordance with Subsection 38-1-27(5).

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-60c. Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act Rule.

R156-60c-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act Rule".

R156-60c-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) "Deficiency", as used in Subsection 58-60-117(1)(d), means:

(a) no more than a combined total of six semester or nine quarter hours in:

(i) group counseling and group work;

(ii) human growth and development;

(iii) career development;

(iv) substance-related and addictive disorders; and

(v) research and program evaluation.

(2) "Internship" means:

(a) one or more courses completed as part of a program at an accredited school:

(i) in a public or private agency engaged in the clinical practice of mental health therapy as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); and

(ii) under supervision provided by a qualified mental health training supervisor as defined in Section R156-60c-401.

(3) "Practicum" means:

(a) one or more courses completed as part of a program at an accredited school:

(i) in a public or private agency engaged in the clinical practice of mental health therapy as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); and

(ii) under supervision provided by a qualified mental health training supervisor as defined in Section R156-60c-401.

(4) "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 R156-60c-502.

R156-60c-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 60, Part 4.

R156-60c-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.

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

(1) Pursuant to Subsection 58-60-405(1)(d)(i), an applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall:

(a) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours completed as part of a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling or counselor education and supervision from a program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); or

(b)(i) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours as part of a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

(ii) A program under Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall include the following graduate level course work:

(A) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in professional counseling orientation and ethical practice based on the standards of the American Counseling Association (ACA), American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA), or National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC);

(B) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in social and cultural diversity;

(C) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in group counseling and group work;

(D) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in human growth and development;

(E) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in career development;

(F) a minimum of six semester or eight quarter hours in counseling and helping relationships;

(G) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in substance-related and addictive disorders;

(H) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in assessment and testing;

(I) a minimum of four semester or six quarter hours in mental status examination and the appraisal of DSM maladaptive and psychopathological behavior;

(J) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in research and program evaluation;

(K) a minimum of four semester or six quarter hours of internship or practicum as defined in Subsection R156-60c-102(1) or (2) that includes combined completion of at least 1,000 hours of supervised clinical training of which at least 400 hours shall be in providing clinical mental health counseling directly to clients as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7);and

(L) a minimum of 34 semester or 52 quarter hours of course work related to the practice of counseling of which no more than six semester or eight quarter hours of credit for thesis, dissertation or project hours shall be counted toward the required hours in this subsection.

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

(1) The clinical mental health counselor and mental health therapy training qualifying an applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor under Subsections 58-60-405(1)(e) and (f) shall:

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

(b) be completed while the applicant is licensed as a licensed associate clinical mental health counselor or licensed associate clinical mental health counselor extern;

(c) be completed while the applicant is an employee, as defined in Subsection R156-60-102(3), of a public or private agency engaged in mental health therapy under the supervision of a qualified clinical mental health counselor, psychiatrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist, physician, or marriage and family therapist; and

(c) be completed under a program of supervision by a mental health therapist meeting the requirements under Sections R156-60c-401 and R156-60c-402.

(2) An applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor, who is not seeking licensure by endorsement based upon licensure in another jurisdiction, who has completed all or part of the clinical mental health counselor and mental health therapy training requirements under Subsection (1) outside the state may receive credit for that training completed outside of the state if it is demonstrated by the applicant that the training completed outside the state is equivalent to and in all respects meets the requirements for training under Subsections 58-60-405(1)(e) and (f), and Subsections R156-60c-302b(1). The applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating by evidence satisfactory to the Division and Board that the training completed outside the state is equivalent to and in all respects

meets the requirements under this Subsection.

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

Under Subsection 58-60-405(1)(g), an applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall pass the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination of the National Board for Certified Counselors.

R156-60c-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.

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

R156-60c-304. Continuing Education.

(1) There is hereby established a continuing education requirement for all individuals licensed under Title 58, Chapter 60, Part 4, as a clinical mental health counselor and associate clinical mental health counselor.

(2) During each two year period commencing October 1st of each even numbered year, a clinical mental health counselor or licensed associate clinical mental health counselor shall complete at least 40 hours of continuing education directly related to the licensee's professional practice of which at least six hours shall be in ethics/law.

(3) The required number of hours of continuing education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two year period shall be decreased proportionally, according to the date of licensure.

(4) Continuing education under this section shall:

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

(b) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training and experience to provide continuing education regarding clinical mental health counseling; and

(c) document and verify attendance and completion.

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

(a) unlimited hours shall be recognized for continuing education completed in blocks of time of at least one hour in formally established classroom courses, seminars, or conferences;

(b) a maximum of 10 hours per two year period may be recognized for teaching in a college or university, teaching qualified continuing education courses in the field of clinical mental health counseling, or supervising of an individual completing the experience requirement for licensure in a mental health therapist license classification; and

(c) a maximum of 10 hours per two year period may be recognized for distance learning, clinical readings, or internet-based courses directly related to practice as a clinical mental health counselor or as otherwise approved by the Division.

(6) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed continuing education for at least 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 having engaged in full-time activities or is subjected to circumstances that prevent the licensee from meeting the continuing education requirements established under this Section 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.

(8) If a licensee completes more than the required number of continuing education hours during a two-year renewal cycle specified in Subsection (2), up to ten hours of the excess may be carried over to the next two-year renewal cycle.

(9) No education received prior to licensure in Utah may be used towards the continuing education requirements of Subsection (2).

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

In addition to the requirements established in Section R156-1-308e, an applicant for reinstatement of his license after two years following expiration of that license shall be required to meet the following reinstatement requirements:

(1) if deemed necessary, meet with the Board for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's current ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a clinical mental health counselor and to make a determination of any additional education, experience or examination requirements which will be required before reinstatement;

(2) upon the recommendation of the Board, establish a plan of supervision under an approved supervisor which may include up to 4,000 hours of clinical training as an associate clinical mental health counselor extern;

(3) pass the National Counseling Examination of the National Board for Certified Counselors if it is determined by the Board that current taking and passing of the examination is necessary to demonstrate the applicant's ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a clinical mental health counselor;

(4) pass the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination if it is determined by the Board that current taking and passing of the examination is necessary to demonstrate the applicant's ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a clinical mental health counselor; and

(5) complete a minimum of 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 clinical mental health counselor.

R156-60c-401. Requirements to be Qualified as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor Training Supervisor.

In accordance with Subsections 58-60-405(1)(e) and (f), in order for an individual to be qualified as a clinical mental health counselor training supervisor, the individual shall have the following qualifications:

(1) be currently licensed in good standing in a profession set forth for a supervisor under Subsection 58-60-405(1)(e) in the state in which the supervised training is being performed;

(2) have engaged in lawful practice of mental health therapy as a physician, clinical mental health counselor, psychiatrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist, or marriage and family therapist for not fewer than 4,000 hours in a period of not less than two years prior to beginning supervision activities; and

(3) be employed by or have a contract with the mental health agency that employs the supervisee, but not be employed by the supervisee, nor be employed by an agency owned in total or in part by the supervisee, or in which the supervisee has any controlling interest.

R156-60c-402. Duties and Responsibilities of a Supervisor of Clinical Mental Health Counselor.

The duties and responsibilities of a licensee providing supervision to an individual completing supervised clinical mental health counselor training requirements for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor are to:

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

(2) be engaged in a relationship with the supervisee in

which the supervisor is independent from control by the supervisee and in which the ability of the supervisor to supervise and direct the practice of the supervisee is not compromised;

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

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

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

(6) monitor the performance of the supervisee for compliance with laws, standards, and ethics applicable to the practice of clinical mental health counseling and report violations to the Division;

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

(8) submit appropriate documentation to the Division with respect to all work completed by the supervisee evidencing the performance of the supervisee during the period of supervised clinical mental health counselor training, including the supervisor's evaluation of the supervisee's competence in the practice of clinical mental health counseling;

(9) supervise not more than three supervisees at any given time unless approved by the Board and Division; and

(10) assure each supervisee is licensed as a licensed associate clinical mental health counselor or licensed associate clinical mental health counselor extern prior to beginning the supervised training of the supervisee as required under Subsection 58-60-405(1)(e) and (f).

R156-60c-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) acting as a supervisor or accepting supervision duties of a supervisor without complying with or ensuring the compliance with the requirements of Sections R156-60c-401 and R156-60c-402;

(2) engaging in the supervised practice of mental health therapy when not in compliance with Subsections R156-60c-401(3) and R156-60c-402(7);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(14) exploiting a client for personal gain;

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

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

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

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

(19) failing to abide by the provisions of the American Mental Health Counselors Association Code of Ethics, last amended March 2010, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-74. State Certification of Court Reporters Act Rule.
R156-74-101. Title.

This rule shall be known as the "State Certification of Court Reporters Act Rule."

R156-74-103. 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 74.

R156-74-104. 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.

R156-74-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedure.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to state certification under Title 58, Chapter 74 is established by rule in Section R156-1-308.

(2) Renewal and reinstatement procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308a through R156-1-308l.

R156-74-304. Continuing Education.

In accordance with Subsection 58-74-303(2), the continuing education requirements for renewal of a state certification shall be the standards established by:

(1) the National Court Reporters Association, Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters (CAPR) Continuing Education Program, revised October 1, 2018, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference; or

(2) the National Verbatim Reporters Association Continuing Education Program, revised July 1, 2015, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-84. State Certification of Music Therapists Act Rule.
R156-84-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "State Certification of Music Therapists Act Rule."

R156-84-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapter 1, as used in this rule, "unprofessional conduct" is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-84-502.

R156-84-103. 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 84.

R156-84-104. 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.

R156-84-302a. Qualifications for State Certification - Application Requirements.

In accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(b) and Section 58-1-301, the application requirements for licensure in Section 58-84-201 are clarified as follows:

(1) The Division has determined there are no boards equivalent to the Certification Board for Music Therapists.

(2) A board may apply for equivalency status by submitting appropriate credentials for evaluation by the Division. If determined equivalent, the board will be issued a letter of equivalency and listed herein.

R156-84-303. 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 84 is established by rule in Subsection R156-1-308a(1).

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

R156-84-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) receiving disciplinary action imposed against certification by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or an equivalent board; or

(2) failing to maintain an active and in good standing certification by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or an equivalent board.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-475. Patriotic, Civic and Character Education.
R277-475-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Character education" means reaffirming values and qualities of character which promote an upright and desirable citizenry.

C. "Civic education" means the cultivation of informed, responsible participation in political life by competent citizens committed to the fundamental values and principles of representative democracy in Utah and the United States.

D. "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.

E. "Patriotic" means having love of and dedication to one's country.

F. "Patriotic education" means the educational and systematic process to help students identify, acquire, and act upon a dedication to one's country.

R277-475-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of the public school system under the Board, by Section 53G-10-304, which directs the Board to provide a rule for a program of instruction within the public schools relating to the flag of the United States, and by Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide direction for patriotic education programs in the public schools.

R277-475-3. Patriotic Education.

An LEA shall teach patriotic education in the social studies curricula of kindergarten through grade twelve. All educators shall have responsibility for patriotic, civic and character education taught in an integrated school curriculum and in the regular course of school work.

R277-475-4. School Responsibilities and Required Instruction.

A. Patriotic, civic and character education programs shall meet the requirements of Sections 53G-10-302, 53G-10-304, and 53G-10-204.

B. An LEA shall teach students the history of the flag, etiquette, customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag, and other patriotic exercises consistent with Subsection 53G-10-304(2).

C. The school shall provide the setting and opportunities to teach by example and role modeling patriotic values associated with the flag of the United States.

D. The USOE shall, under the direction of the Board, provide guidelines for both elementary age students and secondary students about the flag and patriotic exercises.

E. Instruction in United States history and government shall include:

(1) a study of forms of government including:

(a) a republic;

(b) a pure democracy;

(c) a monarchy; and

(d) an oligarchy.

(2) political philosophies and economic systems including:

(a) socialism;

(b) individualism; and

(c) free market capitalism.

(3) the United States' form of government, a compound constitutional republic.

R277-475-5. Requirements.

A. Education about the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be taught and modeled following the plan of the social studies Core Curriculum in grades kindergarten through six.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be recited by students at the beginning of each school day in each public school classroom in the state, consistent with Subsection 53G-10-304(3).

C. At least once a year students shall be instructed that:

(1) participation in the Pledge of Allegiance is voluntary and not compulsory;

(2) it is acceptable for an individual to choose not to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance for religious or other reasons; and

(3) students should show respect for individuals who participate and individuals who choose not to participate.

D. A public school teacher shall strive to maintain an atmosphere among students in the classroom that is consistent with the principles described in R277-475-5C.

R277-475-6. Parental Responsibilities.

A. An LEA shall adequately notify students and parents of lawful exemptions to the requirement to participate in reciting the Pledge.

B. A school may require an annual written request from a student's parent or legal guardian if a student or the student's parent or legal guardian requests that the student be excused from reciting the Pledge.

R277-475-7. Civic Engagement.

A. A public school shall display IN GOD WE TRUST, the national motto of the United States, in one or more prominent places in each school building, consistent with Subsection 53G-10-302(6).

B. Civic and character education shall be achieved through an integrated school curriculum and in the regular course of school work.

C. Instruction in United States history and government shall be taught consistent with the Utah social studies core curriculum and Section 53G-10-302.

D. An LEA shall make information about the flag, respect for the flag and civility toward all during patriotic activities available on the LEA's website.

R277-475-8. Reporting Requirements.

A. The Board shall submit a report to the Education Interim Committee consistent with Subsection 53G-10-204(7).

B. Each school district and the State Charter School Board shall submit a report to the Lieutenant Governor and the Commission on Civic and Character Education consistent with Subsection 53G-10-204(6).

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-487. Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure.
R277-487-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;

(c) Subsection 53E-9-302(1), which directs that the Board may make rules to establish student data protection standards for public education employees, student aides, and volunteers; and

(d) Subsection 53G-11-511(4), which directs that the Board may make rules to ensure the privacy and protection of individual evaluation data.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to:

(a) provide for appropriate review and disclosure of student performance data on state administered assessments as required by law;

(b) provide for adequate and appropriate review of student performance data on state administered assessments to professional education staff and parents of students;

(c) ensure the privacy of student performance data and personally identifiable student data, as directed by law;

(d) provide an online education survey conducted with public funds for Board review and approval; and

(e) provide for appropriate protection and maintenance of educator licensing data.

R277-487-2. Definitions.

(1) "Association" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Subsection 53G-7-1101(3).

(2) "Chief Privacy Officer" means a Board employee designated by the Board as primarily responsible to:

(a) oversee and carry out the responsibilities of this rule; and

(b) direct the development of materials and training about student and public education employee privacy standards for the Board and LEAs, including:

(i) FERPA; and

(ii) the Utah Student Data Protection Act, Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 3.

(3) "Classroom-level assessment data" means student scores on state-required tests, aggregated in groups of more than 10 students at the classroom level or, if appropriate, at the course level, without individual student identifiers of any kind.

(4) "Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools" or "CACTUS" means the electronic file maintained and owned by the Board on all licensed Utah educators, which includes information such as:

(a) personal directory information;

(b) educational background;

(c) endorsements;

(d) employment history; and

(e) a record of disciplinary action taken against the educator.

(5) "Confidentiality" refers to an obligation not to disclose or transmit information to unauthorized parties.

(6) "Cyber security framework" means:

(a) the cyber security framework developed by the Center for Internet Security found at http://www.cisecurity.org/controls/; or

(b) a IT security framework that is comparable to the cyber security framework described in Subsection (6)(a).

(7) "Data governance plan" has the same meaning as defined in Subsection 53E-9-301(7).

(8) "Data security protections" means protections developed and initiated by the Superintendent that protect, monitor and secure student, public educator and public education employee data as outlined and identified in FERPA and Sections 63G-2-302 through 63G-2-305.

(9) "Destroy" means to remove data or a record:

(a) in accordance with current industry best practices; and

(b) rendering the data or record irretrievable in the normal course of business of an LEA or a third-party contractor.

(10) "Disclosure" includes permitting access to, revealing, releasing, transferring, disseminating, or otherwise communicating all or any part of any individual record orally, in writing, electronically, or by any other communication method.

(11) "Expunge" means to seal a record so as to limit its availability to all except authorized individuals.

(12) "Enrollment verification data" includes:

(a) a student's birth certificate or other verification of age;

(b) verification of immunization or exemption from immunization form;

(c) proof of Utah public school residency;

(d) family income verification; or

(e) special education program information, including:

(i) an individualized education program;

(ii) a Section 504 accommodation plan; or

(iii) an English language learner plan.

(13) "FERPA" means the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and its implementing regulations found at 34 C.F.R., Part 99.

(14) "LEA" includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

(15) "Metadata dictionary" has the same meaning as defined in Subsection 53E-9-301(14).

(16) "Personally identifiable student data" has the same meaning as defined in Subsection 53E-9-301(14).

(17) "Significant data breach" means a data breach where:

(a) an intentional data breach successfully compromises student records;

(b) a large number of student records are compromised;

(c) sensitive records are compromised, regardless of number; or

(d) a data breach an LEA deems to be significant based on the surrounding circumstances.

(18) "Student data advisory groups" has the same meaning as described in Subsection 53E-9-302(3).

(19) "Student data manager" means the individual at the LEA level who:

(a) is designated as the student data manager by an LEA under Section 53E-9-303;

(b) authorizes and manages the sharing of student data;

(c) acts as the primary contact for the Chief Privacy Officer;

(d) maintains a list of persons with access to personally identifiable student data; and

(e) is in charge of providing annual LEA staff and volunteer training on data privacy.

(20) "Student performance data" means data relating to student performance, including:

(a) data on state, local and national assessments;

(b) course-taking and completion;

(c) grade-point average;

(d) remediation;

(e) retention;

(f) degree, diploma, or credential attainment; and

(g) enrollment and demographic data.

(20) "Third party contractor" has the same meaning as defined in Subsection 53E-9-301(23).

R277-487-3. Data Privacy and Security Policies.

(1) The Superintendent shall develop resource materials

for LEAs to train employees, aides, and volunteers of an LEA regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable student data and student performance data.

(2) The Superintendent shall make the materials developed in accordance with Subsection (1) available to each LEA.

(3) An LEA or public school may not be a member of or pay dues to an association that is not in compliance with:

(a) FERPA;

(b) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 3, Student Data Protection Act;

(c) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 2, Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and

(d) this Rule R277-487.

(4) An LEA shall comply with Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 3, Student Data Protection Act.

(5) An LEA shall comply with Section 53E-9-204.

(6) An LEA is responsible for the collection, maintenance, and transmission of student data.

(7) An LEA shall ensure that school enrollment verification data, student performance data, and personally identifiable student data are collected, maintained, and transmitted:

(a) in a secure manner; and

(b) consistent with sound data collection and storage procedures, established by the LEA.

(8) An LEA may contract with a third party contractor to collect, maintain, and have access to school enrollment verification data or other student data if:

(a) the third party contractor meets the definition of a school official under 34 C.F.R. 99.31(a)(1)(i)(B); and

(b) the contract between the LEA and the third party contractor includes the provisions required by Subsection 53E-9-309(2).

(9) An LEA shall publicly post the LEA's definition of directory information, as defined in FERPA, and describe how a student data manager may share personally identifiable information that is directory information.

(10) An LEA shall provide the Superintendent with a copy or link to the LEA's directory information definition by October 1 annually.

(11) By October 1 annually, an LEA shall enter all student data elements shared with third parties into the Board's metadata dictionary.

(12) An LEA shall report all significant data breaches of student data either by the LEA or by third parties to the Superintendent within ten business days of the initial discovery of the significant data breach.

(13) An LEA shall provide the Superintendent with a copy or link to the LEA's data governance plan by October 1 annually.

(14) An LEA shall provide the Superintendent with the following information by October 1 annually:

(a) evidence that the LEA has implemented a cyber security framework; and

(b) the name and contacted information for the LEA's designated Information Security Officer.

(15) All public education employees, aides, and volunteers in public schools shall become familiar with federal, state, and local laws regarding the confidentiality of student performance data and personally identifiable student data.

(16) All public education employees, aides, and volunteers shall maintain appropriate confidentiality pursuant to federal, state, local laws, and LEA policies created in accordance with this section, with regard to student performance data and personally identifiable student data.

(17) An employee, aide, or volunteer may not share, disclose, or disseminate passwords for electronic maintenance of:

(a) student performance data; or

(b) personally identifiable student data.

(18) A public education employee licensed under Section 53E-6-201 may only access or use student information and records if the public education employee accesses the student information or records consistent with the educator's obligations under Rule R277-515.

(19) The Board may discipline a licensed educator in accordance with licensing discipline procedures if the educator violates this Rule R277-487.

(20) An LEA shall annually provide a training regarding the confidentiality of student data to any employee with access to education records as defined in FERPA.

R277-487-4. Retention of Student Data.

(1) An LEA shall classify all student data collected in accordance with Section 63G-2-604.

(2) An LEA shall retain and dispose of all student data in accordance with an approved retention schedule.

(3) If no existing retention schedule governs student disciplinary records collected by an LEA:

(a) An LEA may propose to the State Records Committee a retention schedule of up to one year if collection of the data is not required by federal or state law or Board rule; or

(b) An LEA may propose to the State Records Committee a retention schedule of up to three years if collection of the data is required by federal or state law or Board rule, unless a longer retention period is prescribed by federal or state law or Board rule.

(4) An LEA's retention schedules shall take into account the LEA's administrative need for the data.

(5) Unless the data requires permanent retention, an LEA's retention schedules shall require destruction or expungement of student data after the administrative need for the data has passed.

(6) A parent or adult student may request that an LEA amend, expunge, or destroy any record not subject to a retention schedule under Section 63G-2-604, and believed to be:

(a) inaccurate;

(b) misleading; or

(c) in violation of the privacy rights of the student.

(7) An LEA shall process a request under Subsection (6) following the same procedures outlined for a request to amend a student record in 34 CFR Part 99, Subpart C.

R277-487-5. Transparency.

(1) The Superintendent shall recommend policies for Board approval and model policies for LEAs regarding student data systems.

(2) A policy prepared in accordance with Subsection (1) shall include provisions regarding:

(a) accessibility by parents, students, and the public to student performance data;

(b) authorized purposes, uses, and disclosures of data maintained by the Superintendent or an LEA;

(c) the rights of parents and students regarding their personally identifiable information under state and federal law;

(d) parent, student, and public access to information about student data privacy and the security safeguards that protect the data from unauthorized access and use; and

(e) contact information for parents and students to request student and public school information from an LEA consistent with the law.

R277-487-6. Responsibilities of Chief Privacy Officer.

(1) The Chief Privacy Officer:

(a) may recommend legislation, as approved by the Board, for additional data security protections and the regulation of use of the data;

(b) shall supervise regular privacy and security compliance

audits, following initiation by the Board;

(c) shall have responsibility for identification of threats to data privacy protections;

(d) shall develop and recommend policies to the Board and model policies for LEAs for:

(i) protection of personally identifiable student data;

(ii) consistent wiping or destruction of devices when devices are discarded by public education entities; and

(iii) appropriate responses to suspected or known breaches of data security protections;

(e) shall conduct training for Board staff and LEAs on student privacy; and

(f) shall develop and maintain a metadata dictionary as required by Section 53E-9-302.

R277-487-7. Prohibition of Public Education Data Use for Marketing.

Data maintained by the state, a school district, school, or other public education agency or institution in the state, including data provided by contractors, may not be sold or used for marketing purposes, or targeted advertising as defined in Subsection 53E-9-301(22) except with regard to authorized uses of directory information not obtained through a contract with an educational agency or institution.

R277-487-8. Public Education Research Data.

(1) The Superintendent may provide limited or extensive data sets for research and analysis purposes to qualified researchers or organizations.

(2) The Superintendent shall use reasonable methods to qualify researchers or organizations to receive data, such as evidence that a research proposal has been approved by a federally recognized Institutional Review Board or "IRB."

(3) The Superintendent may post aggregate de-identified student assessment data to the Board website.

(4) The Superintendent shall ensure that personally identifiable student data is protected.

(5) The Superintendent:

(a) is not obligated to fill every request for data and shall establish procedures to determine which requests will be filled or to assign priorities to multiple requests;

(b) may give higher priority to requests that will help improve instruction in Utah's public schools; and

(c) may charge a fee to prepare data or to deliver data, particularly if the preparation requires original work.

(6) A researcher or organization shall provide a copy of the report or publication produced using Board data to the Superintendent at least 10 business days prior to the public release.

(7) Requests for personally identifiable student data that may only be provided in accordance with Section 53E-9-308 and FERPA, and may include:

(a) student data that are de-identified, meaning that a reasonable person in the school community who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances could not identify student(s) with reasonable certainty;

(b) agreements with recipients of student data where recipients agree not to report or publish data in a manner that discloses students' identities; or

(c) release of student data, with appropriate binding agreements, for state or federal accountability or for the purpose of improving instruction to specific student subgroups.

(8) Recipients of Board research data shall sign a confidentiality agreement, if required by the Superintendent.

(9) Either the Board or the Superintendent may commission research or may approve research requests.

(10) Request for records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, are not subject to this Section R277-487-8.

R277-487-9. CACTUS Data.

(1) The Board maintains information on all licensed Utah educators in CACTUS, including information classified as private, controlled, or protected under GRAMA.

(2) The Superintendent shall open a CACTUS file for a licensed Utah educator when the individual initiates a Board background check.

(3) Authorized Board staff may update CACTUS data as directed by the Superintendent.

(4) Authorized LEA staff may change demographic data and update data on educator assignments in CACTUS for the current school year only.

(5) A licensed individual may view his own personal data, but may not change or add data in CACTUS except under the following circumstances:

(a) A licensee may change the licensee's contact and demographic information at any time;

(b) An employing LEA may correct a current educator's assignment data on behalf of a licensee; and

(c) A licensee may petition the Board for the purpose of correcting any errors in the licensee's CACTUS file.

(6) The Superintendent shall include an individual currently employed by a public or private school under a letter of authorization or as an intern in CACTUS.

(7) The Superintendent shall include an individual working in an LEA as a student teacher in CACTUS.

(8) The Superintendent shall provide training and ongoing support to authorized CACTUS users.

(9) For employment or assignment purposes only, authorized LEA staff members may:

(a) access data on individuals employed by the LEA; or

(b) view specific limited information on job applicants if the applicant has provided the LEA with a CACTUS identification number.

(10) CACTUS information belongs solely to the Board.

(g) The Superintendent may release data within CACTUS in accordance with the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

R277-487-10. Educator Evaluation Data.

(1)(a) The Superintendent may provide classroom-level assessment data to administrators and teachers in accordance with federal and state privacy laws.

(b) A school administrator shall share information requested by parents while ensuring the privacy of individual personally identifiable student data and educator evaluation data.

(2) A school, LEA, the Superintendent, and the Board shall protect individual educator evaluation data.

(3) An LEA shall designate employees who may have access to educator evaluation records.

(4) An LEA may not release or disclose student assessment information that reveals educator evaluation information or records.

(5) An LEA shall train employees in the confidential nature of employee evaluations and the importance of securing evaluations and records.

R277-487-11. Application to Third Parties.

(1) The Board and LEAs shall set policies that govern a third party contractor's access to personally identifiable student data and public school enrollment verification data consistent with Section 53E-9-301, et seq.

(2) An LEA may release personally identifiable student data and public school enrollment verification data to a third party contractor if:

(a) the release is allowed by, and released in accordance with, Section 53E-9-308, FERPA, and FERPA's implementing regulations; and

(b) the LEA complies with the requirements of Subsection R277-487-3(6).

(4) All Board contracts shall include sanctions for contractors or third party providers who violate provisions of state policies regarding unauthorized use and release of student and employee data.

(5) The Superintendent shall recommend that LEA policies include sanctions for contractors who violate provisions of federal or state privacy law and LEA policies regarding unauthorized use and release of student and employee data.

R277-487-12. Sharing Data With the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

(1) The Superintendent shall share personally identifiable student data with the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities as required by Subsection 53E-9-308(6)(b) through a written agreement designating the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities as the authorized representative of the Board for the purpose of auditing and evaluating federal and state supported education programs that serve students with autism and other developmental disabilities.

(2) The agreement required by Subsection (1) shall include a provision that:

(a) the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities may not use personally identifiable student data for any purpose not specified in the agreement;

(b) the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities shall flag all student personally identifiable data received from the Board to:

(i) ensure that the data is not used for purposes not covered by the agreement; and

(ii) allow the Superintendent access to the data for auditing purposes;

(c) the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities may redisclose de-identified data if:

(i) the de-identification is in accordance with HIPPA's safe harbor standard;

(ii) the de-identification is in accordance with Board rule; and

(iii) the Utah Registry of Autism and Development Disabilities annually provides the Superintendent with a description and the results of all projects and research undertaken using de-identified student data; and

(d) the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities shall allow an on-site audit conducted by the Superintendent to monitor for compliance with this rule no less than once per year.

(3) The Superintendent shall maintain a record of all personally identifiable student data shared with the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities in accordance with 34 C.F.R. 99.32.

(4)(a) A parent of a child whose personally identifiable student data was shared with the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities has the right to access the exact records disclosed.

(b) A parent identified in Subsection (4)(a) has the right to contest and seek to amend, expunge, or destroy any data that is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of the student.

R277-487-13. Annual Reports by Chief Privacy Officer.

(1) The Chief Privacy Officer shall submit to the Board an annual report regarding student data.

(2) The public report shall include:

(a) information about the implementation of this rule;

(b) information about the approved research studies using personally identifiable student information and data;

(c) identification of significant threats to student data privacy and security;

(d) a summary of data system audits; and

(e) recommendations for further improvements specific to student data security and the systems that are necessary for accountability in Board rules or legislation.

R277-487-14. Data Security and Privacy Training for Educators.

(1) The Superintendent shall develop a student and data security and privacy training for educators.

(2) The Superintendent shall make the training developed in accordance with Subsection (1) available through UEN.

(3) Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, an educator shall complete the training developed in accordance with Subsection (1) as a condition of re-licensure.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-110. General Requirements: State Implementation Plan.
R307-110-1. Incorporation by Reference.

To meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act, the Utah State Implementation Plan (SIP) must be incorporated by reference into these rules. Copies of the SIP are available on the division's website.

R307-110-2. Section I, Legal Authority.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section I, Legal Authority, as most recently amended by the Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-3. Section II, Review of New and Modified Air Pollution Sources.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section II, Review of New and Modified Air Pollution Sources, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-4. Section III, Source Surveillance.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section III, Source Surveillance, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-5. Section IV, Ambient Air Monitoring Program.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IV, Ambient Air Monitoring Program, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-6. Section V, Resources.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section V, Resources, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-7. Section VI, Intergovernmental Cooperation.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section VI, Intergovernmental Cooperation, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-8. Section VII, Prevention of Air Pollution Emergency Episodes.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section VII, Prevention of Air Pollution Emergency Episodes, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-9. Section VIII, Prevention of Significant Deterioration.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section VIII, Prevention of Significant Deterioration, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on March 8, 2006, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-10. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part A, Fine Particulate Matter.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part A, Fine Particulate Matter, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on January 2, 2019, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-11. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part B, Sulfur Dioxide.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part B, Sulfur Dioxide, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on January 5, 2005, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-12. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part C, Carbon Monoxide.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part C, Carbon Monoxide, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on June 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-13. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part D, Ozone.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part D, Ozone, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on January 3, 2007, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-14. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part E, Nitrogen Dioxide.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part E, Nitrogen Dioxide, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-15. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part F, Lead.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part F, Lead, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-16. (Reserved.)

Reserved.

R307-110-17. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part H, Emission Limits.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part H, Emission Limits and Operating Practices, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on January 2, 2019, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-18. Reserved.

Reserved.

R307-110-19. Section XI, Other Control Measures for Mobile Sources.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XI, Other Control Measures for Mobile Sources, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on February 9, 2000, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-20. Section XII, Transportation Conformity Consultation.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XII, Transportation Conformity Consultation, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on May 2, 2007, pursuant to 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-21. Section XIII, Analysis of Plan Impact.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XIII, Analysis of Plan Impact, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-22. Section XIV, Comprehensive Emission Inventory.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XIV, Comprehensive Emission Inventory, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-23. Section XV, Utah Code Title 19, Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act.

Section XV of the Utah State Implementation Plan contains Utah Code Title 19, Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act.

R307-110-24. Section XVI, Public Notification.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XVI, Public Notification, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-25. Section XVII, Visibility Protection.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XVII, Visibility Protection, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on March 26, 1993, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-26. Section XVIII, Demonstration of GEP Stack Height.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XVIII, Demonstration of GEP Stack Height, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-27. Section XIX, Small Business Assistance Program.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XIX, Small Business Assistance Program, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-28. Regional Haze.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XX, Regional Haze, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on June 24, 2019, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-29. Section XXI, Diesel Inspection and Maintenance Program.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XXI, Diesel Inspection and Maintenance Program, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on July 12, 1995, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-30. Section XXII, General Conformity.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XXII, General Conformity, as adopted by the Utah Air Quality Board on October 4, 1995, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-31. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part A, General Requirements and Applicability.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part A, General Requirements and Applicability, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on September 4, 2019, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-32. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part B, Davis County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part B, Davis County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 5, 2012, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-33. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part C, Salt Lake County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part C, Salt Lake County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on October 6, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-34. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part D, Utah County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part D, Utah County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 5, 2012, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-35. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part E, Weber County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part E, Weber County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 5, 2012, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-36. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part F, Cache County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part F, Cache County, as most recently adopted by the Utah Air Quality Board on September 4, 2019, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-37. Section XXIII, Interstate Transport.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XXIII, Interstate Transport, as most recently adopted by the Utah Air Quality Board on February 7, 2007, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

KEY: air pollution, PM10, PM2.5, ozone
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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-125. Clean Air Retrofit, Replacement, and Off-Road Technology Program.
R307-125-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule specifies the requirements and procedures of the Clean Air Retrofit, Replacement and Off-Road Technology Program that is authorized in 19-2-203.

(2) The procedures of this rule constitute the minimum requirements for the application for and the awarding of funds that are designated for the Clean Air Retrofit, Replacement, and Off-Road Technology Program.

R307-125-2. Definitions.

The terms "certified," "cost," "director," "division," "eligible equipment," "eligible vehicle," and "verified" are defined in 19-2-202.

R307-125-3. Grants Under 19-2-203(1).

(1) A grant under 19-2-203(1) may only be used for:

(a) verified technologies for eligible vehicles or equipment; and

(b) certified vehicles, engines, or equipment.

(2) In prioritizing grant awards, the director shall consider:

(a) whether and to what extent the applicant has already secured some other source of funding;

(b) the air quality benefits to the state and local community attributable to the project;

(c) the cost-effectiveness of the proposed project;

(d) the feasibility and practicality of the project; and

(e) other factors that the director determines should apply based on the nature of the application.

(3) In prioritizing grant awards, the director may also, at the request of an applicant, consider the financial need of the applicant.

(4) A successful grant applicant will be required to agree:

(a) to provide information to the division about the vehicles, equipment, or technology acquired with the grant proceeds;

(b) to allow inspections by the division to ensure compliance with the terms of the grant;

(c) to permanently disable replaced vehicles, engines, and equipment from use; and

(d) for any grant that is not given on a reimbursement basis, to commit to complete the project as proposed;

(e) not to change the location or use of the vehicle, engine or equipment from the location or use proposed in their application without approval of the director; and

(f) to any additional terms as determined by the director.

(5) Eligible vehicles are defined in 19-2-202(7). No additional vehicles under 19-2-202(7)(e) are eligible at this time.

(6) The division shall use the following procedures to implement the grant program:

(a) The division shall provide notice on the division's website of the availability of grants and of cut-off dates for applications.

(b) An application for a grant shall be on a form provided by the division.

(c) The director may provide grants on a reimbursement basis or as an advance award.

(d) Successful grant applicants will be required to sign a grant agreement that contains the terms described in R307-125-3(4).

(e) State agencies and employees are eligible to participate in the program and are subject to program requirements.

R307-125-4. Exchange, Rebate, or Low-Cost Purchase Programs Under 19-2-203(2).

(1) The director has discretion to choose whether to use an exchange, rebate or low-cost purchase program.

(2) The division shall use the following procedures to implement an exchange, rebate or low-cost purchase program:

(a) The division shall provide notice on the division's website of any exchange, rebate or low-cost purchase program.

(b) An application for an exchange, rebate, or low-cost purchase shall be on a form provided by the division.

(c) State agencies and employees are eligible to participate in any program and are subject to program requirements.

(d) The director may establish additional procedures appropriate to the specific program.

(3) A participant in an exchange, rebate, or low-cost purchase program will be required to agree to the terms outlined in the application as determined by the director.

KEY: air quality, grants, rebates, purchase program
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Notice of Continuation September 5, 2019 19-2-203

R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-204. Emission Standards: Smoke Management.
R307-204-1. Purpose and Goals.

(1) The purpose of R307-204 is to establish by rule procedures that mitigate the impacts on air quality and visibility from prescribed fire.

R307-204-2. Applicability.

(1) R307-204 applies to all persons using prescribed fire on land they own or manage.

(2) R307-204 does not apply to agricultural activities specified in 19-2-114 and to those regulated under R307-202, or to activities otherwise permitted under R307.

R307-204-3. Definitions.

The following additional definitions apply only to R307-204.

"Annual Emissions Goal" means the annual establishment of a planned quantitative value of emissions reductions from prescribed fire.

"Best Management Practices" means smoke management and dispersion techniques used during a prescribed fire that affect the direction, duration, height or density of smoke.

"Burn Window" means the period of time during which the prescribed fire is scheduled for ignition.

"Emission Reduction Techniques (ERT)" mean techniques for controlling emissions from prescribed fires to minimize the amount of emission output per unit or acre burned.

"Federal Class I Area" means any Federal land that is federally classified or reclassified Class I.

"Land Manager" means any federal, state, local or private entity that owns, administers, directs, oversees or controls the use of public or private land, including the application of fire to the land.

"Non-burning Alternatives to Fire" means non-burning techniques that are used to achieve a particular land management objective, including but not limited to reduction of fuel loading, manipulation of fuels, enhancement of wildlife habitat, and ecosystem restructuring. These alternatives are designed to replace the use of fire for at least five years.

"Nonfull suppression event" means a naturally ignited wildland fire (wildfire) for which a land manager secures less than full suppression to accomplish a specific prestated resource management objective in a predefined geographic area.

"Particulate Matter" means the liquid or solid particles such as dust, smoke, mist, or smog found in air emissions.

"Pile" means natural materials or debris resulting from some type of fuels management practice that have been relocated either by hand or machinery into a concentrated area.

"Pile Burn" means burning of individual piles.

"Prescribed Fire or Prescribed Burn" means a wildland fire originating from a planned ignition to meet specific objectives identified in a written, approved, prescribed fire plan.

"Prescribed Fire Plan" means the plan required for each fire application ignited by managers. It must be prepared by qualified personnel and approved by the appropriate agency administrator prior to implementation. Each plan follows specific agency direction and must include critical elements described in agency manuals.

"Prescription" means the measurable criteria that define conditions under which a prescribed fire may be ignited, guide selection of appropriate management responses, and indicates other required actions. Prescription criteria may include safety, economic, public health, environmental, geographic, administrative, social, or legal considerations.

"Smoke Sensitive Receptors" means population centers such as towns and villages, campgrounds and trails, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, roads, airports, Class I areas, nonattainment and maintenance areas, areas whose air quality monitoring data indicate pollutant levels that are close to health standards, and any other areas where smoke and air pollutants can adversely affect public health, safety and welfare.

"Wildfire" means unplanned ignition of a wildland fire (such as a fire caused by lightning, volcanoes, unauthorized and accidental human-caused fires) and escaped prescribed fires.

"Wildland" means an area in which development is essentially non-existent, except for pipelines, power lines, roads, railroads, or other transportation or conveyance facilities. Structures, if any, are widely scattered.

"Wildland Fire" means any non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland.

R307-204-4. General Requirements.

(1) Management of On-Going Fires. The land manager shall notify the Division of all wildfires, including nonfull suppression events. If, after consultation with the land manager, the Director determines that a prescribed fire, wildfire, or any smoke transported from other locations, is degrading air quality to levels that could violate the National Ambient Air Quality Standards or burn plan conditions, the land manager shall promptly stop igniting additional prescribed fires.

(2) Non-burning Alternatives to Fire. Each land manager shall submit to the Director annually, by March 15, a list of areas treated using non-burning alternatives to fire during the previous calendar year, including the number of acres, the specific types of alternatives used, and the location of these areas.

(3) Annual Emissions Goal. The Director shall provide an opportunity for an annual meeting with land managers for the purpose of evaluation and adoption of the annual emission goal. The annual emission goal shall be developed in cooperation with states, federal land management agencies and private entities, to control prescribed fire emissions increases to the maximum feasible extent.

(4) Long-term Fire Projections. Each land manager shall provide to the Director by March 15 annually long-term projections of future prescribed fire activity for annual assessment of visibility impairment.

R307-204-5. Burn Schedule.

(1) Any land manager planning prescribed fire burning more than 50 acres per year shall submit a burn schedule to the Director on forms provided by the Division, and shall include the following information for all prescribed fires including those smaller than 20 acres:

(a) Project name and de minimis status;

(b) Latitude and longitude;

(c) Acres for the year, fuel type, and planned use of emission reduction techniques to support establishment of the annual emissions goal; and

(d) Expected burn dates and burn duration.

(2) Each land manager shall submit each year's burn schedule no later than March 15 of that year.

(3) Any land manager who makes changes to the burn schedule shall submit an amendment to the burn schedule within 10 days after the change.

R307-204-6. Small Prescribed Fires (de minimis).

(1) A prescribed fire that covers less than 20 acres per burn or less than 30,000 cubic feet of piled material shall only be ignited either when the clearing index is 500 or greater or when the clearing index is between 400 and 499, if;

(a) The prescribed fire is recorded as a de minimis prescribed fire on the annual burn schedule;

(b) The land manager obtains approval from the Director by e-mail or phone prior to ignition of the burn; and

(c) The land manager submits to the Director hourly photographs, a record of any complaints, hourly meteorological

conditions and an hourly description of the smoke plume.

R307-204-7. Large Prescribed Fires.

(1) For a prescribed fire that covers 20 acres or more per burn or 30,000 cubic feet of piled material or more, the land manager shall submit to the Director a prescribed fire plan at least one week before the beginning of the burn window. The plan shall include a prescription and description of other state, county, municipal, or federal resources available on scene, or for contingency purposes.

(2) The land manager shall submit pre-burn information to the Director at least two weeks before the beginning of the burn window. The pre-burn information shall be submitted to the Director on the appropriate form provided by the Division and shall include the following information:

(a) The project name, total acres, and latitude and longitude;

(b) Summary of ignition method, burn type, and burn objectives, such as restoration or maintenance of ecological functions or hazardous fuel reduction;

(c) Any sensitive receptor within 15 miles, including any Class I or nonattainment or maintenance area, and distance and direction in degrees from the project site;

(d) The smoke dispersion or visibility model used and results;

(e) The estimated amount of total particulate matter anticipated;

(f) A description of how the public and land managers in neighboring states will be notified;

(g) A map depicting both the daytime and nighttime smoke path and down-drainage flow for a minimum of 15 miles from the burn site with smoke-sensitive areas delineated;

(h) Safety and contingency plans for addressing any smoke intrusions;

(i) Planned use of emission reduction techniques to support establishment of an annual emissions goal, if not already submitted under R307-204-5; and

(j) Any other information needed by the Director for smoke management purposes, or for assessment of contribution to visibility impairment in any Class I area.

(3) Burn Request.

(a) The land manager shall submit to the Director a burn request on the form provided by the Division by 1000 hours at least two business days before the planned ignition time. The form must include the following information:

(i) The project name;

(ii) The date submitted and by whom;

(iii) The burn manager conducting the burn and phone numbers; and

(iv) The dates of the requested burn window.

(b) No large prescribed fire shall be ignited before the Director approves the burn request.

(c) If a prescribed fire is delayed, changed or not completed following burn approval, any significant changes in the burn plan shall be submitted to the Director before the burn request is submitted.

(4) Daily Emissions Report. By 0800 hours on the day following the prescribed fire, for each day of prescribed fire activity covering 20 acres or more, the land manager shall submit to the Director a daily emission report on the form provided by the Division including the following information:

(a) Project name;

(b) The date submitted and by whom;

(c) The start and end dates and times of the burn;

(d) Emission information, to include total affected acres, black acres, tons fuel consumed per acre, and tons particulate matter produced;

(e) Public interest regarding smoke;

(f) Daytime smoke behavior;

(g) Nighttime smoke behavior;

(h) Emission reduction techniques applied; and

(i) Evaluation of the techniques used by the land manager to reduce emissions or manage the smoke from the prescribed burn.

(5) Emission Reduction and Dispersion Techniques. Each land manager shall take measures to prevent smoke impacts. Such measures may include best management practices such as dilution, emission reduction or avoidance in addition to others described in the pre-burn information form provided by the Division. An evaluation of the techniques shall be included in the daily emissions report required by (4) above.

(6) Monitoring. Land managers shall monitor the effects of the prescribed fire on smoke sensitive receptors and on visibility in Class I areas, as directed by the burn plan. Hourly visual monitoring and documentation of the direction of the smoke plume shall be recorded on the form provided by the Division or on the land manager's equivalent form. Complaints from the public shall be noted in the land managers project file. Records shall be available for inspection by the Director for six months following the end of the fire.

KEY: air quality, prescribed fire, smoke
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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-501. Oil and Gas Industry: General Provisions.
R307-501-1. Purpose.

R307-501 establishes general requirements for prevention of emissions and use of good air pollution control practices for all oil and natural gas exploration and production operations, well production facilities, natural gas compressor stations, and natural gas processing plants.

R307-501-2. Definitions.

(1) The definitions in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOOO Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution, which is incorporated by reference in R307-210 apply to R307-501.

(2) "Well production facility" means all equipment at a single stationary source directly associated with one or more oil wells or gas wells. This equipment includes, but is not limited to, equipment used for production, extraction, recovery, lifting, stabilization, storage, separation, treating, dehydration, combustion, compression, pumping, metering, monitoring, and flowline.

(3) "Oil well" means an onshore well drilled principally for the production of crude oil.

(4) "Oil transmission" means the pipelines used for the long distance transport of crude oil, condensate, or intermediate hydrocarbon liquids (excluding processing). Specific equipment used in transmission includes, but is not limited to, the land, mains, valves, meters, boosters, regulators, storage vessels, dehydrators, pumps and compressors, and their driving units and appurtenances. The transportation of oil or natural gas to end users is not included in the definition of "transmission".

R307-501-3. Applicability.

(1) R307-501 applies to all oil and natural gas exploration, production, and transmission operations; well production facilities; natural gas compressor stations; and natural gas processing plants in Utah.

(2) R307-501 does not apply to oil refineries.

R307-501-4. General Provisions.

(1) General requirements for prevention of emissions and use of good air pollution control practices.

(a) All crude oil, condensate, and intermediate hydrocarbon liquids collection, storage, processing and handling operations, regardless of size, shall be designed, operated and maintained so as to minimize emission of volatile organic compounds to the atmosphere to the extent reasonably practicable.

(b) At all times, including periods of start-up, shutdown, and malfunction, the installation and air pollution control equipment shall be maintained and operated in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practices for minimizing emissions.

(c) Determination of whether or not acceptable operating and maintenance procedures are being used will be based on information available to the director, which may include, but is not limited to, monitoring results, infrared camera images, opacity observations, review of operating and maintenance procedures, and inspection of the source.

(2) General requirements for air pollution control equipment.

(a) All air pollution control equipment shall be operated and maintained pursuant to the manufacturing specifications or equivalent to the extent practicable and consistent with technological limitations and good engineering and maintenance practices.

(b) The owner or operator shall keep manufacturer specifications or equivalent on file.

(c) In addition, all such air pollution control equipment shall be adequately designed and sized to achieve the control efficiency rates established in rules or in approval orders issued under R307-401 and to handle reasonably foreseeable fluctuations in emissions of VOCs during normal operations. Fluctuations in emissions that occur when the separator dumps into the tank are reasonably foreseeable.

KEY: air pollution, oil, gas
December 1, 2014 19-2-104(1)(a)
Notice of Continuation September 5, 2019

R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-502. Oil and Gas Industry: Pneumatic Controllers.
R307-502-1. Purpose.

(1) The purpose of R307-502 is to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds from pneumatic controllers that are associated with oil and gas operations.

(2) The rule requires existing pneumatic controllers to meet the standards established for new controllers in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOO.

R307-502-2. Definitions.

(1) The definitions in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOOO Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution, which is incorporated by reference in R307-210 apply to R307-502.

(2) "Existing pneumatic controller" means a pneumatic controller affected facility as described in 40 CFR 60.5365(d)(1) through (3) that was constructed, modified, or reconstructed prior to October 15, 2013.

R307-502-3. Applicability.

R307-502 applies to the owner or operator of any existing pneumatic controller in Utah.

R307-502-4. Retrofit Requirements.

(1) Effective December 1, 2015, all existing pneumatic controllers in Duchesne County or Uintah County shall meet the standards established for pneumatic controller affected facilities that are constructed, modified or reconstructed on or after October 15, 2013, as specified in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOOO Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution.

(2) Effective April 1, 2017 all existing pneumatic controllers in Utah shall meet the standards established for pneumatic controller affected facilities that are constructed, modified or reconstructed on or after October 15, 2013 as specified in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOOO Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution.

R307-502-5. Documentation Required.

(1) The tagging requirements in 40 CFR 60.5390(b)(2) and 40 CFR 60.5390(c)(2), incorporated by reference in R307-210, are modified to not require the month and year of installation, reconstruction or modification for existing pneumatic controllers.

(2) The recordkeeping requirements in 40 CFR 60.5420(c)(4)(i), incorporated by reference in R307-210, are modified to not require records of the date of installation or manufacturer specifications for existing pneumatic controllers.

KEY: air pollution, oil, gas, pneumatic controllers
December 1, 2014 19-2-104(1)(a)
Notice of Continuation September 5, 2019

R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-503. Oil and Gas Industry: Flares.
R307-503-1. Purpose.

R307-503 establishes conditions to ensure that flares used in the oil and gas industry are operated effectively.

R307-503-2. Definitions.

(1) "Auto igniter" means a device which will automatically attempt to relight the pilot flame of a flare in order to combust volatile organic compound emissions.

(2) "Enclosed flare" means a flare that has an enclosed flame.

(3) "Flare" means a thermal oxidation system designed to combust hydrocarbons in the presence of a flame.

(4) "Open flare" means a flare that has an open (without enclosure) flame.

R307-503-3. Applicability.

(1) R307-503 applies to all oil and gas exploration and production operations, well sites, natural gas compressor stations, and natural gas processing plants in Utah.

(2) R307-503 does not apply to oil refineries.

R307-503-4. Auto-Igniters.

(1) Flares used to control emissions of volatile organic compounds shall be equipped with and operate an auto-igniter as follows:

(a) All open flares and all enclosed flares installed on or after January 1, 2015, shall be equipped with an operational auto-igniter upon installation of the flare.

(b) All enclosed flares installed before January 1, 2015 in Duchesne County or Uintah County shall be equipped with an operational auto-igniter by December 1, 2015, or after the next flare planned shutdown, whichever comes first.

(c) All enclosed flares installed before January 1, 2015 in all other areas of Utah shall be equipped with an operational auto-igniter by April 1, 2017, or after the next flare planned shutdown, whichever comes first.

R307-503-5. Recordkeeping.

The owner or operator shall maintain records demonstrating the date of installation and manufacturer specifications for each auto-igniter required under R307-503-4.

KEY: air pollution, oil, gas, flares
December 1, 2014 19-2-104(1)(a)
Notice of Continuation September 5, 2019

R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-504. Oil and Gas Industry: Tank Truck Loading.
R307-504-1. Purpose.

R307-504 establishes control requirements for the loading of liquids containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at oil or gas well sites.

R307-504-2. Definitions.

The definitions in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOOO Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution, incorporated by reference in R307-210, apply to R307-504.

"Bottom Filling" means the filling of a tank through an inlet at or near the bottom of the tank designed to have the opening covered by the liquid after the pipe normally used to withdraw liquid can no longer withdraw any liquid.

"Submerged Fill Pipe" means any fill pipe with a discharge opening which is entirely submerged when the liquid level is six inches above the bottom of the tank and the pipe normally used to withdraw liquid from the tank can no longer withdraw any liquid.

"Vapor Capture Line" means a connection hose, fitted with a valve that can be connected to tanker trucks during truck loading operations. The vapor capture line shall be designed, installed, operated, and maintained to optimize capture efficiency.

"Well Site" means all equipment at a single stationary source directly associated with one or more oil wells or gas wells.

R307-504-3. Applicability.

(1) R307-504-4(1) applies to any person who loads or permits the loading of any intermediate hydrocarbon liquid or produced water at a well site after January 1, 2015.

(2) R307-504-4(2) applies to owners and operators that are required to control emissions from storage vessels in accordance with R307-506.

R307-504-4. Tank Truck Loading Requirements.

(1) Tanker trucks used for intermediate hydrocarbon liquid or produced water shall be loaded using bottom filling or a submerged fill pipe.

(2) VOC emissions during truck loading operations shall be controlled at all times using a vapor capture line. The vapor capture line shall be connected from the tanker truck to a control device or process, resulting in a minimum 95 percent VOC destruction efficiency.

(a) Well sites in operation on January 1, 2018 shall comply with R307-504-4(2) no later than July 1, 2019.

KEY: air pollution, oil, gas
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Notice of Continuation September 5, 2019

R357. Governor, Economic Development.
R357-25. Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program.
R357-25-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program Rule."

R357-25-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 63N, Chapter 4, Section 502 as defined or used in this rule:

(1) "Matching funds" means any combination of funds, land, buildings, or in-kind work.

(2) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

(3) "Project" means:

(a) construction or renovating of a facility to create a Co-working and Innovation Center;

(b) extending and/or improving utilities and broadband service connections to a Coworking and Innovation Center; or

(c) purchasing equipment, furniture, and security systems as part of a Co-working and Innovation Center.

R357-25-103. Authority.

(1) Subsection 63N-4-504(1) requires the office to make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for an entity to receive a grant.

R357-25-104. Content of Application.

(1) The following content shall, at minimum, be included in each entity's application for a grant:

(a) entity name;

(b) contact information including:

(i) entity's physical address;

(ii) telephone number; and

(iii) email address.

(c) if the entity is a registered vendor with that State of Utah documentation of the vendor number.

(d) copy of a current W-9 form;

(e) executive summary of the proposed project that clearly establishes the primary activity of the project, including:

(i) how the project will serve underprivileged or underserved communities;

(ii) any constraints that have limited access to financial resources;

(iii) amount of grant funding requested;

(iv) list of all entities associated with the proposed project and their anticipated roles;

(v) letters of support from all entities associated with the proposed project;

(vi) matching funds associated with the proposed project;

(vii) timeline of the proposed project; and

(viii) detailed budget of the proposed project, including quotes and bids for proposed project.

(2) In addition to the requirements above private companies that apply for grant funding are required to submit:

(a) federal Tax ID;

(b) NAICS Code and Primary Industry;

(c) number of years in business;

(d) number of full-time employees;

(e) certificate of Existence from the Utah Division of Corporations;

(f) business license from local county or municipality;

(g) most recent Federal and State Tax Returns as proof of company profitability;

(h) most recent balance sheet and profit and loss statements as proof of solvency; and

(i) GRAMA form (Request for confidentiality).

R357-25-105. Application and Approval Procedure.

(1) The office will use a scoring system to enable the advisory committee and the office to analyze the awarding of grants and grant amounts. The scoring system will be made available in the instructions to the application and will be based on the following:

(a) organizational information;

(b) supporting documentation;

(c) entity history and qualifications;

(d) project proposal;

(e) scope of work;

(g) budget;

(g) matching funds;

(h) timeline; and

(i) deliverables and outcomes.

(2) Complete and scored applications will be presented to the advisory committee.

(3) If, after review of an application provided by an entity the advisory committee determines that the application provides reasonable justification for authorizing a grant and if there are available funds for the grant, the office shall enter into a written agreement with the entity for a term no longer than 18 months.

(4) An entity, without prior written approval from the office, may not commence performance on the contract until the contract agreement is completely executed.

R357-25-106. Project Reimbursement.

(1) Awarded entities will be required to submit, at minimum, the following documentation upon reimbursement request:

(a) a letter of request on entity letterhead specifying the amount requested and certifying that the project is either partially completed (up to 50%) or fully completed and all invoices have been paid. The Letter of Request shall be signed and the accuracy of the information verified by a company officer;

(b) copies of all invoices and evidence of payment (checks, bank statements or loan agreements) for work on the project;

(c) photo evidence that the project is partially completed (up to 50%) or fully completed. Please provide several photos of the Coworking and Innovation Center, the building, expansion, installed and functioning equipment; and

(d) proof of Occupancy as issued by the local governing body's inspections department for final reimbursement.

(2) Partial reimbursement payment may be made through the course of the 18 month term of the contract, not to exceed 50% of expenses incurred during the development of the project. A request-for-funds form and itemization sheet will be required to be signed and submitted to receive the initial 50% of funds.

KEY: rural coworking, economic development, working hubs
September 23, 2019 63N-4-504(1)

R357. Governor, Economic Development.
R357-26. Rural Rapid Manufacturing Grant Program.
R357-26-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Rural Rapid Manufacturing Grant Program Rule."

R357-26-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 63N, Chapter 4, Section 602 as defined or used in this rule:

(2) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

(3) "Project" means:

(a) construction or renovation of a rapid manufacturing clothing production laboratory, engineering and computer graphics laboratory, manufacturing systems laboratory, or textile science laboratory designed to train students and employees;

(b) the building and improvement of equipment to provide opportunities for students and employees to train and participate in rapid manufacturing; or

(c) training and scholarships for students and employees to participate in rapid manufacturing employment opportunities.

R357-26-103. Authority.

(1) Subsection 63N-4-604(1) requires the office to make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for an entity to receive a grant.

R357-26-104. Content of Application.

The following content shall, at minimum, be included in each entity's application for a grant:

(1) organizational information including:

(a) entity name;

(b) entity address;

(c) entity telephone number;

(d) entity Tax ID;

(e) entity contact(s);

(f) contact(s) email addresses;

(g) contact(s) telephone numbers; and

(h) amount of grant funding request.

(2) Supporting documentation including:

(a) list stakeholders and partners involved in the grant project and the roles they will perform;

(b) letter(s) of support from all entities involved in the project;

(c) letter of support from the community in which the project will take place;

(d) quotes and bids for proposed project;

(e) drafts or renderings of the proposed construction or renovation projects, and/or pictures of existing property to be modified to accommodate a laboratory;

(f) the entity's W9 form, or the applicant's State of Utah vendor number if the applicant is currently a state vendor; and

(g) project plan that includes:

(i) project proposal;

(ii) scope of work;

(iii) itemized budget;

(iv) timeline;

(v) deliverables and outcomes; and

(vi) how the deliverable and outcomes will be gathered and tracked.

(3) In addition to the requirements in this section non-profit entities that apply for grant funding are required to submit:

(b) IRS designation letter;

(c) non-profit organization W-9;

(d) charitable Solicitation Permit;

(e) certificate of good standing;

(f) Articles of Incorporation;

(g) By-laws;

(h) list of board members;

(i) GRAMA form (request for confidentiality); and

(j) letter of support from the Economic Development Director or County/City Official in the designated area.

R357-26-105. Application and Approval Procedure.

(1) The office will use a scoring system to analyze the awarding of grants and grant amounts. The scoring system will be made available in the instructions to the application.

(2) If, after review of an application provided by an entity the office determines that the application provides reasonable justification for authorizing a grant and if there are available funds for the grant, the office shall enter into a written agreement with the entity for a term no longer than 18 months.

(3) An entity, without prior written approval from the office, may not commence performance on the contract until the contract agreement is completely executed.

R357-26-106. Project Reimbursement.

(1) Awarded entities will be required to submit, at minimum, the following documentation upon reimbursement request:

(a) a letter of request on entity letterhead specifying the amount requested and certifying that the project is either partially completed (up to 50%) or fully completed and all invoices have been paid. The Letter of Request shall be signed and the accuracy of the information verified by a company officer;

(b) copies of all invoices and evidence of payment (checks, bank statements or loan agreements) for work on the project;

(c) photo evidence that the project is partially completed (up to 50%) or fully completed. Provide several photos of the project, the building, expansion, installed and functioning equipment; and

(2) Partial reimbursement payment may be made through the course of the 18 month term of the contract, not to exceed 50% of expenses incurred during the development of the project. A request-for-funds form and itemization sheet will be required to be signed and submitted to receive the initial 50% of funds.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-2A. Inpatient Hospital Services.
R414-2A-1. Introduction and Authority.

This rule defines the scope of inpatient hospital services that are available to Medicaid members. This rule is authorized under Section 26-18-3 and governs the services allowed under 42 CFR 440.10.

R414-2A-2. Definitions.

(1) "Admission" means the acceptance of a Medicaid member for inpatient hospital care and treatment when the member meets established criteria for severity of illness and intensity of service and the required service cannot be provided in an alternative setting.

(2) "Inpatient" is an individual whose severity of illness and intensity of service requires continuous care in a hospital.

(3) "Inpatient Hospital Intensive Physical Rehabilitation" means an intense program of physical rehabilitation provided in an inpatient rehabilitation hospital or an inpatient rehabilitation unit of a hospital.

(4) "Inpatient Hospital Services" are services that a hospital provides for the care and treatment of inpatients.

(5) "Observation services" means services, often less than 24 hours, including use of a bed and monitoring by hospital staff, which are reasonable and necessary to evaluate the medical condition or determine the need for a possible admission to the hospital.

(6) "Prepaid Mental Health Plan" means the Medicaid mental and/or substance use disorder managed care plan that covers inpatient and/or outpatient mental health services and outpatient substance use disorder services for PMHP-enrolled Medicaid members.

R414-2A-3. Member Eligibility Requirements.

Inpatient hospital services are available to categorically and medically needy individuals.

R414-2A-4. Hospital Admission Requirements.

(1) An inpatient hospital must meet Medicare participation requirements.

(2) Each hospital that provides inpatient services must have a utilization review plan as described in 42 CFR 482.30.

(3) Each hospital that accepts a Medicaid member for treatment is responsible to verify that the member receives all medically necessary services from Medicaid providers.

(4) Each hospital is financially responsible for any services a member receives from a non-Medicaid provider.

(5) Inpatient hospital intensive physical rehabilitation participation is subject to 42 CFR 482.56 and 42 CFR 412, Subpart B and Subpart P.

R414-2A-5. Prepaid Mental Health Plan.

Before admitting a Prepaid Mental Health Plan (PMHP) member for an inpatient psychiatric stay, a hospital must obtain prior authorization from the PMHP serving the member's county of residence. If the hospital is not contracted with the PMHP, the PMHP may choose to transfer the member to a contracted hospital.

R414-2A-6. Service Coverage.

(1) Inpatient hospital services must be medically necessary and ordered by an appropriate Medicaid-enrolled provider for the diagnosis and treatment of a member's illness.

(2) Services performed for a member by the admitting hospital or by an entity wholly-owned or wholly-operated by the hospital within three days of patient admission, are considered inpatient services. This three-day window applies to diagnostic and non-diagnostic services that are clinically related to the reason for the member's inpatient admission regardless of whether the inpatient, outpatient, or observation diagnoses are the same.

(3) Medical supplies, appliances, drugs, and equipment required for the care and treatment of a member during an inpatient stay are included in the inpatient reimbursement.

(4) Outpatient hospital services during an inpatient episode are included in the inpatient reimbursement.

(5) Inpatient hospital psychiatric services are available to all Medicaid members. If the member is not enrolled in a PMHP, providers may bill the State directly on a fee-for-service basis. Otherwise, the provider must bill the member's PMHP.

(6) Inpatient hospital intensive physical rehabilitation services must meet the classification criteria of 42 CFR 412.29.

(7) Inpatient hospital intensive physical rehabilitation services are covered for acute conditions from birth through any age and are available one time per event.

R414-2A-7. Limitations.

Inpatient hospital care is limited to medical treatment of symptoms that lead to medical stabilization of the member. This medical stabilization care is irrespective of any underlying psychiatric diagnosis.

(1) Detoxification for a substance use disorder in a hospital is limited to medical detoxification for acute symptoms of withdrawal when the member is in danger of experiencing severe or life-threatening withdrawal. The Department does not cover any lesser level of detoxification in an inpatient hospital.

(2) Abortion procedures require prior authorization. Refer to Rule R414-1B.

(3) Sterilization and hysterectomy procedures require prior authorization and must meet the requirements of 42 CFR 441, Subpart F.

(4) Organ transplant services are governed by Rule R414-10A.

(5) Take-home supplies, dressings, non-rental durable medical equipment, and drugs are included in the inpatient reimbursement.

(6) Coverage of sleep studies requires sleep center accreditation through one of the following nationally recognized accreditation organizations:

(a) American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM);

(b) Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC); or

(c) The Joint Commission (TJC).

(7) Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is limited to service in a facility in which the hyperbaric unit is accredited by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is therapy that places the member in an enclosed pressure chamber for medical treatment.

(8) Medicaid does not cover inpatient services solely for pain management. Pain management is adjunct to other Medicaid services.

(9) Inpatient rehabilitation services require prior authorization.

(10) Observation services are limited to cases where observation and evaluation is required to establish a diagnosis and determine the appropriateness of an inpatient admission or discharge. Observation is used to monitor the member's condition, complete diagnostic testing to establish a definitive diagnosis and formulate the treatment plan.

(a) Medicaid covers observation services with a physician's written order that outlines specific medically necessary reasons for the service, such as the member requires more evaluation to determine the severity of illness (e.g. laboratory, imaging, other diagnostic test) and an order to continue monitoring for clinical signs and symptoms to determine improving or declining health status.

(b) Outpatient procedures include uneventful recovery

period.

(i) Observation is used to monitor complications of outpatient procedures beyond uneventful recovery period.

(c) Medicaid does not cover observation services for convenience of the hospital, member or family, or when awaiting transfer to another facility.

(d) When an ordered hospital inpatient admission improves to the point of discharge with a stay less than 24 hours, the admission is covered as inpatient when documentation supports the medical necessity.

(e) Inpatient admissions solely for observation or diagnostic evaluation do not qualify for reimbursement under the DRG system.

(11) Medicaid does not cover admission solely for the treatment of eating disorders.

(12) Medicaid does not cover non-physician psychosocial counseling outside of the DRG.

(13) An individual (undocumented immigrant) who does not meet United States residency requirements may only receive emergency services, including emergency labor and delivery, to treat an emergency medical condition.

(a) Medicaid does not cover prenatal and post-partum services for undocumented immigrants.

(b) Medicaid does not cover prescriptions for a member who is eligible to receive emergency services only.

(14) Inpatient hospital intensive physical rehabilitation services are not covered when the condition and prognosis meet the requirements of placement into a long-term facility, skilled nursing facility, or outpatient rehabilitation service.

(15) Admission for deconditioning (e.g. cardiac or pulmonary) is not covered in an inpatient hospital intensive physical rehabilitation facility.

(16) Inpatient hospital intensive physical rehabilitation services for a member who has suffered a stroke or other cerebral vascular accident may be provided only when admission and therapy is initiated within the first 60 days after onset of the incident.

R414-2A-8. Provider-Preventable Conditions.

(1) Medicaid does not pay for Provider Preventable Conditions (PPC).

(a) Medicaid utilizes the Medicaid Severity-Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) to identify a PPC.

(b) For inpatient hospital claims, Medicaid does not cover PPCs in Medicare crossover patients.

(c) To qualify as a PPC, one of the Medicare-listed diagnoses must develop during hospitalization.

(i) When present on admission, these diagnoses are not considered to be a PPC for that hospitalization.

(ii) Providers are expected to identify Present on Admission (POA) status for all diagnoses on each claim according to correct coding standards.

(d) Providers must assure that all PPC-related diagnoses, services, and charges are noted as "non-covered charges" on the claim.

(i) The Department does not use non-covered charges in calculating the hospital reimbursement.

(e) The Department shall deny PPC-related claims that result in an outlier payment and medical records will be required.

(i) Providers will receive Remittance Advice (RA) that confirms the occurrence of a PPC outlier claim.

(ii) The Department requires providers to know which medical records and other required documents are needed.

(iii) Upon RA notification of a PPC, the provider shall submit the following documents within 30 days:

(A) "Outlier PPC Medical Record Documentation Submission Form";

(B) Complete medical records from the associated hospital stay;

(C) Itemized bill (tab de-limited text file or Excel spreadsheet), including a detailed listing of PPC-related charges as non-covered charges, with total charges matching the total charges submitted on the claim.

(f) The Department will review and, if appropriate, re-process the claim based upon the review of the required documents submitted within the 30-day period of RA notification.

(g) The Department shall deny review of the claim unless the required documentation is submitted within 30 days of RA notification.

(h) The Department requires providers to report PPCs in accordance with Section R414-1-28.

R414-2A-9. Reporting Routine Services.

Routine services in a hospital must be included in a daily service charge, also referred to as room and board. These types of routine services that are not separately reported include:

(1) Room;

(2) Dietary services;

(3) Nursing services;

(4) Minor medical and surgical supplies;

(5) Medical and psychiatric social services;

(6) Use of hospital and facilities;

(7) Drugs, biologicals, supplies, appliances, and equipment, such as:

(a) Anything necessary or otherwise integral to the provision of a specific service, the delivery of services in a specific location, or both;

(b) Items and supplies that may be purchased over the counter;

(c) Reusable items, supplies, and equipment that are provided to all patients admitted to a given treatment area or unit receiving the same service;

(d) Certain other diagnostic or therapeutic services;

(e) Medical or surgical services provided by certain interns or residents-in-training; and

(f) Transportation services, including transport by ambulance.

R414-2A-10. Utilization Control and Review Program for Hospital Services.

The Hospital Utilization Review Program is administered and operated in accordance with Title 63A, Chapter 13.

(1) The purpose of the hospital utilization review program is to ensure:

(a) efficient and effective delivery of services;

(b) services are appropriate and medically necessary;

(c) service quality is maintained; and

(d) the State satisfies federal requirements for a statewide surveillance and utilization control program.

(2) The Hospital Utilization Review Program shall conduct assessments and audits to ensure the appropriateness and medical necessity of the following:

(a) Admissions to a hospital or a designated distinct part unit within a hospital;

(b) Transfers from one acute care hospital to another acute care hospital, or to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital or psychiatric unit in another acute care hospital (inter-facility transfer);

(c) Transfers from an acute care setting to an inpatient rehabilitation unit of a hospital or psychiatric unit within the same facility (intra-facility transfer);

(d) Continued stays;

(e) Services, surgical services and diagnostic procedures;

(f) Principal diagnosis, principal surgical procedure or both, reflected on paid claims to ensure consistency with the attending physician's determination and documentation as found

in the member's medical record;

(g) Determine whether co-morbidity, as found on the claim, is correct and consistent with the attending physician's determination and compatible with documentation found in the member's medical record; and

(h) Quality of care.

(3) The Hospital Utilization Review Program shall conduct assessments and audits to determine:

(a) Appropriate utilization;

(b) Compliance with state and federal Medicaid regulations;

(c) Whether documentation meets state and federal requirements for sufficiency, and whether it accurately describes the status of services provided to the member; and

(d) Whether procedures that require prior authorization have been approved before the provision of services, except in cases that meet the criteria listed in the Utah Medicaid Section 1: General Information Provider Manual (Retroactive Authorization).

(4) The Hospital Utilization Review Program shall make determinations of medical necessity, appropriateness of care, and suitability of discharge planning in accordance with the following criteria and protocols:

(a) InterQual Criteria;

(b) Administrative rules or criteria developed by Medicaid for programs and services not otherwise addressed; and

(c) DRGs.

(5) Hospital Utilization Readmission Policy and Reviews.

(a) Whenever information available to the reviewer indicates the possibility of readmission to acute care within 30 days of the previous discharge, the staff administering and operating the Hospital Utilization Review Program may review any claim for:

(i) Readmission for the same or a similar diagnosis to the same hospital, or to a different hospital;

(ii) Appropriateness of inter-facility transfers; and

(iii) Appropriateness of intra-facility transfers.

(b) The Hospital Utilization Review Program shall review all suspected readmissions within 30 days of a previous discharge to ensure that Medicaid criteria have been met for severity of illness, intensity of service, and appropriate discharge planning and financial impact to the Department as noted in Subsection R414-2A-10(3).

(c) If a member is readmitted for the same or similar diagnosis within 30 days of discharge and, if after review as described in Subsection R414-2A-10(5)(b), program review staff determines that readmission does not meet the criteria in Subsection R414-2A-10(3)(b), then the payment shall be combined into a single DRG payment, unless it is cost effective to pay for two separate admissions. The first DRG (initial admission) shall be the DRG that is paid. This policy does not apply to cases related to pregnancy, neonatal jaundice, or chemotherapy.

(6) Definition, Policy Application.

(a) When applying policy, a similar diagnosis is defined as:

(i) Any diagnoses code with similar descriptors;

(ii) Any exchange or combination of principal and secondary diagnosis; and

(iii) Any other sets of principal diagnoses established to be similar by Utah Medicaid policy in written criteria and published to the hospitals prior to service dates.

(b) The evaluation criteria for utilization control are severity of illness, intensity of service, and cost effectiveness as noted in Subsection R414-2A-10(5)(b).

(7) Appropriate remedial action will be initiated for inappropriate readmissions when identified though the hospital utilization post-payment review process.

(8) Applicability to Outpatient Hospital Services.

(a) When a Medicaid member is readmitted to the hospital, or readmitted as an outpatient within 30 days of a previous discharge for the same or similar diagnosis, Medicaid will evaluate both claims to determine if they should be combined into a single payment or paid separately.

(9) Recovery of Funds.

(a) The Department shall recover payment when post-payment review finds that services are not medically necessary, not appropriate, or that quality of service is not suitable.

(b) The Department shall recover payment when it determines there is a violation of the 30-day re-admission policy.

(10) Hospital Utilization Review.

(a) Each month, the Hospital Utilization Review Program shall review at least 5 percent of a selected universe of claims adjudicated in the previous month. At least 2.5 percent of the claims shall be a random sample. Up to 2.5 percent may be a focused review on a specific service. A staff decision to focus on a specific service shall be made no later than the beginning of the sample cycle.

(b) The Department shall select the universe from paid inpatient hospital claims within the Data Warehouse. The universe from which the random sample is selected is defined as all inpatient hospital claims adjudicated before the beginning of the review cycle, except for:

(i) Claims showing, as a principal diagnosis, any International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) delivery code in the ICD-10-CM Manual Chapter 15 -- Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium, in the range of O00 through O9A.53, and other ICD-10-CM codes or DRG or DRGs as specified by policy or administrative decision.

(ii) Claims that show $0 payment by Medicaid;

(iii) Medicare crossover claims;

(iv) Claims with other codes or diagnoses determined by the review program staff to be inappropriate for review.

(c) The sample cycle shall begin on the first working day of each month.

(11) Utah State Hospital Utilization Review.

(a) The purpose of this utilization review is to ensure that Medicaid funds, as defined under 42 CFR 456, Subpart D, are expended appropriately and to ensure that services provided to Medicaid members at the Utah State Hospital (USH) are necessary and of high quality. Review program staff shall conduct oversight activities at USH.

(b) Oversight activities include quarterly clinical utilization reviews in which program staff review a sample of members who are under 21 years of age and are 65 years of age or older, and who were reviewed by USH utilization review staff during a previous quarter. These reviews are performed to:

(i) Evaluate the USH utilization process; and

(ii) Address the clinical topic selected for that quarter's review.

(c) Reviews of USH Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance programs are conducted to determine whether:

(i) The programs have been implemented in accordance with written hospital policy;

(ii) The programs are effective in meeting stated goals;

(iii) Improvements or modifications have been made to increase the effectiveness of program design.

(12) Applicability to Inpatient Psychiatric Care and Inpatient Rehabilitation Services.

(a) Provisions in the Hospital Utilization Review Program also apply to inpatient psychiatric care and inpatient rehabilitation services.

R414-2A-11. Cost Sharing.

A Medicaid member is responsible for a copayment as established in the Utah Medicaid State Plan and incorporated by

reference in Rule R414-1.

R414-2A-12. Reimbursement.

Reimbursement for inpatient hospital services is in accordance with Attachment 4.19-B of the Utah Medicaid State Plan, which is incorporated by reference in Rule R414-1.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-23. Provider Enrollment.
R414-23-1. Introduction and Authority.

This rule is authorized by Sections 26-1-5 and 26-18-3, and implements requirements for provider revalidation as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

R414-23-2. Definitions.

(1) "Provider" means an individual or entity that has been approved by the Department to provide services to Medicaid members, and has signed a provider agreement with the Department.

(2) "Revalidation" means the mandatory process of screening enrolled providers of medical services, other items, and suppliers, as required by Section 6401 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

(3) "PRISM" means Provider Reimbursement Information System for Medicaid.

(4) "CFR" means Code of Federal Regulations.

R414-23-3. Revalidation Requirements.

(1) An enrolled provider must revalidate with Medicaid through PRISM at intervals not to exceed five years as required by 42 CFR 424.515, depending on the provider's risk level.

(2) The Department shall notify a provider, when it is time to revalidate, with a letter mailed to the pay-to address in the PRISM system.

(3) A provider must complete and submit the revalidation process within 60 days from the date of the letter, or the Department will place a temporary payment hold on the provider account.

(4) The Department shall terminate a provider that fails to revalidate within 90 days from the date on the letter. The provider, however, has the option to request a fair hearing.

(5) A provider terminated for any reason must reenroll and be approved as a new provider.

(6) The Department may only reimburse a provider for services rendered during an enrollment period.

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R426. Health, Family Health and Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services.
R426-2. Emergency Medical Services Provider Designations for Pre-Hospital Providers, Critical Incident Stress Management and Quality Assurance Reviews.
R426-2-100. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule establishes types of providers that require a designation, the application process for a obtaining a designation and minimum designation requirements.

(2) The rule also establishes criteria for critical incident stress management and the process for quality assurance reviews.

R426-2-200. EMS Provider Designation Types.

(1) The following type of provider shall obtain a designation from the Department:

(a) Quick Response Unit;

(b) Emergency Medical Service Dispatch Center; or

(c) Nonemergency Secured Behavioral Health Transport.

R426-2-300. Quick Response Unit Minimum Designation Requirements.

(1) A quick response unit shall meet the following minimum designation requirements:

(a) vehicle(s), equipment, and supplies that meet Department requirements;

(b) describe location(s) for stationing its vehicle(s), equipment and supplies;

(c) a current dispatch agreement with a designated Emergency Medical Service Dispatch Center;

(d) a Department-endorsed training officer;

(e) a current plan of operations, which shall include:

(i) the names, EMS ID Number, and license level of all personnel;

(ii) operational procedures; and

(iii) a description of how the designated provider proposes to interface with other licensed and designated EMS providers.

(f) A current agreement with a Department-certified off-line medical director who will perform the following:

(i) develop and implement patient care standards which include written standing orders and triage, treatment, pre-hospital protocols, and/or pre-arrival instructions to be given by designated emergency medical dispatch centers;

(ii) ensure the qualification of field licensed EMS personnel involved in patient care and dispatch through the provision of ongoing continuing medical education programs and appropriate review and evaluation;

(iii) develop and implement an effective quality improvement program, including medical audit, review, and critique of patient care;

(iv) annually review triage, treatment, and transport protocols and update them as necessary;

(v) suspend from patient care, pending Department review, a field EMS personnel or dispatcher who does not comply with local medical triage, treatment and transport protocols, pre-arrival instruction protocols, or who violates any of the EMS rules, or who the medical director determines is providing emergency medical service in a careless or unsafe manner.

(vi) notify the Department within one business day of any imposed suspensions; and

(vii) attend meetings of the local EMS Council, if one exists, to participate in the coordination and operations of local EMS providers.

(g) Have current treatment protocols approved by the certified off-line medical director for the designated service level;

(h) provide the Department with a copy of its certificate of insurance;

(i) provide the Department with a letter of support from the licensed ambulance provider(s) in the geographical service area; and

(j) not be disqualified for reasons including:

(i) violation of Subsection 26-8a-504; or

(ii) a history of disciplinary action relating to an EMS license, permit, designation or certification in this or any other state.

R426-2-400. Emergency Medical Service Dispatch Center Minimum Designation Requirements.

(1) Have in effect a selective medical dispatch system approved by the off-line medical director which includes:

(a) systemized caller interrogation questions;

(b) systemized pre-arrival instructions;

(c) protocols matching the dispatcher's evaluation of injury or illness severity with vehicle response mode and configuration;

(d) use protocols matching the dispatcher's evaluation of injury or illness severity with vehicle response mode and configuration;

(e) provide pre-hospital arrival instructions by a licensed Emergency Medical Dispatcher;

(f) have a current updated plan of operations including:

(i) plan of operations to be used in a disaster or emergency;

(ii) communication systems; and

(iii) aid agreements with other designated medical service dispatch centers;

(g) a current agreement with a Department-certified off-line medical director;

(h) an ongoing medical call review quality assurance program; and

(i) a licensed emergency medical dispatcher roster including licensed staff names, Department license numbers and expiration dates, and dispatch system training certification number and expiration dates.

R426-2-500. Nonemergency Secured Behavioral Health Transport Minimum Designation Requirements.

(1) Vehicle(s), equipment, and supplies that meet the current requirements of the Department for designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport providers as found on the Bureau of EMS and Preparedness' website.

(2) Meet staffing requirements as set forth by the EMS Committee. During transport each designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport vehicle shall be staffed with two personnel, with at least one who has obtained required training as approved by Department policy for mental health patient de-escalation and American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation or equivalent.

R426-2-600. Designation Applications.

(1) Any person applying for designation shall submit to the Department:

(a) Applications fees.

(b) Complete application on Department approved forms.

(c) Documentation verifying that the provider meets the minimum requirements for the designation.

(2) The Department may determine if clarifying information is needed for approval or processing. The Department will provide needed requirements to the applicant.

(3) A provider applying for re-designation should submit an application as described above 90 days prior to the expiration of its designation in order to avoid a lapsed period of time.

(4) A designation may be issued for up to a four-year period.

R426-2-700. Quick Response Unit Designation Applications.

(1) A Quick Response Unit shall provide:

(a) name of the organization and its principles;
(b) name of the person or organization financially responsible for the service and documentation from that entity accepting responsibility;
(c) if the applicant is privately owned, they shall submit certified copies of the document creating the entity;
(d) a description of the geographical area of service; and
(e) a demonstrated need for the service.

R426-2-800. Emergency Medical Service Dispatch Center Designation Applications.
(1) An Emergency Medical Service Dispatch Center shall provide:
(a) name of the organization and its principles;
(b) name of the person or organization financially responsible for the service provided by the designee and documentation from that entity accepting responsibility;
(c) if the applicant is privately owned, they shall submit certified copies of the document creating the entity;
(d) a description of the geographical area of service; and
(e) a demonstrated need for the service.

R426-2-900. Nonemergency Secured Behavioral Health Transport Designation Applications.
(1) A designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport provider shall provide to the Department:
(a) name of the organization and its principles;
(b) name of the person or organization financially responsible for the service and documentation from that entity accepting responsibility; and
(c) if the applicant is privately owned, they shall submit certified copies of the document creating the entity.
(2) Provide a current plan of operations, which shall include:
(a) a description of operational procedures;
(b) description(s) of how the designated non-emergency secured behavioral health transport will interface with hospitals, emergency receiving facilities, licensed mental health facilities, and EMS providers;
(c) a list of current insurance carriers and health facilities in which the designated provider has current contracts;
(d) written policies that address under what circumstances a transport will be declined for medical or payment purposes;
(e) a written protocol to activate 911 if an emergency medical situation arises; and
(f) procedures for patient care.
(3) Provide a written policy of how the designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport will report patient care data to the Department.
(4) Provide a copy of its certificate of insurance or if seeking application, provide proof of the ability to obtain insurance to respond to damages due to operation of a vehicle in the and following minimum amounts:
(a) liability insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 for each individual claim; and
(b) liability insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 for property damage from any one occurrence.
(5) A designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport provider shall obtain the insurance from an insurance company authorized to write liability coverage in Utah or through a self-insurance program and shall:
(a) provide the Department with a copy of its certificate of insurance demonstrating compliance with this section;
(b) direct the insurance carrier or self-insurance program to notify the Department of all changes in insurance coverage within 60 days; and
(c) provide the Department with a copy of its certificate of insurance indicating coverage at or above $1,000,000 for liability.
(6) Prior to approval of the designation, all vehicles will be inspected and permitted by the Department and shall meet the requirements in R426-4-300(5).
(7) Not be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
(a) violation of Subsection 26-8a-504; or
(b) a history of disciplinary action relating to an EMS license, permit, designation or certification in this or any other state.

R426-2-1000. Denial or Revocation of Designation.
(1) The Department may deny an application for a designation for any of the following reasons:
(a) failure to meet requirements as specified in the rules governing the service;
(b) failure to meet vehicle, equipment, or staffing requirements;
(c) failure to meet requirements for renewal or upgrade;
(d) conduct during the performance of duties relating to its responsibilities as an EMS provider that is contrary to accepted standards of conduct for EMS personnel described in Sections 26-8a-502 and 26-8a-504;
(e) failure to meet agreements covering training standards or testing standards;
(f) a history of disciplinary action relating to a license, permit, designation, or certification in this or any other state.
(g) a history of criminal activity by the licensed or designated provider or its principals while licensed or designated as an EMS provider or while operating as an EMS service with permitted vehicles;
(h) falsifying or misrepresenting any information required for licensure or designation or by the application for either;
(i) failure to pay the required designation or permitting fees or failure to pay outstanding balances owed to the Department;
(j) failure to submit records and other data to the Department as required by statute or rule;
(k) misuse of grant funds received under Section 26-8a-207; and
(l) violation of OSHA or other federal standards that it is required to meet in the provision of the EMS service.
(2) An applicant who has been denied a designation may request a Department review by filing a written request for reconsideration within thirty calendar days of the issuance of the Department's denial.

R426-2-1100. Application Review and Approval.
(1) If the Department finds that an application for designation is complete and that the applicant meets all requirements, it may approve the designation.

R426-2-1200. Change in Designated Level of Service.
(1) A quick response unit may apply to provide a higher designated level of service by:
(a) submitting the applicable fees; and
(b) submitting an application on Department-approved forms to the Department.
(2) As part of the application, the applicant shall provide:
(a) a copy of the new treatment protocols for the higher level of service approved by the off-line medical director;
(b) an updated plan of operations demonstrating the applicant's ability to provide the higher level of service;
(c) a written assessment of the performance of the applicant's field performance by the applicant's off-line medical director; and
(d) provide the Department with a letter of support from the licensed provider(s) in the geographical service area.
(3) If the Department finds that the applicant has demonstrated the ability to provide the upgraded service, it shall issue a new designation reflecting the higher level of service.

R426-2-1300. Critical Incident Stress Management and Peer Support Training.

(1) The Department may establish a critical incident stress management (CISM) team to meet its public health responsibilities.

(2) The Department's CISM team may conduct stress debriefings, defusings, demobilizations, education, and other critical incident stress interventions upon request for persons who have been exposed to one or more stressful incidents in the course of providing emergency services.

(3) The Department's CISM team may assist the Department in approving peer support training for licensed EMS personnel.

(4) Individuals who serve on the CISM team shall complete Department approved initial and ongoing training.

(5) While serving as a CISM team member, the individual is acting on behalf of the Department. All records collected by the CISM team are Department records. CISM team members shall maintain all information in strict confidence.

(6) The Department may reimburse a CISM team member for travel expenses incurred in performing his or her duties in accordance with state finance mileage reimbursement policy.

(7) The Department will maintain a list of individuals who have successfully completed an approved peer support training program.

(8) Individuals who perform peer support functions may receive legal protections to not be compelled to disclose information as described in Utah Code Section 78B-5 Part 9.

(9) Individuals who perform peer support functions for a licensed or designated EMS provider should be familiar with peer support policies for the licensed or designated EMS provider with whom they are employed or otherwise serving.

R426-2-1400. Quality Assurance Reviews.

(1) The Department may conduct quality assurance reviews of licensed and designated providers and training programs on an annual basis or more frequently as necessary to enforce this rule.

(2) The Department shall conduct a quality assurance review prior to issuing a new license or designation.

(3) The Department may conduct quality assurance reviews on all personnel, vehicles, facilities, communications, equipment, documents, records, methods, procedures, materials and all other attributes or characteristics of the designated provider.

(a) The Department will provide a written copy to the designated provider.

(b) The designated provider shall correct deficiencies within 30 days unless otherwise directed by the Department.

(c) The designated provider shall immediately notify the Department on a Department-approved form when the deficiencies have been corrected.

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R426. Health, Family Health and Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services.
R426-4. Operations.
R426-4-100. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is establishes standards for the operation of licensed ground EMS providers or designated EMS providers under the provisions of the Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act.

R426-4-200. Licensed Ground Ambulance, Designated QRU, and Designated Nonemergency Secured Behavioral Health Transport Staffing.

(1) While responding to a call, each permitted QRV shall be staffed by at least one individual licensed at or above the provider's designated level of service.

(2) While responding to a call, each licensed ground ambulance shall be staffed with the following minimum complement of licensed personnel for the level of service described:

(a) Basic Life Support ambulance: two EMTs, AEMTs, or paramedics, or any combination thereof;

(b) AEMT ambulance: one AEMT and one EMT, AEMT, or paramedic;

(c) EMT-IA ambulance: one EMT-IA and one EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic;

(d) Paramedic ambulance: one paramedic and one EMT, AEMT, EMT-IA, or paramedic;

(e) Paramedic (non-transport): one paramedic;

(f) Paramedic inter-facility: one paramedic and one EMT, AEMT, EMT-IA, or paramedic;

(g) Paramedic tactical: one paramedic.

(3) A paramedic ground ambulance or paramedic provider shall deploy two paramedics to the scene of 911 calls for service requiring Advanced Life Support response, unless otherwise determined by local selective medical dispatch system protocols.

(4) When providing care, responders not in a uniform shall display upon request their level of medical licensure.

(5) Each licensed or designated provider shall maintain a personnel file for each licensed individual. The personnel file shall include records documenting the individual's qualifications, training, endorsements, certifications, licensure, immunizations, and continuing medical education.

(6) A licensed individual may perform only to his licensed EMS provider level of service, even if the licensed EMS or designated provider is licensed or designated at a higher level of service.

(7) During transport each designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport vehicle shall be staffed with a minimum of two personnel, with at least one who has obtained required training as approved by Department policy for mental health patient de-escalation and American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation or equivalent.

R426-4-300. Permits and Inspections.

(1) A licensed ground ambulance or designated EMS provider shall only use vehicles for which the provider has obtained a permit from the Department. All new ground ambulances shall meet current State approved specifications and standards. Department policy for ground ambulances will be posted on the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness's website.

(2) A permit issued by the Department is valid for one year.

(3) The provider shall display the current permit location on vehicle in a location easily visible at ground level from outside of the vehicle.

(4) Permits and decals are not transferable to other vehicles.

(5) Each licensed ambulance and designated QRU provider shall annually provide proof upon request that every operator of an emergency vehicle has successfully completed an emergency vehicle operator's course approved by the Department.

R426-4-400. Licensed Ground Ambulance, Designated QRU Provider, and Designated Nonemergency Secured Behavioral Health Transport Operations.

(1) Each licensed ground ambulance provider or designated QRU provider shall notify the Department of the permanent location of its ground ambulances and QRVs. The licensed ground EMS provider or designated QRU provider shall notify the Department in writing whenever it changes the permanent location for any permitted vehicles.

(2) Each licensed ground ambulance provider, designated QRU provider, or designated nonemergency secured behavioral health transport provider shall maintain each operational permitted vehicle on a premise suitable to make it available for immediate use, in good mechanical repair, properly equipped, and in a sanitary condition.

(3) Each licensed ground ambulance provider or designated provider shall maintain each operational vehicle in a clean condition with the interior being thoroughly cleaned after each use in accordance with OSHA standards and the provider's exposure control plan.

(4) Each licensed ground ambulance provider or designated provider shall equip each operational vehicle with adult and child safety restraints. To the point practicable and feasible, all occupants shall be safely restrained during operation.

(5) Each licensed ground ambulance provider or designated QRU provider shall assure that each emergency vehicle operator who may drive the emergency vehicle:

(a) is at least 18 years of age;

(b) possesses a valid driver license;

(c) successfully passed the provider's criminal background check within the prior four years; and

(d) successfully completed a department approved emergency vehicle operator's course or refresher course within the past two years.

(6) The Department shall verify annually that licensed ground ambulance providers or designated providers are in compliance with this requirement.

R426-4-500. Scene and Patient Management.

(1) Designated emergency medical service dispatch centers shall use a selective medical dispatch system to determine which licensed ambulance provider will be notified for patient transport.

(2) When responding to a medical emergency call, EMS personnel shall follow protocols approved by the service provider's medical director, and act within their scope of practice.

(3) EMS personnel shall establish communication with on-line medical control as soon as reasonable.

(4) Licensed Paramedic tactical service provider may only function at the invitation of the local or state public safety authority. When called upon for assistance, the licensed tactical paramedic provider shall immediately notify the local emergency medical service dispatch center to coordinate patient transportation.

(5) Patients who are to be transferred to a different hospital, patient receiving facility, or mental health facility may be delayed by the licensed ambulance provider for severe weather, hazardous conditions, or any other situation that may endanger the safety of the EMS personnel, employed staff, the person being transported, or the public.

(a) Severe weather should be evaluated based on the licensed ambulance provider's written policies. Policies for

weather assessment should be shared with hospitals and other receiving facilities in the geographical service area. During periods of severe weather, the transport should be delayed until the transportation risks are acceptable. The licensed providers shall maintain a weather assessment policy.

(b) When EMS personnel are not immediately able to respond due to unusual demands with other events, the licensed ambulance provider shall communicate the delay with the transferring hospital or facility. Additionally, the transferring hospital or facility should notify the receiving hospital facility, or mental health facility regarding the delay. Communications shall provide an estimated response time. The licensed ambulance provider is responsible to coordinate with the discharging facility an acceptable delay period or make reasonable attempts to arrange the transport with another licensed ambulance provider.

(6) Personnel shall be evaluated by the licensed ambulance provider for fatigue as to reduce possibilities of accidents while driving. If the licensed ambulance provider determines that personnel have fatigue to the point of compromised ability to drive or perform medical skills, the licensed ambulance shall discuss transport options with the transferring facility. Additionally, the transferring facility should notify the delay to the receiving facility. Options may include a possible transport delay, or assistance through mutual agreements.

R426-4-600. Pilot Projects.

(1) A person who proposes to undertake a research or study project which requires waiver of any rule shall have a project director who is a physician licensed to practice medicine in Utah, and shall submit a written proposal to the Department for presentation to the EMS Committee for recommendation.

(2) The proposal shall include the following:

(a) a project description that describes the

(b) need for project;

(c) project goal;

(d) specific objectives;

(e) approval by the provider off-line medical director;

(f) methodology for the project implementation;

(g) geographical area involved by the proposed project;

(h) specific rule or portion of rule to be waived;

(i) proposed waiver language;

(j) evaluation methodology;

(k) a list of the EMS providers and hospitals participating in the project; and

(l) a signed statement of endorsement from the participating hospital medical directors and administrators, the director of each participating licensed paramedic and ambulance provider, other project participants, and other parties who may be significantly affected.

(3) If the pilot project requires the use of additional skills, a description of the skills to be utilized by the field EMS licensed personnel and provision for training and supervising the field EMS licensed personnel who are to utilize these skills, including the names of the field EMS licensed personnel.

(4) The name and signature of the project director attesting to his or her support and approval of the project proposal.

(5) If the pilot project involves human subjects' research, the applicant shall also obtain Department Institutional Review Board approval.

(6) The Department or Committee, as appropriate, may require the applicant to meet additional conditions as it considers necessary or helpful to the success of the project, integrity of the EMS system, and safety to the public.

(7) The Department or Committee, as appropriate, may initially grant project approval for one year. The Department or Committee, as appropriate, may grant approval for continuation beyond the initial year based on the achievement and satisfactory progress as evidenced in written progress reports to be submitted to the Department at least 90 days prior to the end of the approved period. A pilot project may not exceed three years.

(8) The Department or Committee, as appropriate, may only waive a rule if:

(a) the applicant has met the requirements of this section;

(b) the waiver is not inconsistent with statutory requirements;

(c) there is not already another pilot project being conducted on the same subject; and

(d) it finds that the pilot project has the potential to improve pre-hospital medical care.

(9) Approval of a project allows the field EMS licensed personnel listed in the proposal to exercise the specified skills of the participants in the project. The project director shall submit the names of field EMS licensed personnel not initially approved to the Department.

(10) The Department or Committee, as appropriate, may rescind approval for the project at any time if:

(a) those implementing the project fail to follow the protocols and conditions outlined for the project;

(b) it determines that the waiver is detrimental to public health; or

(c) it determines that the project's risks outweigh the benefits that have been achieved.

(11) The Department or Committee, as appropriate, shall allow the licensed or designated EMS provider involved in the study to appear before the Department or Committee, as appropriate, to explain and express its views before determining to rescind the waiver for the project.

(12) At least six months prior to the planned completion of the project, the medical director shall submit to the Department a report with the preliminary findings of the project and any recommendations for change in the project requirements.

R426-4-700. Confidentiality of Patient Information.

(1) Licensed or designated EMS providers and all licensed EMS personnel shall not disclose patient information except as necessary for patient care or as allowed by statute or rule.

R426-4-800. Permitted Vehicle Supply Requirements.

(1) In accordance with the licensed EMS provider level or designation type and level, the each permitted vehicle shall carry the quantities of supplies, medications, and equipment as described in the Department inspection requirements. The vehicle requirements shall be approved by the State EMS Medical Director and the State EMS Committee.

(2) Medical directors for licensed or designated providers are responsible to provide protocols, training, and quality assurance for all medications used by licensed individuals performing duties for their respective licensed or designated provider.

(3) If a licensed or designated EMS provider desires to carry different equipment, supplies, or medication from the vehicle supply requirements, the provider shall submit a written request from the certified off-line medical director to the Department requesting the waiver. The request shall include:

(a) a detailed training outline;

(b) protocols;

(c) proficiency testing;

(d) supporting documentation;

(e) local EMS Council or committee comments; and

(f) a detailed letter of justification.

(4) All non-disposable equipment shall be designed and constructed of materials that are durable and capable of withstanding repeated cleaning. The provider shall:

(a) clean the equipment after each use in accordance with OSHA standards;

(b) sanitize or sterilize equipment prior to reuse;
(c) not reuse equipment intended for single use;
(d) clean and change linens after each use; and
(e) store or secure all equipment in a readily accessible and safe manner to prevent its movement.

(5) The provider shall have all equipment tested, maintained, and calibrated according to the manufacturer's standards.

(6) The provider shall document all equipment inspections, testing, maintenance and calibrations. Testing or calibration conducted by an outside service shall be documented. Such inspections, testing and calibration shall be performed monthly. All testing documentation shall be maintained and available for Department review upon request.

(7) A provider required to carry any of the following equipment shall perform monthly inspections to ensure proper functionality:
(a) defibrillator, manual, or automatic;
(b) autovent;
(c) infusion pump;
(d) glucometer;
(e) flow restricted, oxygen-powered ventilation devices;
(f) suction equipment;
(g) electronic Doppler device;
(h) automatic blood pressure/pulse measuring device;
(i) pulse oximeter; and,
(j) any other electronic, battery powered, or critical care device.

(8) The licensed or designated EMS provider shall perform monthly inspections to ensure proper functionality of all equipment that require consumable items, power supplies, electrical cables, pneumatic power lines, hydraulic power lines, or related connectors.

(9) Unless otherwise authorized by the State EMS Medical Director, a licensed or designated EMS provider shall store all medications according to the manufacturers' recommendations, including temperature control and packaging requirements.

(10) All medication known or suspected to have been subjected to temperatures outside the recommended temperature range shall be return to the supplier for replacement.

(11) The Department shall maintain and publish requirements for ground ambulances, QRVs, and other designated providers on the Department's website.

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R428. Health, Center for Health Data, Health Care Statistics.
R428-2. Health Data Authority Standards for Health Data.
R428-2-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is promulgated under authority granted by Title 26, Chapter 33a.

R428-2-2. Purpose.

This rule establishes definitions, requirements, and general guidelines relating to the collection, control, use and release of data pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 33a.

R428-2-3. Definitions.

(1) The terms used in this rule are defined in Section 26-33a-102.

(2) In addition, the following definitions apply to all of Title R428:

(a) "Adjudicated claim" means a claim submitted to a carrier for payment where the carrier has made a determination whether the services provided fall under the carrier's benefit.

(b) "Ambulatory surgery data" means the consolidation of complete billing, medical, and personal information describing a patient, the services received, and charges billed for a surgical or diagnostic procedure treatment in an outpatient setting into a data record.

(c) "Ambulatory surgical facility" is defined in Section 26-21-2.

(d) "Carrier" means any of the following Third Party Payors as defined in 26-33a-102(16):

(i) an insurer engaged in the business of health care or dental insurance in the state of Utah, as defined in Section 31A-1-301;

(ii) a business under an administrative services organization or administrative services contract arrangement;

(iii) a third party administrator, as defined in Section 31A-1-301, licensed by the state of Utah that collects premiums or settles claims of residents of the state, for health care insurance policies or health benefit plans, as defined in Section 31A-1-301;

(iv) a governmental plan, as defined in Section 414 (d), Internal Revenue Code, that provides health care benefits;

(v) a program funded or administered by Utah for the provision of health care services, including Medicaid, the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program created under Section 26-40-103, and the medical assistance programs described in Title 26, Chapter 18 or any entity under a contract with the Utah Department of Health to serve clients under such a program;

(vi) a non-electing church plan, as described in Section 410 (d), Internal Revenue Code, that provides health care benefits;

(vii) a licensed professional employer organization as defined in Section 31a-40-102 acting as an administrator of a health care insurance plan;

(viii) a health benefit plan funded by a self-insurance arrangement;

(ix) the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program created in Section 49-20-103;

(x) a pharmacy benefit manager, defined to be a person that provides pharmacy benefit management services as defined in Section 49-20-502 on behalf of any other carrier defined in subsection R428-2-3.

(e) "Claim" means a request or demand on a carrier for payment of a benefit.

(f) "Covered period" means the calendar year on which the data used for calculation of HEDIS measures is based.

(g) "Data element" means the specific information collected and recorded for the purpose of health care and health service delivery. Data elements include information to identify the individual, health care provider, data supplier, service provided, charge for service, payer source, medical diagnosis, and medical treatment.

(h) "Discharge data" means the consolidation of complete billing, medical, and personal information describing a patient, the services received, and charges billed for a single inpatient hospital stay into a discharge data record.

(i) "Electronic media" means a compact disc, digital video disc, external hard drive, or other media where data is stored in digital form.

(j) "Electronic transaction" means to submit data directly via electronic connection from a hospital or ambulatory surgery facility to the Office according to Electronic Data Interchange standards established by the American National Standards Institute's Accredited Standards Committee, known as the Health Care Transaction Set (837) ASC X 12N.

(k) "Eligible Enrollee" means an enrollee who meets the criteria outlined in the NCQA survey specifications.

(l) "Emergency Room Data" means the consolidation of complete billing, medical, and personal information describing a patient, the services received, and charges billed for a single visit and treatment of a patient in an emergency room into an emergency room data record.

(m) "Enrollee" means any individual who has entered into a contract with a carrier for health care or on whose behalf such an arrangement has been made.

(n) "Health Insurance" has the same meaning as found in Section 31A-1-301.

(o) "Healthcare claims data" means information consisting of, or derived directly from, member enrollment, medical claims, and pharmacy claims that this rule requires a carrier to report.

(p) "Healthcare Facility" means a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility.

(q) "Healthcare Facility Data" means ambulatory surgery data, discharge data, or emergency room data.

(r) "HEDIS" means the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, a set of standardized performance measures developed by the NCQA.

(s) "HEDIS data" means the complete set of HEDIS measures calculated by the carriers according to NCQA specifications, including a set of required measures and voluntary measures defined by the department, in consultation with the carriers.

(t) "Hospital" means a general acute hospital or specialty hospital as defined in Section 21-21-2 that is licensed under Rule R432.

(u) "Level 1 data element" means a required reportable data element.

(v) "Level 2 data element" means a data element that is reported when the information is available from the patient's hospital record.

(w) "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.

(x) "Office" means the Office of Health Care Statistics within the Utah Department of Health.

(y) "Order" means an action of the committee that determines the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other interests of one or more specific persons, but not a class of persons.

(z) "Patient Social Security number" is the social security number of a person receiving health care.

(aa) "Performance Measure" means the quantitative, numerical measure of an aspect of the carrier, or its membership in part or in its entirety, or qualitative, descriptive information on the carrier in its entirety as described in HEDIS.

(bb) "Public Use Data Set" means a data extract or a subset of a database that is deemed by the Office to not include identifiable data or where the probability of identifying

individuals is minimal.

(cc) "Report" means a disclosure of data or information collected or produced by the committee or Office, including but not limited to a compilation, study, or analysis designed to meet the needs of specific audiences.

(dd) "Research and Statistical Purposes" means having the objective of creating knowledge or answering questions, including a systematic investigation that includes development, testing, and evaluation; the description, estimation, projection, or analysis of the characteristics of individuals, groups, or organizations; an analysis of the relationships between or among these characteristics; the identification or creation of sampling frames and the selection of samples; the preparation and publication of reports describing these matters; and the development, implementation, and maintenance of methods, procedures, or resources to support the efficient use or management of the data.

(ee) "Research Data Set" means a data extract or subset of a database intended for use by investigators or researchers for bona fide research purposes that may include identifiable information or where there is more than a minimal probability that the data could be used to identify individuals.

(ff) "Record linkage number" is an irreversible, unique, encrypted number that will replace patient social security number.

(gg) "Sample file" means the data file containing records of selected eligible enrollees drawn by the survey agency from the carrier's sampling frame.

(hh) "Sampling Frame" means the carrier enrollment file as described criteria outlined by the NCQA survey specifications.

(ii) "Submission year" means the year immediately following the covered period.

(jj) "Survey agency" means an independent contractor on contract with the Office of Health Care Statistics.

(kk) "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.

(ll) "Uniform billing form" means the uniform billing form recommended for use by the National Uniform Billing Committee.

(mm) "Utah Healthcare Facility Data Submission Guide" means the document referenced in Subsection R428-1-4(1).

(nn) "NCQA Survey Specifications" means the document referenced in Subsection R428-1-4(2)

(oo) "NCQA HEDIS Specifications" means the document referenced in Subsection R428-1-4(3)

(pp) "Data Submission Guide for Claims Data" means the document referenced in Subsection R428-1-4(4).

R428-2-4. Technical Assistance.

The Office may provide technical assistance or consultation to a data supplier upon request and resource availability. The consultation shall be to enable a data supplier to submit required data according to Title R428.

R428-2-5. Data Classification and Access.

(1) Data collected by the committee are not public, and as such are exempt from the classification and release requirements specified in Title 63g, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

(2) Any person having access to data collected or produced by the committee or the Office under Title 26, Chapter 33a shall not:

(a) take any action that might provide information to any unauthorized individual or agency;

(b) scan, copy, remove, or review any information to which specific authorization has not been granted;

(c) discuss information with unauthorized persons which could lead to identification of individuals;

(d) give access to any information by sharing passwords or file access codes.

(3) Any person having access to data collected or produced by the committee or the Office under Title 26, Chapter 33a shall:

(a) maintain the data in a safe manner which restricts unauthorized access;

(b) limit use of the data to the purposes for which access is authorized;

(c) report immediately any unauthorized access to the Office or its designated security officer.

(4) A failure to report known violations by others is subject to the same punishment as a personal violation.

(5) The Office shall deny a person access to the facilities, services and data as a consequence of any violation of the responsibilities specified in this section.

R428-2-6. Editing and Validation.

(1) Each data supplier shall review each required record prior to submission. The review shall consist of checks for accuracy, consistency, completeness, and conformity.

(2) The Office may subject submitted data to edit checks. The Office may require the data supplier to correct data failing an edit check as follows:

(a) The Office may, by first class U.S. mail or email, inform the submitting data supplier of any data failing an edit check.

(b) The submitting data supplier shall make necessary corrections and resubmit all corrected data to the Office within 10 business days of the date the Office notified the supplier.

(3) The Office or its designee may reject any data submission that fails to conform to the submission requirements. A data supplier whose submission is rejected shall resubmit the data in the appropriate, corrected format to the Office or its designee within 10 state business days of notice that the data does not meet the submission requirements.

R428-2-7. Error Rates.

The committee may establish and order reporting quality standards based on non-reporting or edit failure rates.

R428-2-8. Data Disclosure.

(1) The committee may disclose data received from data suppliers or data or information derived from this data as specified in Title 26, Chapter 33a.

(2) The Office may prepare reports relating to health care cost, quality, access, health promotion programs, or public health. These actions may be to meet legislative intent or upon request from individuals, government agencies, or private organizations. The Office may create reports in a variety of formats including print or electronic documents, searchable databases, web-sites, or other user-oriented methods for displaying information.

(3) Unless otherwise specified by the committee, the time period for data suppliers and health care providers to prepare a response as required in Subsections 26-33a-107(1) and 26-33a-107(3) shall be 15 business days. If a data supplier fails to respond in the specified time frame, the committee may conclude that the information is correct and suitable for release.

(4) The committee may note in a report that accurate appraisal of a certain category or entity cannot be presented because of a failure to comply with the committee's request for data, edit corrections, or data validation.

(5) The Office may release to the data supplier or its designee any data elements provided by the supplier without notification when a data supplier requests the data be so

supplied.

(6) The committee may disclose data in computer readable formats.

(7) The Director of the Office may approve the disclosure of a public use data set upon receipt of a written request that includes the following:

(a) the name, address, e-mail and telephone number of the requester;

(b) a statement of the purpose for which the data will be used;

(c) agreement to other terms and conditions as deemed necessary by the Office.

(8) As allowed by Section 26-33a-109, thecommittee may release identified data for research and statistical purposes. A person requesting a research data set must provide:

(a) the name, address, e-mail and telephone number of the requester and for each person who will have access to the research data set;

(b) a statement of the purpose for which the research data set will be used;

(c) the starting and ending dates for which the research data set is requested;

(d) an explanation of why a public use data set could not be used for to accomplish the stated research purposes, including a separate justification for each element containing identified data requested;

(e) evidence of the integrity and ability to safeguard the data from any breach of confidentiality;

(f) evidence of competency to effectively use the data in the manner proposed;

(g) a satisfactory review from an Office-approved institutional review board;

(h) a guarantee that no further disclosure will occur without prior approval of the Office;

(i) a signed agreement to comply with other terms and conditions as stipulated by the committee.

R428-2-9. Penalties.

(1) The Office may apply civil penalties or subject violators to legal prosecution.

(2) Sections 26-23-6 and 26-33a-110 specify civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with the requirements of Title R428 or Title 26, Chapter 33a.

(3) Notwithstanding Subsection R428-2-9(2), any person that violates any provision of Title R428 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.

(4) Notwithstanding Subsection R428-2-9(2) and R428-2-9(3), a data supplier that violates any provision of Title R428 may be assessed an administrative civil money penalty for each day of non-compliance. Fines may be imposed as follows:

(a) Not to exceed the sum of $10,000 per violation

(b) Each day of violation is a separate violation

(c) Deadlines established in separate sections of Title R428 are considered as separate provisions.

(5) The Office may impose a fine on any data supplier that misses a deadline to submit data required in Title R428 as follows:

(a) A fine of $250 per violation shall be imposed until the data has been supplied as required

(b) The fines shall increase to $500 per violation for each violation when any data supplier that is currently in violation misses another deadline

(c) After forty-five consecutive calendar days of violation, the Office may adjust the per day penalty subject to the limits in (4)(a) taking into account the following aggravating and mitigating circumstances:

(i) Prior violation history and history of compliance

(ii) Good faith efforts to prevent violations

(iii) The size and financial capability of the data supplier.

R428-2-10. Exemptions and Extensions.

(1) The committee may grant exemptions or extensions from reporting requirements in Title R428 to data suppliers under certain circumstances.

(2) The committee may grant an exemption to a data supplier when the supplier demonstrates that compliance imposes an unreasonable cost.

(a) A data supplier may request an exemption from any particular requirement or set of requirements of Title R428. The data supplier must submit a request for exemption no less than 30 calendar days before the date the supplier would have to comply with the requirement.

(b) The committee may grant an exemption for a maximum of one calendar year. A data supplier wishing an additional exemption must submit an additional, separate request.

(3) The committee may grant an extension to a data supplier when the supplier demonstrates that technical or unforeseen difficulties prevent compliance.

(a) A data supplier may request an extension for any deadline required in Title R428. For each deadline for which the data supplier requests an extension, the data supplier must submit its request no less than seven calendar days before the deadline in question.

(b) The committee may grant an extension for a maximum of 30 calendar days. A data supplier wishing an additional extension must submit an additional, separate request.

(4) The supplier requesting an extension or exemption shall include:

(a) The data supplier's name, mailing address, telephone number, and contact person;

(b) the dates the exemption or extension is to start and end;

(c) a description of the relief sought, including reference to specific sections or language of the requirement;

(d) a statement of facts, reasons, or legal authority in support of the request; and

(e) a proposed alternative to the requirement or deadline.

(5) A carrier that covers fewer than 2,500 individual Utah residents as of January 1 of a given year is exempt from all requirements of this title except that once a carrier has covered a cumulative total of 2,500 such individuals during a calendar year, they are no longer considered exempt for the remainder of that year.

(6) A stand-alone dental carrier that covers fewer than 20,000 individual Utah residents as of January 1 of a given year is exempt from all requirements of this title except that once a stand-alone dental carrier has covered a cumulative total of 20,000 such individuals during a calendar year, they are no longer considered exempt for the remainder of that year.

R428-2-11. Contractor Liability.

(1) A data supplier may contract with another entity to submit required data elements on their behalf under Title R428. In such cases, the data supplier must notify the Office of the identity and contact information of the contractor.

(2) Regardless of the existence of a contractor, the responsibility for complying with all requirements of Title R428 remains solely with the data supplier.

R428-2-12. Data Supplier Contacts.

(1) Data suppliers required to submit healthcare claims data or healthcare facility data shall provide current contact

information to the Office by September 1 of each year using a web-site provided by the Office for this purpose.

(2) Each data supplier newly required to submit healthcare claims data or healthcare facility data under this rule, including by a change to the rule or because it no longer qualifies for an exemption, shall provide contact information to the Office within 30 days of learning that they will be required to submit data under this rule.

(3) Each data supplier shall designate a person who is responsible for submitting data and a person who is responsible for communicating with the Office regarding the submission of the data. Each data supplier shall notify the Office of changes in this designation within thirty calendar days.

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R428. Health, Center for Health Data, Health Care Statistics.
R428-15. Health Data Authority Health Insurance Claims Reporting.
R428-15-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is promulgated under authority granted in Utah Code Title 26, Chapter 33a and in accordance with the Utah Health Data Plan as adopted in Rule R428-1.

R428-15-2. Purpose.

This rule establishes requirements for certain entities that pay for health care to submit data to the Utah Department of Health.

R428-15-3. Reporting Requirements.

(1) Each carrier shall submit health care claims data described in the Data Submission Guide for Claims Data for each covered person where Utah is the covered person's primary residence, regardless of where the services are provided.

(2) Each carrier shall submit data for all fields contained in the Data Submission Guide for Claims Data if the data are available to the carrier. Each carrier shall notify the Office or its designee of any data elements that are required to be reported under this rule, but that are not available to the carrier.

(3) Each carrier shall submit the health care claims data on a monthly basis.

(4) Each monthly submission is due no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the carrier adjudicated the claim.

R428-15-4. Testing of Files.

(1) Prior to February 14, 2014, each carrier required to report under this rule shall meet with the Office or its designee to establish a data submission testing plan and time line. Each carrier shall contact the Office to arrange this meeting by January 15, 2014.

(2) Each carrier shall, according to its data submission testing plan, submit to the Office or its designee a test dataset for determining compliance with the standards for data submission and participate in testing. This test dataset must be in the same format as required by the Data Submission Guide for Claims Data as of May 15, 2014.

(3) Carriers that become subject to this rule after January 15, 2014 shall submit to the Office a dataset for determining compliance with the standards for data submission no later than 90 days after the first date of becoming subject to the rule.

R428-15-5. Rejection of Files.

The Office or its designee may reject and return any data submission that fails to conform to the submission requirements. A carrier whose submission is rejected shall resubmit the data in the appropriate, corrected format to the Office, or its designee within 10 state business days of notice that the data does not meet the submission requirements.

R428-15-6. Limitation of Liability.

As provided in Section 26-25-1, any data supplier that submits data pursuant to this rule cannot be held liable for having provided the required information to the Department.

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R547. Human Services, Juvenile Justice Services.
R547-15. Formula for Reform Savings.
R547-15-1. Authority and Purpose.

Section 62A-7-113 requires the division to create a rule to establish a formula calculating the savings from General Fund appropriations resulting from out-of-home placements for youth offenders with the division.

R547-15-2. Definitions.

(1) Definitions:

(a) Out-of-home placements means division programs consisting of:

(i) Detention as defined in 62A-7-101

(ii) Long-term secure care

(iii) Residential community placements

(b) Lapsing funds means funds unspent during a fiscal year that are not designated as non-lapsing.

(c) Average Nightly Count means the average number of youths enrolled at midnight in a program for a specified time period.

R547-15-3. Formula.

(1) Formula:

(a) For the JJS Programs and Operations line item and the DHS Community Providers Line item:

(i) At the end of each fiscal year, the Division of Finance shall transfer the lesser of the lapsing balance in each line item or:

(ii) An amount to be determined based on calculating the percent reduction in average nightly counts of youth in out of home placements from the base year of 2017 to the current year, multiplied by total year end expenditures.

(A) ((FY17-Current FY)/FY17)*Current FY Expenditures

KEY: human services, reinvestment, formula, Juvenile Justice Services
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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-270. Risk Adjustment Data Submission Requirements.
R590-270-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsections 31A-30-302(3)(a) and (4)(a) wherein the commissioner may adopt a rule to require a carrier to submit data to the All Payer Claims Database (APCD).

R590-270-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to outline the responsibilities of a carrier with regard to the required data submission to the APCD that is necessary for the evaluation of a state-based risk adjustment program in the individual and small employer health benefit plan markets.

R590-270-3. Applicability and Scope.

(1) This rule applies:

(a) to a carrier that issues a risk adjustment covered plan to a Utah:

(i) resident; or

(ii) domiciled small employer; and

(b) regardless of any limitations or exemptions offered in R428 rules or Section 26-33a-102, based on the number of covered individual Utah residents.

(2) This rule does not apply to a transitional health benefit plan.

R590-270-4. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Sections 31A-1-301 and 26-33a-102, and R428 rules, the following definitions apply for the purpose of this rule.

(1) "Non-grandfathered health plan" means a health benefit plan issued to an individual or small employer:

(a) after March 23, 2010; or

(b) on or before March 23, 2010 that lost grandfather status at a renewal that occurred after March 23, 2010.

(2) "Risk adjustment covered plan" means a plan as defined by 45 CFR 155.20.

(3) "Subscriber premium" means the monthly premium for the subscriber and associated dependents that correspond to the carrier's rate data template filed with the Utah Insurance Department.

(4) "Transitional plan" means a non-grandfathered health plan issued to an individual or small employer prior to January 1, 2014, that is renewed after January 1, 2014 pursuant to guidance issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight dated November 14, 2013 and March 5, 2014.

(5) "APCD Carrier" means a carrier that is required to submit data to the APCD based on parameters outlined in R428 rules.

(6) "RA Carrier" means a carrier that is not required to submit data to the APCD based on parameters outlined in R428 rules, but issues risk adjustment covered plans where that plan is subject to risk adjustment in Utah.

R590-270-5. APCD Carrier Data Submission Requirements.

(1) An APCD Carrier shall submit complete and accurate data to the APCD as prescribed by R428 rules.

(2) For any submissions to the APCD on or after January 1, 2015, an APCD Carrier shall include in the medical eligibility file the DSG2.0 Additional Data Elements, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at insurance.utah.gov.

(a) The DSG2.0 Additional Data Elements shall be inserted into the medical eligibility file after all existing fields, that is, after field ME899.

(b) The DSG2.0 Additional Data Elements may be submitted with null values for records that are not subject to risk adjustment as outlined in 45 CFR Section 156.80.

(3) For any submissions to the APCD on or after January 1, 2015, an APCD Carrier shall submit data to the APCD for non-Utah residents if the individual receives coverage through a risk adjustment covered plan issued to a Utah domiciled small employer group.

(4)(a) An APCD Carrier shall submit the required data to the APCD by the end of the month following the applicable data month.

(b) Notwithstanding any exemption or extension requested under R428 rules, an APCD Carrier must provide to the APCD, in production format by August 31,2014, at least all claims adjudicated on or after January 1, 2014 and ending on or before June 30, 2014.

(5)(a) An APCD Carrier shall submit a one-time supplemental eligibility file to the Office of Health Care Statistics. The supplemental eligibility file shall:

(i) be a supplement to the monthly medical eligibility file;

(ii) be submitted through a secure method agreed upon by OHCS;

(iii) be submitted by November 1, 2014; and

(iv) have a one to one match to records in the most recent available monthly medical eligibility file submitted to the APCD; and

(b) The one-time supplemental eligibility file shall follow:

(i) the record layout in the medical eligibility file in the One-time APCD Supplemental Eligibility File, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at insurance.utah.gov; or

(ii) an alternative format as approved by the commissioner.

R590-270-6. RA Carrier Data Submission Requirements.

(1) Starting January 1, 2015, a RA Carrier shall submit complete and accurate data to the APCD as prescribed by R428 rules, regardless of any limitations or exemptions offered in R428 rules or Section 26-33a-102 based on the number of covered individual Utah residents.

(2) For any submissions to the APCD on or after January 1, 2015, a RA Carrier shall include the DSG2.0 Additional Data Elements in the medical eligibility file.

(a) The DSG2.0 Additional Data Elements shall be inserted into the medical eligibility file after all existing fields, that is, after field ME899.

(b) The DSG2.0 Additional Data Elements may be submitted with null values for records that are not subject to risk adjustment as outlined in 45 CFR Section 156.80.

(3) For any submissions to the APCD on or after January 1, 2015, a RA Carrier shall submit data to the APCD for non-Utah residents if the covered individual receives coverage through a risk adjustment covered plan issued to a Utah domiciled small employer group.

(4) A RA Carrier shall submit the required data to the APCD by the end of the month following the applicable data month.

(5) The commissioner may approve an alternate submission method if a RA Carrier demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the requirements of this rule impose an unreasonable burden to the RA Carrier and would place the RA Carrier in a state of supervision, insolvency, or liquidation.

R590-270-7. Data Use Limitations.

The additional fields required by this rule will be used exclusively for purposes identified in Subsection 26-33a-106.1(1).

R590-270-8. Penalties.

A person found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-270-9. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the provisions of this rule 45 days from the rule's effective date.

R590-270-10. 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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R597. Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, Administration.
R597-1. General Provisions.
R597-1-1. Authorization and Purpose.

(1) As authorized by Section 78A-12-101 et seq., this rule establishes procedures for:

(a) implementing judicial performance evaluations;

(b) informing voters about judges standing for retention election; and

(c) notifying judges of the standards by which they will be evaluated.

R597-1-2. Definitions.

(1) "Controlling cycle" means the single retention election year which, when assigned to a judge, establishes the time frames for performance evaluation.

(2) "Courtroom observation report" means the individual narrative report a courtroom observer authors after observing the judge.

(3) "Courtroom observer" means a volunteer, recruited by commission staff through public outreach and advertising, who has the duties described in R597-3-3(6).

(4) "Court staff" means employees of the judiciary, as identified in R597-3-2(9)(c), who have regular contact with the judge as the judge performs judicial duties. Court staff also includes those who are not employed by the judiciary but who have ongoing administrative duties in the courtroom.

(5) For purposes of administering a survey to a juror, a case is "closed" when the verdict is rendered or the jury is dismissed.

(6) "Disqualification," as used in R597-2-2, means the involuntary disqualification of a commissioner by other commissioners, in accordance with R597-2-2(6) and R597-2-2(7).

(7) "Evaluation cycle" means a time period during which a judge is evaluated. Judges not on the supreme court are subject to two evaluation cycles over a six-year judicial term. Justices of the supreme court are subject to three evaluation cycles over a ten-year judicial term.

(8) "Juvenile court professional" means an individual, as identified in R597-3-2(9)(d), whose professional duties place that individual in juvenile court on a regular and continuing basis.

(9) "Observation instrument" means the form approved for use by courtroom observers to evaluate the judicial behavior observed in court.

(10) "Procedural fairness" means the type of treatment judges should afford people in their courts and includes the principles and behavioral standards identified in R597-3-3(12).

(11) "Recusal," as used in R597-2-2, means a voluntary self-disqualification by a commissioner.

(12) "Survey" means the aggregate of questionnaires, each targeting a separate classification of survey respondents, which together are used to assess judicial performance.

(13) "Survey respondent" means an individual, as identified in R597-3-2(9), eligible to author a survey response.

(14) "Surveyor" means the organization or individual awarded a contract through procedures established by the state procurement code to survey respondents regarding judicial performance.

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R597. Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, Administration.
R597-2. Administration of the Commission.
R597-2-1. Internal Operating Procedures.

(1) The commission may adopt procedures governing internal operations relating to judicial performance evaluation and meeting protocol, consistent with state statute and these rules.

(2) Proposed amendments to internal operating procedures shall be submitted in writing to all members of the commission in advance of the next regular meeting, at which time a majority of the commission is required for the adoption of the amendment. Amendments become effective immediately upon ratification.

R597-2-2. Disclosure, Recusal, and Disqualification.

(1) For purposes of disclosure, commissioners shall:

(a) make disclosures at the monthly commission meeting prior to the first scheduled meeting at which the retention evaluation reports for a given class of judges will be discussed or, in any event, no later than the beginning of the meeting at which a particular judge's evaluation is considered; and

(b) disclose to the commission any professional or personal relationship or conflict of interest with a judge that may affect an unbiased evaluation of the judge.

(2) Relationships that may affect an unbiased evaluation of the judge include any contact or association that might influence a commissioner's ability to fairly and reasonably evaluate the performance of any judge or to assess that judge without bias or prejudice, including but not limited to:

(a) family relationships to a state, municipal, or county judge within the third degree (grandparents, parents or parents-in-law, aunts or uncles, children, nieces and nephews and their spouses);

(b) any business relationship between the commissioner and the judge;

(c) any personal litigation directly or indirectly involving the judge and the commissioner, the commissioner's family or the commissioner's business.

(3) A commissioner exhibits bias or prejudice when the commissioner is predisposed to decide a cause or an issue in a way that does not leave the commissioner's mind open to exercising the commissioner's duties impartially in a particular case.

(4) After making a disclosure, a commissioner may voluntarily recuse him or herself if the commissioner believes the relationship with the judge will impact an unbiased evaluation of the judge.

(5) Recusal will preclude a commissioner from participating in the commission's evaluation of the judge and from voting on whether to recommend the judge for retention.

(6) A commissioner may move to vote on the disqualification of another commissioner if:

(a) the other commissioner makes a disclosure and does not voluntarily recuse, and that commissioner's impartiality might reasonably be questioned; or

(b) the other commissioner does not make a disclosure, but known circumstances suggest that the commissioner's impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

(7) To disqualify a commissioner:

(a) a motion to disqualify must be seconded; and

(b) ratified by a two-thirds vote of those present.

(8) During the discussion concerning possible disqualification, any commissioner may raise any facts concerning another commissioner's ability to fairly and reasonably evaluate the performance of any judge without bias or prejudice.

(9) Disqualification encompasses exclusion both from participating in the commission's evaluation of a judge and from voting on whether to recommend the judge for retention.

R597-2-3. Reporting Improper Attempts to Influence.

A commissioner shall report to the executive committee any form of communication that attempts to influence the evaluation process by improper means, including but not limited to undue pressure, duress, or coercion.

R597-2-4. Confidentiality.

(1) The commission enacts this rule to avoid the risk of inconsistent statements by commissioners and to maintain the credibility of the commission and the integrity of its work product.

(2) Only the commission's designated spokesperson may publicly discuss the evaluation of any particular judge or justice.

(3) No commissioner may publicly advocate for or against the retention of any particular judge or justice.

(4) Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection, commissioners may publicly discuss the evaluation process, including but not limited to discussion of respondent groups, survey instruments, and the operation of the commission.

R597-2-5. Data Publicity.

In response to requests for the commission's data set, the commission shall choose appropriate methods to protect respondent confidentiality. The commission may:

(1) elect to collapse data elements;

(2) elect to withhold data elements from release; and

(3) take other reasonable measures as necessary.

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R597. Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, Administration.
R597-3. Judicial Performance Evaluations.
R597-3-1. Evaluation Cycles.

(1) Subject to R597-3-1(3), the evaluation cycles for judges not serving on the supreme court include:

(a) the midterm evaluation cycle, beginning upon the appointment of the judge or on the first Monday in January following the retention election of the judge and ending on September 30 of the third year preceding the year of the judge's next retention election; and

(b) the retention evaluation cycle, beginning the day after the midterm evaluation cycle is finished and ending on September 30 of the year preceding the year of the judge's next retention election.

(2) Subject to R597-3-1(3), the evaluation cycles for justices serving on the supreme court include:

(a) the initial evaluation cycle, beginning upon the appointment of the justice or on the first Monday in January following the retention election of the justice and ending on September 30 of the seventh year preceding the year of the justice's next retention election;

(b) the midterm evaluation cycle, beginning the day after the initial evaluation cycle is finished and ending on September 30 of the third year preceding the year of the justice's next retention election; and

(c) the retention evaluation cycle, beginning the day after the midterm evaluation cycle is finished and ending on September 30 of the year preceding the year of the justice's next retention election.

(3) The commission will not conduct evaluations during the first six months of the retention evaluation cycle, in order to allow judges time to incorporate feedback from midterm evaluations into their practices.

R597-3-2. Survey.

(1) For the purpose of judicial performance evaluations, the commission shall:

(a) conduct surveys as described in R597-3-1; and

(b) post on its website the survey questionnaires upon which the judge shall be evaluated at the beginning of the survey cycle.

(2) For the purpose of judicial performance evaluations, the commission may:

(a) conduct periodic reviews to ensure compliance with administrative rules governing the survey process; and

(b) consider narrative survey comments that cannot be reduced to a numerical score.

(3) Within 10 business days of the end of the evaluation cycle, the clerk for the judge or the Administrative Office of the Courts shall identify attorneys who have appeared before the judge during the evaluation cycle a minimum of one hearing or trial.

(4) Identified attorneys may be included in the attorney survey pool for the evaluated judge, except if the attorney has been:

(a) confirmed as a judge during the evaluation cycle; or

(b) referred by the judge to the Office of Professional Conduct for allegations of misconduct.

(5) Within 10 business days of the end of the evaluation cycle, the Office of Professional Conduct shall identify all judges who have referred an attorney for allegations of misconduct.

(6) A third-party contractor engaged as a surveyor by the commission shall:

(a) design the survey to comply with generally-accepted principles of surveying;

(b) determine the maximum number of survey requests to send to a survey respondent, except that no survey respondent shall receive more than nine survey requests;

(c) identify the number of attorneys most likely to produce a response level yielding reliability at a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of +/- 5% for each judge who is the subject of a survey;

(d) survey all attorneys with one trial appearance before the evaluated judge, in accordance with R597-3-2(6)(b);

(e) consider all attorneys with at least five total appearances before the evaluated judge as eligible to be surveyed;

(f) supplement the survey pool with other attorneys who have appeared before the judge during the evaluation cycle in the event that the attorney appearance list from the Administrative Office of the Courts contains an insufficient number of attorneys with one trial appearance or at least five total appearances before the evaluated judge to achieve the required confidence level.

(g) distribute the surveys to the appropriate survey respondent;

(h) redact all written comments from survey responses to remove any information that identifies the person commenting and deliver the redacted comments to the commission; and

(i) redact all written comments from survey responses to remove any information that discloses the identity of any crime victims and deliver the redacted comments to the commission.

(7) The surveyor may distribute surveys in paper form to those survey respondents who do not have access to email.

(8) Prior to the jury being dismissed, the bailiff or clerk in charge of a jury shall:

(a) collect email addresses from all jurors;

(b) collect street addresses from all jurors who don't have an email address; and

(c) transmit all such addresses to the surveyor within 24 hours of collection.

(9) Survey respondents eligible to receive a survey include:

(a) attorneys, as described in R597-3-2(3) and R597-3-2(4);

(b) jurors who participate in jury deliberation, where applicable;

(c) court staff who have worked with the judge, but are not limited to:

(i) judicial assistants;
(ii) case managers;
(iii) clerks of court;
(iv) trial court executives;
(v) interpreters;
(vi) bailiffs;
(vii) law clerks;
(viii) central staff attorneys;
(ix) juvenile probation and intake officers;
(x) other courthouse staff, as appropriate;
(xi) Administrative Office of the Courts staff; and
(xii) treatment providers for specialty courts;

(d) juvenile court professionals, where applicable:

(i) Division of Child and Family Services ("DCFS") child protection services workers;

(ii) Division of Child and Family Services ("DCFS") case workers;

(iii) Juvenile Justice Services ("JJS") Observation and Assessment Staff;

(iv) Juvenile Justice Services ("JJS") case managers;

(v) Juvenile Justice Services ("JJS") secure care staff; and

(vi) others who provide substantive professional services on a regular basis to the juvenile court.

(10) Any survey respondent may submit a public comment in writing pursuant to section 78A-12-203(2)(e), regardless of the submission of a survey response containing an anonymous narrative comment.

(11) The raw form of survey results consists of quantitative survey data that contributes to the minimum score on the judicial performance survey.

(12) The summary form of survey results consists of quantitative survey data in aggregated form.

R597-3-3. Courtroom Observation.

(1) Courtroom observations shall be conducted according to the evaluation cycles described in R597-3-1(1) and R597-3-1(2).

(2) Courtroom observers shall be volunteers, recruited by the commission through public outreach and advertising.

(3) For the purpose of courtroom observation, commission staff shall:

(a) notify each judge at the beginning of each survey cycle of the courtroom observation process and of the observation instrument to be used by the courtroom observers; and

(b) select courtroom observers based on written applications and an interview process.

(4) Only the summary of the individual courtroom observation reports shall be included in the retention report published for each judge.

(5) Individuals with a broad and varied range of life experiences shall be sought to volunteer as courtroom observers, except that the following individuals may be excluded from eligibility:

(a) individuals who currently have, or have previously had, professional or personal involvement with the court system or the judge;

(b) individuals with a fiduciary relationship with the judge;

(c) individuals within a third degree of relationship with a state or justice court judge (grandparents, parents or parents-in-law, aunts or uncles, children, nieces and nephews and their spouses);

(d) individuals lacking computer access or basic computer literacy skills;

(e) individuals currently involved in litigation in state or justice courts; or

(f) individuals whose background or experience suggests they may have a bias that would prevent them from objectively serving in the courtroom observation program.

(6) Courtroom observers shall:

(a) serve at the will of the commission staff;

(b) refrain from disclosing the content of their courtroom evaluations in any form or to any person except as designated by the commission;

(c) satisfactorily complete a courtroom observation training program developed by the commission before engaging in courtroom observation;

(d) conduct in-person courtroom observations for each judge they are assigned to observe, for a minimum of two hours while court is in session; and

(e) upon completion of the observation of a judge, complete the observation instrument, which will be electronically transferred to commission staff.

(7) Courtroom observations may be completed in one sitting or over several courtroom visits.

(8) The commission shall develop a courtroom observation training program that shall include:

(a) orientation and overview of commission processes and the courtroom observation program;

(b) classroom training addressing each level of court;

(c) in-court group observations, with subsequent classroom discussions, for each level of court;

(d) training on proper use of the observation instrument;

(e) training on confidentiality and non-disclosure issues; and

(f) such other periodic trainings as are necessary for effective observations.

(9) During each midterm and retention evaluation cycle, a minimum of four different courtroom observers shall observe each judge subject to that evaluation cycle.

(10) Courtroom observers may observe a judge sitting in more than one geographic location or a justice court judge serving in more than one jurisdiction, in any location or combination of locations in which the judge holds court.

(11) Courtroom observers, though volunteers, may be eligible to receive compensation in exchange for successful completion of a specified amount of additional courtroom observation work.

(12) Courtroom observers shall evaluate the judicial behavior observed in court as it relates to procedural fairness by responding in narrative form to principles and behavioral standards which shall include:

(a) neutrality, including but not limited to the judge:

(i) displaying fairness and impartiality toward all court participants;

(ii) acting as a fair and principled decision maker who applies rules consistently across court participants and cases;

(iii) explaining transparently and openly how rules are applied and how decisions are reached; and

(iv) listening carefully and impartially;

(b) respect, including but not limited to the judge:

(i) demonstrating courtesy toward attorneys, court staff, and others in the court;

(ii) treating all people with dignity;

(iii) helping interested parties understand decisions and what the parties must do as a result;

(iv) maintaining decorum in the courtroom;

(v) demonstrating adequate preparation to hear scheduled cases;

(vi) acting in the interests of the parties, not out of demonstrated personal prejudices;

(vii) managing caseflow efficiently and demonstrating awareness of the effect of delay on court participants; and

(viii) demonstrating interest in the needs, problems, and concerns of court participants;

(c) voice, including but not limited to the judge:

(i) giving parties the opportunity, where appropriate, to give voice to their perspectives or situations and demonstrating that they have been heard;

(ii) behaving in a manner that demonstrates full consideration of the case as presented through witnesses, arguments, pleadings, and other documents; and

(iii) attending, where appropriate, to the participants' comprehension of the proceedings;

(d) any other questions necessary to help the commission assess the overall performance of the judge with respect to procedural fairness.

R597-3-4. Minimum Performance Standards.

(1) In addition to the minimum performance standards specified by statute, the judge shall:

(a) demonstrate by the totality of the circumstances that the judge's conduct in court promotes procedural fairness for court participants;

(b) meet all performance standards established by the Judicial Council, including but not limited to:

(i) annual judicial education hourly requirements;

(ii) case-under-advisement standards; and

(iii) physical and mental competence to hold office.

(2) No later than October 1 of the year preceding each general election year, the Judicial Council shall certify to the commission whether each judge standing for retention election in the next general election has satisfied its performance standards.

(3) To determine if the judge meets the minimum performance standard of procedural fairness, the commission

shall:

(a) consider only data collected as part of the judge's performance evaluation, pursuant to section 78A-12-203(2);

(b) apply a standard commensurate with the standard for scored minimum performance standards on the judicial performance survey, as in section 78A-12-205(1)(b)(i); and

(c) determine by a majority of the quorum vote whether the judge meets the minimum performance standard of procedural fairness, the outcome of which shall establish the rebuttable presumption as it applies to procedural fairness, in accordance with section 78A-12-203(4)(b).

(4) A rebuttable presumption to recommend a judge for retention arises when the judge meets all minimum performance standards.

(5) A rebuttable presumption not to recommend a judge for retention arises when the judge fails to meet one or more minimum performance standards.

(6) A commissioner may vote to overcome the presumption for or against a retention recommendation on any judge if the commissioner concludes that substantial countervailing evidence outweighs the presumption.

R597-3-5. Public Comments.

(1) Persons desiring to comment about a particular judge with whom they have had experience may do so at any time, either by submitting such comments on the commission website or by submitting them to commission staff.

(2) In order for the commission to consider comments in making its retention recommendation on a particular judge, comments about that judge must be received no later than March 1 of the year in which the judge's name appears on the ballot.

(3) Comments received after March 1 of the year in which the judge's name appears on the ballot will be included as part of the judge's midterm report in the subsequent evaluation cycle.

(4) Comments received about a judge after the midterm evaluation cycle ends will be included in the judge's next retention report.

(5) Persons submitting comments may choose whether to include their name and contact information with their submission.

(6) All public comments are subject to GRAMA, pursuant to section 78A-12-206(1).

R597-3-6. Judicial Retirements and Resignations.

(1) For purposes of judicial performance evaluation, the commission shall evaluate each judge until the judge:

(a) provides written notice of resignation or retirement to the Governor;

(b) is removed from office;

(c) becomes subject to mandatory judicial retirement due to age;

(d) otherwise vacates the judicial office; or

(e) fails to properly file for retention.

(2) The retention evaluation for a judge who provides written notice of resignation or retirement following completion of the retention evaluation but before distribution of the retention evaluation, shall be sent to the Judicial Council.

R597-3-7. Publication of Retention Reports.

No later than sixty days prior to Election Day, the commission shall post on its website the retention reports of all judges who have filed for that election.

R597-3-8. Judicial Written Statements.

If, pursuant to section 78A-12-206(3), a judge is eligible to provide a written statement to be included in the judge's retention report, the statement shall be due to commission staff, in writing, no later than one week after the deadline for the judge to file a declaration of the judge's candidacy in the retention election.

R597-3-9. Judicial Discipline.

(1) For the purposes of judicial performance evaluation and pursuant to section 78A-12-205, the commission shall consider any public sanction of a judge issued by the Supreme Court during the judge's current term, including any public sanctions:

(a) issued during the judge's midterm and retention evaluation cycles; and

(b) issued after the end of the judge's retention evaluation cycle until the commission votes whether to recommend the judge for retention.

KEY: judicial performance evaluations, judges, evaluation cycles, surveys
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R597. Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, Administration.
R597-4. Justice Courts.
R597-4-1. Classification of Justice Court Judges.

(1) Each judge's classification shall be made by the commission following the judge's retention election, except that newly-appointed judges shall be classified upon appointment.

(2) Classification shall be based on:

(a) the dates of required retention elections for the court or courts in which the judge serves and;

(b) the weighted caseload data and attorney appearance data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 12 months preceding the judge's most recent election or appointment.

(3) If the data specified in subsection R597-4-1(2)(b) is unavailable or inapplicable, classification shall be based on the best data available from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(4) Justice court judges shall be classified into a single controlling cycle for the purposes of evaluation timing.

(5) Justice court judges shall be classified into one of three categories for purposes of judicial evaluation, based on the timeframes specified in sections R597-4-1(2)(b) and R597-4-1(3):

(a) full evaluation judges must have a total of 50 or more attorneys with at least one trial appearance or three total appearances in the combined jurisdictions in which they serve;

(b) mid-level evaluation judges must have fewer than 50 attorneys with at least one trial appearance or three total appearances in the combined jurisdictions in which they serve and a weighted caseload, as defined by the Administrative Office of the Courts, of .2 or more in at least one jurisdiction; and

(c) basic evaluation judges must not qualify for full evaluation and must have a weighted caseload of less than .2 in every jurisdiction in which they serve.

(6) Once classified, the judge retains the classification for the duration of the judge's controlling cycle term of office.

(7) Once classified, the judge may be evaluated in any court in which the judge serves, regardless of retention year.

(8) Evaluation data gathered from different courts served by a single judge shall be aggregated into a single midterm report and a single retention report.

(9) For judges who stand for retention election in multiple years, the retention report compiled pursuant to the controlling cycle shall be used for all other subsequent retention elections for which that judge stands within the controlling cycle.

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R616. Labor Commission, Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety.
R616-4. Coal Mine Safety.
R616-4-1. Authority and Purpose.

This rule is established pursuant to authority granted the Commission by 40-2-104 and 40-2-301(2) for the purpose of improving coal mine safety, preventing coal mine accidents, and improving coal mine accident response consistent with the Coal Mine Safety Act.

R616-4-2. Definitions.

As used in this rule, the terms listed below shall have the same definition as set forth in the Coal Mine Safety Act, as follows.

(1) "Adverse action" means to take any of the following actions against a person in a manner that affects the person's employment or contractual relationships:

(a) discharge the person;

(b) threaten the person;

(c) coerce the person;

(d) intimidate the person; or

(e) discriminate against the person, including to discriminate in:

(i) compensation;

(ii) terms;

(iii) conditions;

(iv) location;

(v) rights;

(vi) immunities;

(vii) promotions; or

(viii) privileges.

(2) "Coal mine" means:

(a) the following used in extracting coal from its natural deposits in the earth by any means or method:

(i) the land;

(ii) a structure;

(iii) a facility;

(iv) machinery;

(v) a tool;

(vi) equipment;

(vii) a shaft;

(viii) a slope;

(ix) a tunnel;

(x) an excavation; and

(xi) other property; and

(b) the work of preparing extracted coal, including a coal preparation facility.

(3) "Commission" means the Labor Commission created in 34A-1-103.

(4) "Commissioner" means the commissioner appointed under 34A-1-201.

(5) "Council" means the Mine Safety Technical Advisory Council created in 40-2-203.

(6) "Director" means the Director of the Utah Office of Coal Mine Safety appointed under 40-2-202.

(7) "Major coal mine accident" means any of the following (but not limited too) at a coal mine located in Utah:

(a) a mine explosion;

(b) a mine fire;

(c) the flooding of a mine;

(d) a mine collapse; or

(e) the accidental death of an individual at a mine.

(8) "Mine Safety and Health Administration" and "MSHA" means the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration within the United States Department of Labor.

(9) "Office" means the Utah Office of Coal Mine Safety created in 40-2-201.

(10) "Unsafe condition" means a danger that reasonably could be expected to cause serious harm to a person or property.

R616-4-3. Examining Coal Mines.

(1) Pursuant to 34A-1-406 and other provisions of Utah Law, representatives of the Utah Labor Commission are authorized to enter places of employment, including coal mines, for purposes of "examining the provisions made for the health and safety of the employees in the place of employment."

(2) If the Director of the Office of Coal Mine Safety determines that the safety of an employee is or will be endangered by activities or conditions in a coal mine, the Director may:

(a) notify the employee and mine management of the danger and specify actions necessary to remedy the danger;

(b) notify the Mine Safety and Health Administration of the danger;

(c) notify other appropriate federal, state, and local government agencies; and

(d) take such other action as authorized by law to eliminate or mitigate the danger.

R616-4-4. Accident Notification Requirements.

(1) After the occurrence of any coal mine accident that is required by MSHA or regulations 30 CFR Part 50 to be immediately reported to MSHA, a coal mine operator shall first notify MSHA of the accident. Immediately after completing its report to MSHA, the coal mine operator shall then report the accident to the Office of Coal Mine Safety at telephone number 1-888-988-6463.

R616-4-5. Emergency Response Training.

(1) Beginning with the 2010 calendar year, each coal mine operator shall annually hold an in-person meeting with law enforcement, public safety and health care providers for the purpose of reviewing and refining coal mine emergency response plans. The Office of Coal Mine Safety shall be notified of and arrange to participate in each such meeting, but the inability of the Office or any local, state, and federal emergency response personnel to attend such a meeting shall not prevent the operator from proceeding with the meeting as scheduled.

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R661. Navajo Trust Fund, Trustees.
R661-3. Utah Navajo Trust Fund Residency Policy.
R661-3-101. Eligibility.

(1) To be eligible for program services from the Utah Navajo Trust Fund, a person must be a Navajo residing in San Juan County, Utah, as required by Public Law 90-306, adopted by Congress on May 17, 1968.

(2) To be considered "a Navajo" for purposes of this policy, a person shall meet the standards adopted by the Navajo Nation Council for membership in the Tribe and provide proof thereof in the form of a Navajo Nation Certificate of Indian Blood ("CIB") that shows the Navajo tribal census number.

(3) To be considered a resident of San Juan County, Utah, an individual must provide:

(a) Utah Navajo Residency Verification Form (UNTF Form R3101-1) from a Utah Navajo Chapter, including the Blue Mountain Dine' Community, that the individual is a San Juan County, Utah resident.

(b) A birth certificate and;

(c) a minimum of three of the following items that support a claim of San Juan County, Utah residency (listed in order of preference):

(i). Utility bills,

(ii) A San Juan County, Utah or Utah Navajo Chapter voter registration,

(iii) Utah Drivers' License or state-issued identification card,

(iv) San Juan County, Utah, School District student records,

(v) A homesite lease,

(vi) Verification of house location by GPS, or,

(vii) Dwelling unit rental receipts.

(d) Utah Navajo residents and their dependents (as defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code) shall have a principal place of residence in San Juan County, Utah, for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of application for any UNTF program services and shall have the present intention to continue residency in San Juan County, Utah, permanently or for the indefinite future.

(i) A person's "principal place of residence" is where the person's habitation is fixed and to which, whenever he/she is absent, he/she has the intention of returning daily for at least nine (9) months of the year. A person's habitation shall mean the physical location of his/her own home or the home of the parents or legal guardians, with whom the person resides.

(ii) A person does not become a resident merely because:

(A) he/she is present in San Juan County, Utah; or,

(B) he/she is in San Juan County, Utah temporarily with no intent to make San Juan County, Utah, his/her home.

(iii) A person does not lose his/her place of residence merely by leaving for:

(A) military service,

(B) volunteer service, such as religious service or social service (Peace Corps, VISTA, Americorps, etc.),

(C) post-secondary educational purposes.

(e) Upon establishing proof of marriage, a non-San Juan County, Utah spouse shall be deemed a resident qualified to apply for UNTF program services to the extent that his/her spouse qualifies, and the couple maintains residency in San Juan County, Utah. Documentation proving marriage includes:

(i) a marriage certificate; or,

(ii) a Navajo Nation Affidavit of Marriage for traditional Navajo marriages; or,

(iii) a Navajo Nation common law marriage certificate.

(f) Adopted children acquire the resident status of their adoptive parents as of the date the decree of adoption is signed, and the parents meet the required residency criteria. Adopted children must also meet the Navajo Nation tribal enrollment requirements evidenced by a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) document.

(4) An applicant's residency shall be verified by a sworn statement (UNTF Form R3101-2) by the applicant that he/she meets the residency standards required herein and shall be certified by Chapter officials of the Utah Chapter (UNTF Form R3101-1) where the applicant resides.

R661-3-201. Challenges to Residency.

(1) An applicant's claim of residency may be challenged by any Utah Navajo Chapter official by filing a claim with the Utah Dine' Advisory Committee. The claim shall list with specificity the evidence why the applicant does not meet the residency requirement.

(2) In cases where a person's residency is in dispute, information contained in the population database used and maintained by UNTF in allocating resources between Chapters shall be provided to the Dine' Advisory Committee.

(3) After giving the applicant and the Chapter officer notice and an opportunity to be heard and/or an opportunity to submit written responses, the Dine' Advisory Committee shall determine whether the applicant meets the residency requirements. The decision of the Dine' Advisory Committee is final.

(4) If a person is determined to have been ineligible after he/she has benefited or received a UNTF program service, the person shall be obligated to reimburse UNTF for the cost of such services.

R661-3-301. Additional Documentation.

(1) The Trust Administrator may require additional documentation to meet residency criteria.

R661-3-401. Forms

R3101-1 Utah Navajo Residency Verification

R3101-2 Applicant's Statement Affidavit

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R661. Navajo Trust Fund, Trustees.
R661-8. Utah Navajo Trust Fund Power Lines and House Wiring Program.
R661-8-101. Objective.

(1) The objective of the Power Lines and House wiring program is to provide financial assistance to individuals and entities for development of power line main trunk lines or extensions, and/or house wiring projects.

(2) UNTF match funding will be limited to 50% of the project cost or $400,000, whichever is lower if the project is entirely in the State of Utah. If any power line project extends into other states, UNTF will provide match-funding only for the prorated portion located in Utah.

(3) House wiring work must conform to the requirements of the edition of the National Electrical Code current at the time the wiring work is to be performed.

R661-8-201. Applicants.

Applicants shall work directly with their Chapter to apply for financial assistance.

(1) All requests, budget preparation, updates and progress reports, will be initially processed through the Chapter.

(2) Power line/house wiring projects will follow the regular chapter project guidelines.

R661-8-301. Documentation Required.

(1) Power Lines: Main Lines or Extensions

(a) Explanation from power line company regarding feasibility, routing, and preliminary cost information.

(b) Project description, including identification of each phase of the work to be completed and which organization/contractor will be responsible for certain tasks.

(i) A map of the proposed route of the power line shall be included.

(ii) An explanation of the total number of families or individuals that will benefit from the power line distribution and extensions.

(c) Proof that the utility company or a private consultant that Rights-of-Way (ROW) are have been or will be obtained for the project. If a consultant is used for the ROW work, at least two (2) quotations from consultants shall be received.

(d) All appropriate clearances for the specified areas to be served from Navajo Nation and Bureau of Indian Affairs; submission of a letter from all applicable agencies verifying required clearances have been obtained is required.

(e) Identification of all match-funding sources with their scope of responsibility and contribution.

(f) A Resolution from the Chapter, with a final client listing and a current estimate shall be submitted in support of the request.

(1) Individual house wiring Applications require:

(a) At least two (2) quotes from qualified, licensed electricians specifying the cost associated with installing house wiring.

(b) Proof of licensing, bonding, insurance and warranty for all Contractors or sub-contractors hired by the Chapter to install house wiring.

(c) A project description that includes a listing of the dwelling units included in the proposed project and the detailed cost of each dwelling unit installation.

R661-8-401. Retainage.

(1) Ten percent (10%) of UNTF funding shall be retained until final inspection and approval of the work performed.

R661-8-501. Program Effectiveness Metrics.

(1) The Chapter shall submit documentation that each home to be serviced under the UNTF program has been inspected and determined in compliance with Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) or Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) electrical specifications.

(2) The percentage of power line projects physically completed within three (3) years of UNTF commitment of funds

(3) The percentage of individual house wiring projects completed within 12 months of UNTF commitment of funds.

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R661. Navajo Trust Fund, Trustees.
R661-12. Utah Navajo Trust Fund Homesite Lease Assistance Program.
R661-12-101. UNTF Funding.

(1) UNTF will fund the costs associated with obtaining a Homesite Lease (HSL) for eligible families for the purpose of building a house, except the cost of the filing fee.

(a) UNTF will fund the costs for Land Surveys and/or Archaeological Clearances and/or Biological Review conducted by the Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department for "Data/Species of Concern" and/or environmental assessment, if necessary.

(b) The application filing fee is not an eligible expense.

R661-12-201. Chapter Obligations.

(1) The requesting Chapter or organization will ensure that the client has obtained approval from the Grazing Permit holder and the Chapter's Grazing Committee Representative.

(2) The requesting Chapter or organization will ensure that the client has applied to the Navajo Land Department, and has paid their application fees.

(3) All requesting Chapters must fill out the UNTF Homesite Lease Application form on behalf of the applicant and submit the request to UNTF along with all required documents including an official Chapter Resolution.

(a) Chapters are encouraged to include as many clients as possible under this program and submit the request as a group project in order to minimize costs per client.

(b) Chapters may obtain quotations for eligible activities under this program or request UNTF to obtain quotations after the Chapter has approved the applicant.

(4) The Chapter shall report to UNTF staff when construction of a house begins on the lease site in which UNTF has paid for the Land Survey or Archaeological Clearance or other eligible expenses under this program.

R661-12-301. Procedures to Obtain UNTF Funding Assistance.

(1) Chapters must comply with the Homesite Lease Procedures of the Navajo Nation.

(2) Applicants shall:

(a) Obtain consent from the Grazing Permit Holder(s) to obtain a HSL and for the construction of a house;

(b) Notify surrounding neighbors of Applicants plans to withdraw land for a homesite lease.

(c) Contact local Chapter Grazing Committee representative to schedule a site visit to the proposed HSL area and mark the proposed corners of the HSL site with sturdy move-resistant objects.

(d) Obtain HSL Field Clearance Certification from the Grazing Committee.

(e) Submit to the Navajo Land Department all required documents.

(f) Coordinate and work with the Chapter for HSL funding assistance.

(g) Follow all the requirements of the HSL process.

R661-12-401. Documentation Required to Apply for UNTF HSL Assistance.

(1) A Chapter Resolution supporting HSL assistance for the applicant which identifies Land Survey or Archaeological Clearance assistance or both.

(2) A Navajo Nation Home Site Lease application and fee receipt from the Navajo Nation Land Department.

(3) A detailed map that shows the exact location of the HSL.

(a) The map can be hand drawn or an area map printed from the internet or map book.

(b) Landmarks such as Chapter Houses and other identifiers should be drawn on the map.

(c) The map should be drawn or identified to guide anyone that is not familiar with the area to the HSL site.

(d) The GPS coordinates shall be written on the map if that information is available.

(e) The Grazing Committee representive shall review the map for accuracy.

(4) All relevant materials should be gathered, packaged, and included in the funding proposal package including survey plats if that is available.

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R671. Pardons (Board of), Administration.
R671-102. Americans with Disabilities Act Complaint Procedures.
R671-102-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is made under authority of Utah Code Ann. Subsection 63G-3-201(3). The Board of Pardons and Parole (Board) adopts, defines, and publishes within this rule the grievance procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to implement the provisions of 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 Board because of a disability.

R671-102-2. Definitions.

(1) "ADA Coordinator" means the Board's Administrative Coordinator, assigned by the Board's Chairperson to investigate and facilitate the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints filed by qualified persons with disabilities. The ADA Coordinator may also be a representative of the Department of Human Resource Management assigned to the Board.

(2) "Board" means the Board of Pardons and Parole created by Utah Const. Art. 7, Section 12(1), and Utah Code Ann. Section 77-27-2(1).

(3) "Chairperson" as provided in Utah Code Ann. Subsection 77-27-4(1), means the Board's Chairperson.

(4) "Designee" means an individual appointed by the Board's Chairperson, or the Board's Vice-Chairperson, 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 Board; however, the designee must have a working knowledge of the responsibilities and obligations required of employers and employees by the ADA.

(5) "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.

(6) "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 major bodily function, such as functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

(7) "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 Board. A "qualified individual" is also one who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the employment position that individual holds or desires.

(8) "Vice-Chairperson," as provided in Utah Code Ann. Subsection 77-27-4(2), means the Board's Vice-Chairperson.

R671-102-3. Filing of Complaints.

(1) Any qualified individual may file a complaint alleging non-compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, or the federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

(2) Qualified individuals shall file their complaints with the Board'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 Board's designee.

(3) Qualified individuals shall file their complaints within 90 days after the date of the alleged non-compliance to facilitate the prompt and effective consideration of pertinent facts and appropriate remedies; however, the Board's Chairperson has the discretion to direct that the grievance process be utilized to address legitimate complaints filed more than 90 days after alleged non-compliance.

(4) Each complaint shall:

(a) include the complainant's name and address;

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

(c) describe the Board's alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Board of the nature and date of the alleged violation;

(d) describe the action and accommodation desired; and

(e) be signed by the complainant or by his legal representative.

(5) Complaints filed on behalf of classes or third parties shall describe or identify by name, if possible, the person(s) allegedly aggrieved by the reported discrimination.

(6) 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.

(7) By filing a complaint or a subsequent appeal, the complainant authorizes necessary parties to conduct a confidential review of all relevant information, including records classified as private or controlled under the Government Records Access and Management Act, Utah Code Ann. 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. 2112(d)(3)(B) and (C), and relevant information otherwise protected by statute, rule, regulation, or other law.

R671-102-4. Investigation of Complaints.

(1) 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 Subsections R671-102-3(4) and (7) of this rule if it is not made available by the complainant.

(2) The ADA Coordinator or designee may seek assistance from the Attorney General's staff, and the Board'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 Vice-Chairperson in making a recommendation.

(3) 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:

(a) 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;

(b) require facility modifications; or

(c) require reassignment to a different position.

R671-102-5. Recommendation and Decision.

(1) Within 15 working days after receiving the complaint, the ADA Coordinator or designee shall recommend to the Board's Vice-Chairperson 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.

(2) 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.

(3) The Board's Vice-Chairperson may confer with the ADA Coordinator or designee and the complainant and may accept or modify the recommendation to resolve the complaint. The Board's Vice-Chairperson shall render a decision within 15 working days after the Board's Vice- Chairperson's receipt of the recommendation from the ADA Coordinator or designee. The Board's Vice-Chairperson shall take all reasonable steps to implement the decision. The Board's Vice-Chairperson's decision shall be in writing, or in another accessible format suitable to the complainant, and shall be promptly delivered to the complainant.

R671-102-6. Appeals.

(1) The complainant may appeal the Board's Vice-Chairperson's decision to the Board's Chairperson within ten working days after the complainant's receipt of the Vice Chairperson's decision.

(2) The appeal shall be in writing or in another accessible format reasonably suited to the complainant's ability.

(3) The Board's Chairperson may name a designee to assist on the appeal. The ADA coordinator or his designee may not also be the Board's Chairperson's designee for the appeal.

(4) In the appeal, the complainant shall describe in sufficient detail why the decision does not effectively address the complainant's needs.

(5) The Board's Chairperson or his designee shall review the ADA Coordinator's or his designee's recommendation, the Board's Vice-Chairperson's decision, and the points raised on appeal prior to reaching a decision. The Board's Chairperson may direct additional investigation as necessary. The Board's Chairperson 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:

(a) 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;

(b) require facility modifications; or

(c) require reassignment to a different position.

(6) The Board's Chairperson 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.

(7) If the Board's Chairperson 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.

R671-102-7. Record Classification.

(1) Records created in administering this rule are classified as "protected" under Utah Code Ann. Subsections 63G-2-305(9), (22), (24), and (25).

(2) After issuing a decision under Section R671-102-5, or a final decision upon appeal under Section R671-102-6, portions of the record pertaining to the complainant's medical condition shall be classified as "private" under Utah Code Ann. Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b), or "controlled" under Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-2-304, consistent with 42 U.S.C. 12112(d)(4)(A), 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 Board's Vice-Chairperson or the Board's Chairperson shall be classified as "public," and all other records, except controlled records under Subsection R671-102-7(2), classified as "private."

R671-102-8. 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, Utah Code Ann. Section 34A-5-107 and Utah Code Ann. 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.

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R671. Pardons (Board of), Administration.
R671-103. Attorneys.
R671-103-1. Attorneys.

(1) Only attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Utah may appear and represent an inmate, offender, or petitioner before the Board.

(2) A person may not act as an attorney or represent any inmate, offender, or petitioner before the Board if:

(a) the person has been prohibited from doing so by Board order entered pursuant to the Board's inherent powers or this rule; or

(b) the person is disbarred or suspended from the practice of law in Utah or any other jurisdiction.

(3) An attorney may not represent anyone in connection with a matter in which the attorney participated personally and substantially as a judge or other adjudicative officer or law clerk to such a person, or as an arbitrator, mediator or other third party neutral unless all parties to the matter give informed consent.

(4) An attorney who has formally served as a public officer or employee of the government shall not otherwise represent a client in connection with a matter in which the attorney participated personally and substantially as a public officer or employee, unless the appropriate government agency gives its informed consent, confirmed in writing, to the representation.

R671-103-2. Prohibiting Attorney Appearance and Representation.

(1) The Board may prohibit any attorney from representing any offender before the Board if the Board determines that the attorney:

(a) has violated any federal, state or local law or ordinance;

(b) is disbarred or suspended in Utah or any other jurisdiction;

(c) is not currently licensed by, or is not in good standing with, the Utah State Bar;

(d) has violated any rule or regulation of the Department of Corrections regarding facility integrity or security;

(e) has violated any of the Rules of Professional Responsibility as promulgated by the Utah Supreme Court; or

(f) has violated any of the Board's Administrative Rules.

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R671. Pardons (Board of), Administration.
R671-201. Original Hearing Schedule and Notice.
R671-201-1. Schedule and Notice.

(1)(a) The Board shall schedule the month and year of an offender's original hearing, and provide notice to the offender, within 6 months of the offender's commitment to prison.

(b)(i) No original hearing may be scheduled for any offender whose prison commitment includes a sentence of death.

(ii) The Board may only consider parole for an offender whose prison commitment includes a sentence of Life Without Parole, pursuant to UCA Subsection 77-27-9(6).

(2) For purposes of this Rule, the following terms are defined:

(a) "Administrative Review" means the process by which the Board, by majority vote, reviews, deliberates, and schedules the month and year for an offender's original hearing.

(b) "Homicide Offense Commitment" means a prison commitment to serve a sentence for a conviction of aggravated murder (if the sentence includes the possibility of parole), murder, felony murder, manslaughter, child abuse homicide, negligent homicide, automobile homicide, homicide by assault, any attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of these offenses, or any other offense, regardless of title, description or severity, when it is known at the time of sentencing that the offense conduct resulted in the death of any person.

(c) "Sexual Offense Commitment" means a prison commitment to serve a sentence for a conviction of any crime for which an offender is defined as a kidnap offender pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 77-41-102(9); or for which an offender is defined as a sex offender pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 77-41-102(16); or any attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of the offenses listed in those sections.

(3) Within 6 months of an offender's commitment to prison, the Board shall conduct an administrative review and schedule a future date for an offender's original hearing, if the offender is committed to prison to serve a sentence for any:

(a) homicide offense commitment eligible for parole;

(b) commitment which includes a sentence of 25 years to life;

(c) commitment imposed if the offender is younger than 18 years of age at the time of prison commitment; or

(d) commitment imposed if the offender was younger than 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed.

(4) When scheduling an original hearing by administrative review, if the Board obtains and consider additional information which was not available to the court or offender prior to or at the time of sentencing, the additional information shall be provided to the offender, who shall be afforded a minimum of 21 days to consider and respond to the additional information prior to the Board making a decision that schedules an original hearing.

(5) When scheduling an original hearing by administrative review, if the offender was less than 18 years of age at the time of the commitment offense and the offense is eligible for parole, the original hearing shall be scheduled no later than 15 years after the date of sentencing.

(6) If an administrative review is not used to schedule an offender's original hearing pursuant to this rule, the original hearing shall be scheduled as follows:

(a) after the service of 12 years if the most severe sentence imposed is for a first degree felony with a minimum sentence of 15 years to life;

(b) after the service of 7 years if the most severe sentence imposed is for a first degree felony with a minimum sentence of 10 years to life;

(c) after the service of 3 years for any first degree felony if the most severe sentence imposed is greater than 3 years to life but less than 10 years to life;

(d) after the service of 1 year if the most severe sentence imposed is for:

(i) a first degree felony and the sentence is for 3 years to life; or

(ii) a second degree felony sexual offense commitment;

(e) after the service of 6 months if the most severe sentence imposed is for:

(i) all other second degree felony commitments; or

(ii) a third degree felony sexual offense commitment;

(f) after the service of 3 months if the most severe sentence imposed is for any other third degree felony or class A misdemeanor commitments.

(7) An offender may request in writing that their original appearance and hearing before the Board be continued. The request shall specify the reasons supporting the request. The Board may grant or deny the offender's request in its sole discretion.

(8) The Board may depart from the schedule as provided by this rule if:

(a) an offender requests a delay or continuance;

(b) an offender has unadjudicated criminal charges pending at the time a hearing would normally be held;

(c) a Class A misdemeanor commitment has expired prior to an original hearing; or

(d) the Board determines that other unusual or extraordinary circumstances impact the scheduling of an original hearing.

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R671. Pardons (Board of), Administration.
R671-309. Impartial Hearings.
R671-309-1. Ex Parte Communications.

(1) Offenders are entitled to an impartial hearing before the Board. The Board therefore discourages any ex parte contact with:

(a) individual Board Members at any time; or

(b) hearing Officers once the Hearing Officer has been assigned to conduct a hearing for a specific offender.

(2) All contacts by offenders, victims of crime, their family members or any other person outside the staff of the Board regarding a specific case shall be referred, whenever possible, to a staff member designated by the Board who is not currently directly involved in hearing the case.

(a) If information provided by any person outside of a hearing could materially affect the Board's decision, the designated staff member shall prepare a memorandum for the file containing the substance of the contact.

(b) If the contact is by a victim wishing to make a statement for the Board's consideration, Rule 671-203 on Victim Input and Notification shall apply.

(c) Any inquiries or input from attorneys, public officials, or members of the public, regarding case facts or substantive matters, shall be submitted in writing. Unwritten inquiries shall be documented and responded to in writing.

(3)(a) A Board Member or Hearing Officer assigned to a case may not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications concerning the substance of a pending matter. (b) A Board Member may not permit, consider, or be a party to any ex parte communication regarding a specific offender under Board jurisdiction if the object, intent, or substance of the communication is, or reasonably could be perceived to be, an attempt to impart information or opinion not contained in the offender's file, or to otherwise influence, change, or modify a Board decision or a Board Member's deliberations, decision, or vote.

(c) In situations where such ex parte communication does occur, the Board member or Hearing Officer shall immediately take steps to terminate the communication, and shall thereafter reduce the substance of the communication to a written memorandum for the Board file, including copies of any writings that formed any part of the ex parte communication. Such memorandum shall thereafter be disclosed to the offender.

(4) This rule may not preclude contact regarding procedural matters so long as such contact is not for the purpose of influencing the decision of the Board or any Board Member on any particular case or hearing.

(5) Attorneys may submit information for the Board to consider. The information shall be submitted in writing and directed to the Administrative Coordinator or designee.

R671-309-2. Recusal.

(1) A hearing official or Board member may be recused in any proceeding in which the hearing official or Board member's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including but not limited to the following circumstances:

(a) has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or a party's lawyer, is or could have been a witness or victim in any matter relating to the offender.

(b) has a familial, financial, or other relationship with anyone involved in the case that might reasonably be seen as a bias.

(c) served as a lawyer, judge, agent, or caseworker in any previous matter with the offender.

(2) In cases where a clear basis for recusal exists the hearing official will document the recusal in the file and re-assign the case before the hearing is conducted.

(3) If the conflict isn't recognized before the hearing or the basis for recusal is minimal, the hearing official shall disclose the basis of the potential recusal to the offender. If the offender waives the recusal and agrees that the hearing official need not be disqualified, the hearing official may conduct the proceeding. The offender's waiver shall be entered on the record and memorialized in the case file.

(4) If the offender believes the hearing official or any Board member should be recused the offender shall raise the issue any time before or during the hearing.

(a) The offender may waive the recusal and continue with the hearing as prescribed in (2).

(b) If the offender requests the recusal of the hearing official or Board member who is conducting the hearing, the hearing official or Board member will rule on the issue. If the hearing official or Board member denies the recusal and proceeds with the hearing, the offender may appeal to the Board Chair or designee. The offender must clearly describe, in writing, the basis for recusing the hearing official and the requested remedy. If the offender does not appeal the issue within 10 calendar days after the hearing official denies the recusal, the appeal is waived.

(5) The offender may request the recusal of a Board member from the voting process based on any factors in subsection (1).

(a) If the offender requests the recusal of a Board Member who is not conducting the hearing, the hearing official will document the request. The Board will make a decision about the recusal before considering the case.

(b) If the offender does not raise the issue of recusal within 10 calendar days after the Board renders a decision the claim is waived.

KEY: parole, inmates

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-45. Renewal or Duplicate License for Utah Residents Temporarily Residing Out of State.
R708-45-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures whereby the division may renew or issue a duplicate regular license certificate to a Utah resident who is temporarily residing outside of the state.

R708-45-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Sections 53-3-104 and 53-3-205.

R708-45-3. Definitions.

Definitions in this rule are found in Section 53-3-102.

In addition:

(a) "DOD applicant" means a person who is a civilian employee of the United States Department of Defense that is stationed outside of the United States, or an immediate family member or dependent residing outside of the United States with such person who has applied for a renewal or duplicate Utah driver license;

(b) "DOS applicant" means a person who is a civilian employee of the United States State Department that is stationed outside of the United States, or an immediate family member or dependent residing outside of the United States with such person who has applied for a renewal or duplicate Utah driver license; and

(c) "military applicant" means a person who is ordered to active duty and stationed outside Utah in any of the armed forces of the United States, or an immediate family member or dependent residing outside of Utah with such person who has applied for a renewal or duplicate Utah driver license.

R708-45-4. Requirements to Renew or Obtain a Duplicate License.

(1) To be eligible to obtain a renewal or duplicate driver license under the provisions of this rule, an applicant shall:

(a) be a resident of the state of Utah;

(b) be temporarily residing outside the state of Utah; and

(c) have a valid regular license certificate with a digitized driver license photo on file with the division.

(2) The driver record of the applicant shall not:

(a) contain evidence that demonstrates the applicant is a hazard to public safety within the five-year period preceding the application; or

(b) reflect expiration of more than a six-month period at the time the application is submitted to the division unless:

(i) the applicant is a DOD applicant, DOS applicant or military applicant; and

(ii) the license has not been suspended, disqualified, denied, revoked or cancelled by the division.

(3) An applicant is not eligible to renew or obtain a duplicate license under the provisions of this rule if:

(a) the applicant holds a:

(i) commercial driver license;

(ii) limited term driver license; or

(iii) driving privilege card;

(b) the applicant has previously renewed or obtained a duplicate license under the provisions of this rule, unless approved by the division director or designee;

(c) the applicant has changed their name since the last Utah license was issued; or

(d) the required license restrictions have changed since the last Utah license was issued.

R708-45-5. Renewal or Duplicate License Application.

(1) To apply for a renewal or duplicate license under the provisions of this rule, an applicant shall submit to the division:

(a) a license application form, which can be obtained from the division either online or through the mail;

(b) verification pursuant to Section 53-3-205 of:

(i) identity;

(ii) legal presence;

(iii) social security number; and

(iv) Utah residency;

(c) a completed certificate of visual examination form which can be obtained from the division either online or through the mail, if the applicant is age 64 years and 6 months or older at the time of application;

(d) supporting documentation that establishes an applicant is a DOD applicant, DOS applicant or military applicant, if applicable;

(e) proof of successful completion of a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider training course, if the applicant is a military applicant and is applying for an original motorcycle endorsement;

(f) written notice of the applicant's intent to apply for a renewal or duplicate license under the provisions of this rule; and

(g) applicable fees.

(2) Upon receipt of a completed application packet, the division:

(a) shall review the materials to determine if the applicant is eligible for a renewal or duplicate license; and

(b) may request additional information to determine if the applicant is eligible for a renewal or duplicate license.

(3)(a) If the division determines that the applicant has met all of the requirements for a renewal or duplicate license, the division shall issue the license certificate to the applicant.

(b) The license certificate shall expire as provided in Section 53-3-205.

(4) If the division determines that the applicant does not meet the requirements for a renewal or duplicate license:

(a) the division shall issue a denial letter to the applicant that states the reasons for the denial; and

(b) the applicant may seek agency review as provided by Section 63G-4-301 by filing a written request for review within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the letter.

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R728. Public Safety, Peace Officer Standards and Training.
R728-205. Council Resolution of Public Safety Retirement Eligibility.
R728-205-1. Authority.

The authority for this rule is authorized under UCA Sections 53-6-105, 49-14-201(4)(5)(6) and 49-15-201(5)(6)(7).

R728-205-2. Purpose.

To describe the process by which the Council will determine eligibility for participation in the public safety retirement system.

R728-205-3. Eligibility.

A. The following shall be the minimum requirements established for eligibility of employment positions into the public safety retirement system:

1. the employment position requires full-time employment with the employing unit;

2. the employment position requires the employee to serve in a position that may place the employee at risk to life and personal safety;

3. the employment position requires peace officer certification and training in the peace officer, correctional

officer, or special function officer designations defined under UCA Section 53-13-103, 53-13-104, or 53-13-105;

4. the employment position's primary duties shall consist of the duties defined under UCA Section 53-13-103, 53-13-104, or 53-13-105.

R728-205-4. Procedures.

A. The Council shall establish a subcommittee to review all disputes between the retirement office and an employing unit or employee regarding public safety retirement eligibility.

B. The subcommittee shall only review employment positions eligible for public safety retirement.

C. The subcommittee shall review disputed employment positions within a reasonable period of time after receipt of notice of the dispute.

D. Within 30 days of receipt of the notice of dispute, the subcommittee shall give written notification to the concerned parties that it is considering the dispute, including notice of the opportunity to submit written briefs to the subcommittee within thirty days of said notice. Either party may request a hearing before the subcommittee within 30 days of the issuance of said notice. If both parties fail to request a hearing, the subcommittee will decide the issue, and make it's recommendation based on the written briefs.

E. The recommendation of the subcommittee shall be made in writing and copies of the order shall be mailed to the concerned parties.

F. All parties in the dispute shall have an opportunity to request a review of the subcommittee's recommendation before the Council.

1. Requests for review shall be submitted in writing to the director of the division within 15 days from the date of issuance of the subcommittee's recommendation.

2. Requests for review shall contain all issues and evidence which the party wishes to present before the Council, and a copy thereof shall be sent to all other parties. The party seeking the review shall provide to all transcripts, documents and briefs to the Council within 30 days after filing the notice requesting review. No party shall be permitted oral argument before the Council unless a request for oral argument is filed with the Council within the same 30 day period. If oral argument is requested, the parties shall be permitted 20 minutes each to present oral argument on their respective positions.

3. Upon receipt of the subcommittee's recommendation and/or a request for review, the director shall notify the Council and schedule a hearing for the next available Council meeting.

4. A majority of those Council members considering the recommendation shall be required to adopt said recommendation.

5. The Council shall render a written decision within a reasonable period of time, and the director shall issue a formal written notice thereof to all concerned parties. The director's written notice shall constitute final agency action.

G. All proceedings under this rule shall be informal as set forth in UCA Section 63G-4-202, and shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in UCA Section 63G-4-203.

KEY: retirement, peace officer*
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53-6-105

R765. Regents (Board of), Administration.
R765-620. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.
R765-620-1. Purpose.

To provide the Board of Regents ("The Board") policy and procedures for implementing the Access Utah Promise Scholarship ("Promise Scholarship"). This program provides a statewide needs-based scholarship program to expand access to postsecondary opportunities for all students who face financial barriers in paying for college. The program provides students an award for up to full tuition and fees in qualifying circumstances.

R765-620-2. References.

2.1. Utah Code Sections 53B-8-301 through 53B-8-304 (Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program).

2.2. Utah Code Section 63G-12-402 (Receipt of state, local, or federal public benefits -- Verification Exceptions -- Fraudulently obtaining benefits -- Criminal penalties -- Annual report).

2.3. Utah Code Subsection 53B-2-101(1) (Institutions of Higher Education).

2.4. Utah Code Section 53B-8-102 (Definition of Resident Student).

2.5. Policy and Procedures R512, Determination of Resident Status.

R765-620-3. Definitions.

3.1. "Institution" means institutions of higher education listed in Utah Code Section 53B-2-101(1).

3.2. "Promise Partner" an employer that has applied to the Board, and has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Board.

R765-620-4. Scholarship Administration.

4.1. Eligibility: To qualify for a Promise Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

4.1.1. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;

4.1.2. Not have previously earned an associate degree or higher postsecondary degree;

4.1.3. Be a resident of the State of Utah under Utah Code Section 53B-8-102 and Regent Policy R512.

4.1.4. Demonstrate financial need, in accordance with sections 4.2 and 4.7;

4.1.5. Accept all other grants, tuition and/or fee waivers, and scholarships offered to the applicant to attend the institution in which the applicant enrolls; and

4.1.6. Maintain academic good standing as defined by the institution at which they attend.

4.2. Award Criteria: An institution shall establish criteria to assess an applicant's financial need. The criteria shall use quantifiable, need-based measures (for example, institutions may establish a range with a minimum and maximum Expected Family Contribution (EFC) based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid within which an eligible recipient's EFC must fall to be eligible for an award). Institutions shall annually revise and publish eligibility criteria by February 1 in all publications referencing the scholarship.

4.3. Scholarship Award: The institution may award an amount to each eligible recipient up to the cost of published tuition and fees.

4.4. Last Dollar In: When determining the award amount, the institution shall first apply the total value of all grants, tuition waivers, fee waivers, and scholarships the recipient has received. The institution may then award an amount not to exceed the recipient's remaining cost of tuition and fees. If, after the recipient's aid has been packaged and awarded, the student later receives other financial assistance of more than $500, the institution will appropriately reduce the amount of financial aid disbursed to the student so that the total Promise Scholarship does not exceed the cost of tuition and fees.

4.5. Scholarship Duration: A recipient may receive scholarship funds until the earliest of the following events occurs:

4.5.1. Two years after the initial award;

4.5.2. A recipient uses the scholarship for four semesters;

4.5.3. A recipient meets the academic qualifications for an associate degree; or

4.5.4. For USHE institutions that do not offer an associate degree, a recipient earns a cumulative total of 60 credits.

4.6. Application Process: Institutions shall establish an application process that applicants can easily access and complete. The Board may require an institution to modify an application or process that is overly cumbersome or confusing.

4.7. Prioritizing Awards: If an institution does not have enough appropriated Promise Scholarship funds or other funding sources to award all eligible applicants, it may establish procedures to prioritize which applicants will receive awards based on financial need.

4.8. Competency-based Assessment: Institutions shall evaluate a recipient's knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through formal or informal education outside the traditional postsecondary academic environment, and award appropriate credit for the recipient's prior learning.

4.9. Outreach: Institutions may advertise the Promise Scholarship under another name. All publications about the Promise Scholarship shall include disclosure that program funds are limited and subject to change.

R765-620-5. Transfers.

5.1. A recipient may transfer to another institution and retain eligibility for the scholarship, if the recipient meets the qualifications defined in sections 4.2 at the institution to which the recipient is transferring. Recipients are responsible to inform the financial aid office at the institution to which they are transferring that they are receiving the Promise Scholarship at their current institution. The financial aid offices at the respective institutions shall coordinate the transfer of scholarship information. Upon transfer, the institution shall prioritize the award of any eligible recipient before all others awarded in accordance with section 4.7 of this policy. The institution to which the recipient is transferring shall make adjustments in a recipient's award in accordance with section 4.3 of this policy.

R765-620-6. Distribution of Award Funds to Institutions.

6.1. As a condition of program participation, an eligible institution's financial aid director will report to the Board the total dollar amount of Federal Pell Grant funds awarded to resident students at the institution for the most recently completed academic year by March 1 each year.

6.1.1. An institution that fails to report the total amount of Pell Grant funds by March 1 is ineligible to participate in the program for the next fiscal year.

6.2. The Board will allocate program funds to eligible institutions in proportion to each eligible institution's percentage the of total Federal Pell Grant funds received for Utah resident students in the most recently completed award year by all participating institutions.

R765-620-7. Deferral or Leave of Absence.

7.1. A recipient shall apply for a deferral or leave of absence if they do not continuously enroll and wish to continue to receive the scholarship.

7.2. Institutions shall develop a process for recipients to apply for deferrals or leaves of absence, which may be granted for military service, humanitarian/religious service, documented medical reasons, and other exigent reasons.

R765-620-8. Utah Promise Partners.

8.1. The Board, in consultation with the Talent Ready Utah Center at the Governor's Office of Economic Development, may select employers as Promise Partners whose employees may be eligible to receive a partner award. The Board shall establish an MOU with any selected Promise Partner that includes requirements related to an employer providing reimbursement to an employee who receives an award. The reimbursement of a Promise Partner to a corresponding recipient employed by that Promise Partner must be applied during the eligible term of the award in accordance with section 4.4 of this policy.

8.2. An employee is eligible to receive an award in accordance with the requirements of section 4.1 of this policy in addition to any criteria and limitations established through a corresponding MOU with a Promise Partner.

8.3. A recipient of an award who is an employee of a Promise Partner is subject to the same conditions as all other recipients under this policy.

R765-620-9. Reporting.

9.1. During the first year of the program, no later than October 1, 2019, participating institutions shall report to the Board all requested data on Promise Scholarships awarded to date.

9.2. Annually, the Board will distribute a Promise Scholarship performance report template to the director of financial aid of each participating institution before the end of each fiscal year. The institution will submit the completed report by July 31 of each year.

9.3. The Board may, at any time, request additional documentation or data related to the Promise Scholarship and may review or formally audit an institution's compliance with this policy. The institution will cooperate with the Board in providing records and information requested for any scheduled audits or program reviews. Participating institutions shall maintain records substantiating its compliance with all the program's terms for three years after the end of the award year, or until a program review has been completed and any exceptions raised in the review have been resolved, whichever occurs first. If at the end of the three-year retention period, an audit or program review exception is pending resolution, the institution will retain records for the award year involved until the exception has been resolved.

R765-620-10. Institutional Participation Agreement.

10.1. Each participating institution will enter into a written agreement with the Board or assigned designee agreeing to abide by the program policies, accept and disburse funds per program rules, provide the required report each year, and retain documentation for the program to support the awards and actions taken. By accepting the funds, the participating institution agrees to the additional following terms and conditions:

10.2. The institution may at its discretion use up to three percent of the allocated program funds for its student financial aid administrative expenses.

10.3. The institution may not carry forward or carry back from one award year to another any of its Promise Scholarship allocation. Any exception to this rule must be approved in advance by the Board. The institution will inform the Board immediately if it determines it will not be able to utilize all program funds allotted to it for an award year. Absent any exception for a carry forward amount, institutions shall return unused funds to the Board. The Board will redistribute unused to the other eligible institutions as supplemental Promise Scholarship allocations for disbursement during the same award year. The portion of Promise Scholarship allocations budgeted for administrative expenses pursuant to Section 10.1 will not be part of any carryover.

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R765. Regents (Board of), Administration.
R765-621. Terrell H. Bell Education Scholarship Program.
R765-621-1. Purpose.

To provide procedures for administration of the Terrell H. Bell Teaching Education Scholarship Program, ensuring it recruits first-generation students into teaching careers, encourages outstanding students to teach in high needs areas in Utah's public schools, and to recognize teaching as a critically important career choice for the state of Utah.

R765-621-2. References.

2.1. Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 116, Terrell H. Bell Education Scholarship Program

2.2. Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 302, Education Professional Licensure, Licensing Requirements, T3eacher Preparation Programs

R765-621-3. Definitions.

3.1. "Approved Program" means:

3.1.1. a teacher preparation program that meets the education profession licensure standards described in Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 302, and provides enhanced clinical experiences, or prepares an individual to become a speech-language pathologist or another licensed professional providing services in a public school to students with disabilities; or

3.1.2. courses taken at Salt Lake Community College or Snow College that lead students to make reasonable progress to meet institutional criteria for admission into a program in accordance with section 3.1.1. of this rule.

3.2. "Eligible Institution" a public or private institution of higher education in Utah that offers an approved program.

3.3. "High Needs Area" means a subject area or field in public education that has a high need for teachers or other employees, determined annually by the Board in consultation with State Board of Education.

3.4. "First-generation Student" means an means a student for whom no parent or guardians attained a bachelor's degree.

3.5. "Full-time Enrollment" means 12 semester hours or such other number of hours as determined by the recipient's institution.

3.6. "Part-time Enrollment" means a minimum of 6 credits in a semester.

3.7. "Average Scholarship Amount" means average Utah System of Higher Education undergraduate resident tuition and general student fees for the corresponding academic year.

R765-621-4. General Award Conditions.

4.1. Scholarship Award. Under this program, an eligible institution may award a scholarship to an individual for an amount up to the cost of resident tuition, fees, and books for the number of credit hours in which the individual is enrolled each semester.

4.1.1. An eligible private institution may not award a scholarship for an amount that exceeds the average scholarship amount granted by a public institution of higher education.

4.1.2. A recipient may receive a scholarship for up to four consecutive years, or equivalent when considering institution-approved leaves of absence.

4.1.3. Eligible institutions may award scholarships to full-time or part-time enrolled students.

4.2. Application and Award Procedures.

4.2.1. An eligible institution shall develop processes for promoting and distributing awards consistent with this policy, and will set application deadlines that accommodate both full-time and part-time students.

4.2.2. Applications must require a student's declaration to earn a degree in an approved program.

4.3. Prioritizing Awards. Institutions shall prioritize scholarship awards as follows:

4.3.1. First, to first-generation students who intend to work in any area in a Utah public school.

4.3.2. Second, to students who are not first generation students but intend to work in high needs area in a Utah public school.

4.3.3. Third, to students who meet the requirements in Section 5 of this rule.

R765-621-5. Initial and Continuing Eligibility.

5.1. Applicants must declare their intent to earn a degree in an approved program and to teach in a Utah public school after graduation.

5.2. Award recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with their institution's policies.

5.3. A recipient must make reasonable progress to meet institutional criteria for admission to an approved program. Once admitted to an approved program a recipient must maintain reasonable progress towards completion of an approved program.

5.4. Recipients transferring to another eligible institution will retain an award if they continue to meet criteria established for recipients at the receiving institution.

5.5. After no more than four semesters of full-time, or eight semesters of part-time postsecondary course work, a recipient must apply and be accepted into an approved program at an eligible institution.

5.6. A recipient who has not been accepted into an approved program at an eligible institution may be granted a temporary deferment of an award for up to two years while seeking acceptance into an approved program.

5.7. After providing a recipient notice and an opportunity to respond, an institution may rescind a recipient's scholarship if the dean of education or the director of financial aid determines the recipient:

5.7.1. is failing to make reasonable progress toward completion of program requirements, or

5.7.2. has demonstrated to a reasonable certainty that he or she does not intend to teach at a public school in Utah after graduation.

5.8. Appeals. Upon request by the student, the institution shall provide an opportunity for the student to appeal a dean or director's determination to rescind the scholarship to a committee of at least three impartial persons.

5.9. Leaves of Absence. A recipient may seek leave of absence from attending an institution in accordance with applicable deferral policies at a corresponding eligible institution.

R765-621-6. Transfer of Award Funds.

6.1. Recipients may transfer to another eligible institution and retain the scholarship if they meet all requirements of the receiving institution. Transfer students are ultimately responsible for communicating with colleges/schools of education and financial aid offices at receiving institutions well in advance. Transfer students who do not meet application deadlines or demonstrate satisfactory academic progress may have their scholarship rescinded. The receiving institution is responsible to make any adjustments in a recipient's award.

R765-621-7. Distribution of Award Funds to Institutions.

7.1. The Board will annually distribute available funds to eligible institutions proportionally equal to the total number of teachers who graduated from an eligible institution and were hired by a Utah public school district for the most recent three cohort years available, minus funds for Snow College and Salt Lake Community College allocated at the discretion of the Board.

R765-621-8. Reporting.

8.1. On or before June 30 each year, eligible institutions shall report to the Board of Regents the following:

8.1.1. Any new or procedures, application materials.

8.1.2. The name and student identification number, first-generation status, and specific enrolled program of all recipients to whom the institution awarded scholarship funds the current academic year.

8.1.3. The scholarship amount each recipient received.

8.1.4. The number of first-generation recipients.

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R765. Regents (Board of), Administration.
R765-622. Career and Technical Education Scholarship Program.
R765-622-1. Purpose.

To provide procedures for administration of the Career and Technical Education Scholarship Program, which will provide financial assistance to students pursuing career and technical education in high demand industries.

R765-622-2. References.

2.1. Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 115, Career and Technical Education Scholarship Program

2.2. Title 53B, Chapter 16, Part 209, Community Colleges

2.3. Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 1201, Utah State University Eastern

2.4. Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 301, Area Education Centers

R765-622-3. Definitions.

3.1. "Eligible Institution" means Salt Lake Community College's School of Applied Technology established in Title 53B, Chapter 16, Part 209; Snow College; Utah State University Eastern established in Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 1201; or the Utah State University area education center located at or near Moab described in Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 301.

3.2. "High Demand Program" means a non-credit career and technical education program that is offered by an eligible institution, leads to a certificate, and is designated by the board in accordance with section 9.1. of this rule.

R765-622-4. General Award Administration.

4.1. Scholarship Award: an eligible institution may award a scholarship to an individual who is enrolled in, or intends to enroll in, a high demand program.

4.1.1. An eligible institution may award a scholarship for an amount of money up to the total cost of tuition, fees, and required textbooks for the high demand program in which the scholarship recipient is enrolled or intends to enroll.

4.1.2. An eligible institution may award a scholarship to a scholarship recipient for up to two academic years.

4.1.3. An eligible institution may cancel a scholarship if the scholarship recipient does not:

4.1.3.1. maintain enrollment in the eligible institution on at least a half time basis, as determined by the eligible institution; or

4.1.3.2. make satisfactory progress toward the completion of a certificate.

4.2. Application Procedures. An eligible institution shall develop a simple, accessible application process, and will set application deadlines that accommodate both full-time and part-time students.

4.3. Prioritization for Underserved Populations. An eligible institution shall establish criteria to identify underserved populations and to assess if an applicant is a member of an underserved population. Institutions shall prioritize scholarship awards for applicants who are members of an underserved population in accordance with their criteria. Institutions shall provide the criteria and prioritization methodology to the Board.

R765-622-5. Continuing Eligibility.

5.1. After providing a recipient notice and an opportunity to respond, an institution may rescind a recipient's scholarship if it determines the recipient has not met the following requirements:

5.1.1. Award recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with their institutions' policies.

5.1.2. Recipients must be enrolled at least half-time as determined by the institution.

5.2. Deferment. A recipient may seek deferment of an award in accordance with applicable deferral policies at the eligible institution.

R765-622-6. Transfer of Award Funds.

6.1. Recipients who are transferring to another eligible institution are responsible to inform the financial aid office at the institution to which they are transferring that they are an award recipient. The financial aid offices at the respective institutions shall coordinate the transfer of any scholarship funds and information. The receiving institution will verify the transferring student's ongoing eligibility in accordance with this policy and make any adjustments in a recipient's award.

R765-622-7. Distribution of Award Funds to Institutions.

7.1. The Board will annually distribute available funds to eligible institutions in accordance with the following formula:

7.1.1. Fifty percent of each year's appropriation will be divided and evenly distributed to Utah State University, Snow College, and the Salt Lake Community College's School of Applied Technology. Remaining funds will be distributed proportionally to the total rolling three-year average of students enrolled in non-credit CTE courses at each eligible institution.

R765-622-8. Reporting.

8.1. On or before September 30 each year, eligible institutions shall report to the Board of Regents the following:

8.1.1. The name and student identification of all recipients to whom the institution awarded scholarship funds the prior academic year.

8.1.2. The scholarship amount each recipient received, including additional amounts from other sources.

8.1.3. The programs in which scholarship recipients enrolled.

8.1.4. Evidence that award recipients are eligible to receive scholarship awards.

8.2. The Board of Regents may, at any time, request additional documentation or data related to the Career and Technical Education Scholarship Program and may review or formally audit an institution's compliance with this policy.

R765-622-9. Determination of High Demand Programs.

9.1. Every other year, after consulting with their regional Department of Workforce Services representatives, the eligible institutions will identify non-credit career and technical education programs that prepare individuals to work in jobs that in Utah have high employer demand and high median hourly wages, or significant industry importance. The institutions shall submit the selected programs to the Board for consideration and final approval.

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R861. Tax Commission, Administration.
R861-1A. Administrative Procedures.
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 59-2-919.1;

(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 Subsections (5)(a) through (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 Subsections (5)(a) through (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, 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. Sections 41-3-209, 59-1-210, 59-1-403, and 59-1-405.

(1) Hearings.

(a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), and pursuant to Section 59-1-405, hearings related to appeals filed with the commission are confidential tax matters and not subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

(b) Hearings related to the enforcement of Title 41, Chapter 3, Motor Vehicle Business Regulation, are open to the public.

(2) Orders.

(a) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(b) through (e), written orders signed by the commission will be mailed to the named parties in accordance with commission procedures. Copies of these orders or information about them will not be provided to any person other than the named parties except under the following circumstances:

(i) the parties have affirmatively waived any claims to confidentiality; or

(ii) the orders may be effectively sanitized through the deletion of references to the parties, specific tax amounts, witnesses, geographic information, or any other information that might identify a particular person.

(b) Property tax orders signed by the commission that do not contain commercial information will be mailed to the named parties in accordance with commission procedures. Copies of these orders or information about them will not be provided to any person other than the named parties except under the following circumstances:

(i) the parties have affirmatively waived any claims to confidentiality;

(ii) the orders may be effectively sanitized through the deletion of reference to the parties, specific tax amounts, witnesses, geographic information, or any other information that might identify any private party to the appeal; or

(iii) the disclosure is required or allowed under state law.

(c)(i) Property tax orders signed by the commission that contain commercial information will be mailed to the appropriate persons in accordance with Section 59-1-404 and rule R861-1A-37, Provisions Relating to Disclosure of Commercial Information.

(ii) Copies of property tax orders described in Subsection (2)(c)(i), or information about them, will be made available to persons other than the persons described in Section 59-1-404 and rule R861-1A-37 under the following circumstances:

(A) the parties have affirmatively waived any claims to confidentiality;

(B) the orders may be effectively sanitized through the deletion of reference to the parties, specific tax amounts, commercial information, witnesses, geographic information, or any other information that might identify any private party to the appeal; or

(C) the disclosure is required or allowed under state law.

(d) Orders resulting from a hearing related to the enforcement of Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, will be mailed to the named parties in accordance with commission procedures. Copies of these orders or information about them will not be provided to any person other than the named parties except under the following circumstances:

(i) the parties have affirmatively waived any claims to confidentiality;

(ii) the orders may be effectively sanitized through the deletion of reference to the parties, specific tax amounts, witnesses, geographic information, or any other information that might identify any private party to the appeal; or

(iii) the disclosure is required under state law.

(e) Orders resulting from a hearing related to the enforcement of Title 41, Chapter 3, Motor Vehicle Business Regulation, are public information and may be publicized.

(3) Commission Notes and Workpapers.

(a) All workpapers, notes, and other material prepared by the commissioners, as well as staff and employees of the commission, are protected, and access to the specific material is restricted to employees of the commission and its legal counsel only.

(b) 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.

(4) Reciprocal Agreements.

(a) The commission may enter into individual reciprocal agreements to share specific tax information with authorized representatives of the United States Internal Revenue Service or the revenue service of any other state.

(b) For all taxes other than individual income tax and corporate franchise tax, the commission may share information gathered from returns and other written statements with the federal government, other states, and political subdivisions within and without the state if the political subdivision, state, or federal government grant substantially similar privileges to this state.

(5) Statistical Information. The commission authorizes the preparation and publication of statistical information regarding the payment and collection of state taxes. The information will be made available after review and approval of the commission.

(6) Publication of Delinquent Taxpayer Information.

(a) For purposes of this Subsection (6), "delinquent taxpayer" does not include a person subject to a tax under:

(i) Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes;

(ii) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and Information;

(iii) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 2, Trusts and Estates; or

(iv) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 14, Pass-Through Entities and Pass-Through Entity Taxpayers Act.

(b) The commission may publicize the following information relating to a delinquent taxpayer:

(i) name;

(ii) address;

(iii) the amount of money owed by tax type; and

(iv) any legal action taken by the commission, including charges filed and property seized.

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;

(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; and

(g) litigation:

(i) The executive director shall advise the commission on matters under litigation.

(ii) If a settlement offer is received, the executive director shall inform the commission of the:

(A) terms of the offer; and

(B) the division's recommendations with regards to that offer.

(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 63G-4-201 and 68-3-8.5.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a petition for adjudicative action must be received in the commission offices

no later than 30 days from the date of the action 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 petition 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 adjudicative action that is mailed but not received in the commission offices shall be considered timely filed if the sender complies with the provisions of Subsections 68-3-8.5(2)(b) and (c).

(2) If a statute provides the period within which an appeal may be filed, a petition for adjudicative action 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 adjudicative action that is mailed but not received in the commission offices shall be considered timely filed if the sender complies with the provisions of Subsections 68-3-8.5(2)(b) and (c).

(3) 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) An attorney licensed in a jurisdiction outside Utah may represent a taxpayer before the commission without being admitted pro hac vice in Utah.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(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.

(A) 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) If a party withdraws an appeal, the initial decision becomes final as of the date that is 30 days after the date of the issuance of the initial hearing decision.

(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) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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 Subsection (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 Subsection (4)(a) or (4)(b).

(5) Information that may be disclosed under Subsection 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 Subsection (5)(c)(i).

(6)(a) Except as provided in statute and Subsection (6)(b), commercial information disclosed during an action or proceeding may not be disclosed outside an action or proceeding by any person conducting or participating in any action or proceeding.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (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 Subsection (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.

(e) If a taxpayer first requests a waiver of penalties or interest in an appeal to the commission, the taxpayer is not required to meet Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (iv).

(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: The taxpayer:

(i) furnishes all necessary and relevant information to a competent tax advisor, and the tax advisor:

(A) incorrectly advises the taxpayer;

(B) fails to timely file a return on behalf of the taxpayer; or

(C) fails to make a payment on behalf of the taxpayer; and

(ii) demonstrates that the taxpayer exercised ordinary business care, prudence, and diligence 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.

R861-1A-46. Procedures for Purchaser Refund Requests Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-1410 and 59-12-110.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Division" means the Auditing Division of the commission.

(b) "Purchaser refund request" means:

(i) a refund request for sales tax overpaid; and

(ii) submitted by a person other than the seller that originally collected and remitted the sales tax to the commission.

(c) "Required information and documents" means, for each transaction included in a purchaser refund request:

(i) a description of the item for which a refund is requested;

(ii) the invoiced transaction date;

(iii) the taxable purchase amount;

(iv) the tax rate applied to the purchase amount;

(v) the invoice number;
(vi) invoices or receipts or other books and records that show the items purchased and sales tax charged;
(vii) the sales tax paid;
(viii) the reason and basis in Utah law for exempting or excluding the item from sales tax;
(ix) documentation that verifies that the item qualifies for a sales tax exemption or exclusion;
(x) the amount of sales tax overpaid;
(xi) proof of payment of sales tax, such as a canceled check, bank statement, credit card statement or receipt, letter from the seller, or other books and records that demonstrate payment was made;
(xii) if an agent applies for the refund on behalf of a purchaser, a power of attorney;
(xiii) the name and address of the seller; and
(xiv) a signed statement that the seller that calculated and remitted the sales tax:
(A) has not provided a sales tax refund or credit; and
(B) will not be asked to provide a sales tax refund or credit.
(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a person submitting a purchaser refund request shall include the required information and documents with the application to the division.
(b) The items described in Subsection (2)(a) shall be provided to the division in the format and manner prescribed by the division.
(c) If the application is not accompanied by all of the required information and documents, the division shall send a notice to the person that submitted the purchaser refund request.
(d) The notice described in Subsection (2)(c) shall:
(i) indicate the required information and documents that are missing; and
(ii) allow the person submitting the purchaser refund request 30 days to provide the missing required information and documents to the division.
(e)(i) A person submitting a purchaser refund request who is unable to provide the information and documents described in Subsection (2)(d)(i) within the time period described in Subsection (2)(d)(ii) may contact the division to request an extension of time to provide the required information and documents that are missing.
(ii) The division shall grant reasonable requests for extension that will not unnecessarily prolong the processing of the refund request. If an extension is granted, the division shall provide written notice to the person submitting the purchaser refund request of the length of an extension of time granted under Subsection (2)(e)(i).
(f) If the division has not received all of the required information and documents within the time period described in Subsection (2)(d), or if applicable, within an extension of time granted under Subsection (2)(e), the division shall:
(i) evaluate the purchaser refund request based solely on the required information and documents received; and
(ii) dismiss for lack of evidence requests for refunds on items for which the division has not received the required information and documents.
(g)(i) Dismissals under Subsection (2)(f) may be appealed to the commission.
(ii) On an appeal under Subsection (2)(g)(i), the commission shall review whether information and documents adequate to determine the validity of the purchaser refund request were received by the division within the time period prescribed under Subsection (2)(d), or if applicable, within an extension of time granted under Subsection (2)(e).
(iii) If a person prevails on an appeal under Subsection (2)(g)(i), the commission shall hold a hearing for disposition of the underlying tax issue.
(3)(a) A person who submits a purchaser refund request may, at the time the application for the refund is filed, request the division use a sampling method in its review of the purchaser refund request.
(b) A person requesting a sampling method of review under Subsection (3)(a) shall include the following information for each transaction included in the purchaser refund request with the application to the division:
(i) the invoice number;
(ii) the invoiced transaction date;
(iii) the taxable purchase amount;
(iv) the tax rate applied to the purchase amount;
(v) the sales tax paid;
(vi) the amount of sales tax overpaid;
(vii) the name and address of the seller
(viii) a description of the item for which a refund is requested; and
(ix) the reason and basis in Utah law the item is exempt or excluded from sales tax.
(c) The items described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be provided to the division in the format and manner prescribed by the division.
(4)(a) If the division and a person submitting a purchaser refund request agree to the division's use of a sampling method in its review of the purchaser refund request, the division shall:
(i) determine the items that will be included in the sample;
(ii) notify the person submitting the purchaser refund request of the items that will be included in the sample and the information and documents that must be submitted to the division; and
(iii) allow the person submitting the purchaser refund request 30 days to provide the information and documents to the division in the format and manner prescribed by the division.
(b)(i) A person submitting a purchaser refund request who is unable to provide the information and documents described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) within the time period described in Subsection (4)(a)(iii) may contact the division to request an extension of time to provide the information and documents that are missing.
(ii) The division shall grant reasonable requests for extension that will not unnecessarily prolong the processing of the refund request. If an extension is granted, the division shall provide written notice to the person submitting the purchaser refund request of the length of an extension of time granted under Subsection (4)(b)(i).
(c) Information and documents described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) that are not received by the end of the period described in Subsection(4)(a), or if applicable, within an extension of time granted under Subsection (4)(b), shall be:
(i) considered errors; and
(ii) included in the overall error factor by which the purchaser refund request is decreased.
(d)(i) Errors under Subsection (4)(c) may be appealed to the commission.
(ii) On an appeal under Subsection (4)(d)(i), the only matter that will be reviewed by the commission is whether information and documents adequate to determine the validity of the purchaser refund request were received by the division within the time period prescribed under Subsection (4)(a), or if applicable, within an extension of time granted under Subsection (4)(b).

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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 (17).

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) 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:

(a) optional; and

(b) 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.

(1) Sales to the United States government are exempt if federal law or the United States Constitution prohibits the collection of sales or use tax.

(2) 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.

(3) 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-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-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, equipment, parts, and materials" 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, equipment, parts, and materials by a manufacturing facility applies only to purchases or leases of tangible personal property used in the actual manufacturing process.

(a) The exemption does 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, equipment, parts, and materials 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, equipment, parts, and materials used for a nonmanufacturing activity qualify for the exemption if the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials 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, equipment, parts, and materials 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, equipment, parts, and materials used in both manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities qualify for the exemption only if the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials are primarily used in manufacturing activities.

(5) The manufacturer shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials 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. Recycling Fee Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 19-6-808.

(1) The recycling fee shall be paid by the retailer to the 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.

(a) Except as provided in (1)(c), the retailer shall impose the recycling fee on all purchasers at the same time the sales tax is imposed.

(b) The retailer shall provide an invoice to all purchasers that separately itemizes and identifies the recycling fee as the "UCA 19-6-805 Recycling Fee".

(c) Where tires are sold to entities exempt from sales tax, the exempt entity must still pay the recycling fee.

(2) The recycling fee is not considered part of the sales price of the tire and is not subject to sales or use tax.

(3) Wholesalers purchasing tires for resale are not subject to the recycling fee.

(4) Tires sold and delivered out of state are not subject to the recycling fee.

(5) Tires purchased from out of state vendors are subject to the recycling fee. The recycling fee must be reported and paid directly to the commission with the use tax.

R865-19S-94. Service Charges, Tips, Gratuities, Cover Charges, and Other Similar Charges Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1)(a) Restaurants, cafes, clubs, private clubs, and similar businesses must collect sales tax on service charges, tips, gratuities, cover charges, or other similar charges included on a patron's bill that are required to be paid.

(b) Voluntary amounts left on the table or added to a credit card charge slip are not subject to sales tax.

(2) A service charge, tip, gratuity, cover charge, or other similar charge that a restaurant, cafe, club, private club, or similar business includes on a patron's bill is presumed to be required unless:

(a) language on the front of the bill states that the service charge, tip, gratuity, cover charge, or other similar charge is voluntary and may be increased or decreased by the patron; and

(b) the language described in Subsection (2)(a) is in the same font size as the service charge, tip, gratuity, cover charge, or other similar charge that the restaurant, cafe, club, private club, or similar business included on the bill.

(3) 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) "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.

(2) The exemption does not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property.

(3) Purchases of qualifying machinery, equipment, parts, and materials 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, equipment, parts, and materials used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials are primarily used in qualifying activities.

(5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials 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 to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) "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.

(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, equipment, parts, and materials 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, equipment, parts, and materials used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials are primarily used in qualifying activities.

(5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery, equipment, parts, and materials 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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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(4)(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.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Person" is as defined in Section 68-3-12.

(b) "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.

(c) "Unit operator" means a person who operates all producing wells in a unit.

(d) "Independent operator" means a person operating an oil or gas producing property not in a unit.

(e) 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.

(f) "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.

(g) "Product price" means:

(i) 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.

(ii) Gas:

(A) If sold under contract, the price shall be the stated price as of January 1, adjusted for escalation and deescalation.

(B) 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.

(h) "Future net revenue" means annual revenues less costs of the working interests and royalty interest.

(i) "Revenue" means expected annual gross revenue, calculated by multiplying the product price by expected annual production for the remaining economic life of the property.

(j) "Costs" means expected annual allowable costs applied against revenue of cost-bearing interests:

(i) 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.

(ii) Interest, depreciation, or any expense not directly related to the unit may not be included as allowable costs.

(k) "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.

(2) The discount rate shall be determined by the Property Tax Division using methods such as the weighted cost of capital method.

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) The discount rate shall contain the same elements as the expected income stream.

(3) Assessment Procedures.

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) The reasonable taxable value of productive underground oil and gas rights shall be determined by the methods described in Subsection (3)(b) or such other valuation method that the Tax Commission believes to be reasonably determinative of the property's fair market value.

(d) The value of the production assets shall be considered in the value of the oil and gas reserves as determined in Subsection (3)(b). Any other tangible property shall be separately valued at fair market value by the Property Tax Division.

(e) The minimum value of the property shall be the value of the production assets.

(4) Collection by Operator.

(a) 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.

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Interest on delinquent taxes shall be assessed as set forth in Section 59-2-1331.

(d) 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 complete courses 501, 502, and 505;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive field practicum including residential and commercial properties; and

(iii) attain and maintain state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the appraiser may value all types of locally assessed real property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(7) Ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser.

(a) For an individual commencing employment as an ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser before April 15, 2019 to qualify for this designation, an individual must, by April 15, 2021:

(i) successfully complete courses 101, 103, 501, and 503; and

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive auditing practicum.

(b) For an individual commencing employment as an ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser on or after April 15, 2019 to qualify for this designation, an individual must within 24 months of commencing that employment:

(i) successfully complete courses 101, 103, 501, and 503; and

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive auditing practicum.

(c) Upon designation, the auditor/appraiser may value locally assessed personal property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(8) Ad valorem centrally assessed valuation analyst.

(a) In order to qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 501 and 504;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive valuation practicum; and

(iii) attain and maintain state licensed or state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the analyst may value centrally assessed property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(9) If a candidate fails to receive a passing grade on a final examination, two re-examinations are allowed. If the re-examinations are not successful, the individual must retake the failed course. The cost to retake the failed course will not be borne by the Tax Commission.

(10) A practicum involves the appraisal or audit of selected properties. The candidate's supervisor must formally request that the Property Tax Division administer a practicum.

(a) Emphasis is placed on those types of properties the candidate will most likely encounter on the job.

(b) The practicum will be administered by a designated appraiser assigned from the Property Tax Division.

(11) An appraiser trainee referred to in Section 59-2-701 shall be designated an ad valorem associate if the appraiser trainee:

(a) has completed all education and practicum requirements for designation under Subsections (5), (6), or (8); and

(b) has not completed the non-education requirements for licensure or certification under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification.

(12) An individual holding a specified designation can qualify for other designations by meeting the additional requirements under Subsections (5), (6), (7), or (8).

(13)(a) Maintaining designated status for individuals designated under Subsection (7) requires completion of 6 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 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.

(6) 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 budgeted the prior year, without adjusting for revenues attributable to new growth.

(7) If a taxing entity has not completed the tax rate setting process as prescribed in Sections 59-2-919 and 59-2-920 before September 1, the county auditor must seek approval from the Tax Commission to use the certified rate in calculating taxes levied.

(8) 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.

(9) The value and taxes of property subject to the uniform fee under Sections 59-2-405 through 59-2-405.3 are excluded when calculating the percentage of property taxes collected as provided in Section 59-2-924.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) 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) For a county of the first, second, third or fourth class, the measure of central tendency shall be within:

(A) 5 percent of the legal level of assessment for county-wide residential property; or

(B) 10 percent of the legal level of assessment for all other classes of property.

(ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the measure of central tendency shall be within 10 percent of the legal level of assessment for all property.

(iii) The 95 percent confidence interval of the measure of central tendency shall contain the legal level of assessment.

(b) For uniformity of the property assessments in each class of property for which a detailed review is conducted during the current year, the measure of dispersion shall be within the following limits.

(i) In urban counties:

(A) a COD of 15 percent or less for primary residential property, and 20 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property; and

(B) a COV of 19 percent or less for primary residential property, and 25 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property.

(ii) In rural counties:

(A) a COD of 20 percent or less for primary residential property, and 25 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property; and

(B) a COV of 25 percent or less for primary residential property, and 31 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property.

(iii) For a rural or small jurisdiction with limited development, or for a jurisdiction with a depressed market, the county assessor may petition the division for a five percentage point increase in the COD or COV for one year only. After sufficient examination, the division may determine that a one-year expansion of the COD or COV is appropriate.

(c) Statistical measures.

(i) The measure of central tendency shall be the mean for parametric samples and the median for nonparametric samples.

(ii) The measure of dispersion shall be the COV for parametric samples and the COD for nonparametric samples.

(iii) To achieve statistical accuracy in determining assessment level under Subsection (2)(a) and uniformity under Subsection (2)(b) for any property class, subclass, or geographical area, the minimum sample size shall consist of 10 or more ratios.

(3) Each year the division shall conduct and publish an assessment-to-sale ratio study to determine if each county complies with the standards in Subsection (2).

(a) To meet the minimum sample size, the study period may be extended.

(b) A smaller sample size may be used if:

(i) that sample size is at least 10 percent of the class or subclass population; or

(ii) both the division and the county agree that the sample may produce statistics that imply corrective action appropriate to the class or subclass of property.

(c) If the division, after consultation with the counties, determines that the sample size does not produce reliable statistical data, an alternate performance evaluation may be conducted, which may result in corrective action. The alternate performance evaluation shall include review and analysis of the following:

(i) the county's procedures for collection and use of market data, including sales, income, rental, expense, vacancy rates, and capitalization rates;

(ii) the county-wide land, residential, and commercial valuation guidelines and their associated procedures for maintaining current market values;

(iii) the accuracy and uniformity of the county's individual property data through a field audit of randomly selected properties; and

(iv) the county's level of personnel training, ratio of appraisers to parcels, level of funding, and other workload and resource considerations.

(d) All input to the sample used to measure performance shall be completed by March 31 of each study year.

(e) The division shall conduct a preliminary annual assessment-to-sale ratio study by April 30 of the study year, allowing counties to apply adjustments to their tax roll prior to the May 22 deadline.

(f) The division shall complete the final study immediately following the closing of the tax roll on May 22.

(4) The division shall order corrective action if the results of the final study do not meet the standards set forth in Subsection (2).

(a) Assessment level adjustments, or factor orders, shall be calculated by dividing the legal level of assessment by one of the following:

(i) the measure of central tendency, if the uniformity of the ratios meets the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b); or

(ii) the 95 percent confidence interval limit nearest the legal level of assessment, if the uniformity of the ratios does not meet the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b).

(b) Uniformity adjustments or other corrective action shall be ordered if the property fails to meet the standards outlined in Subsections (2)(b) and (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.

(1) Except as provided in Section 59-2-1115, household furnishings, furniture, and equipment are subject to property taxation if:

(a) the owner of the dwelling unit commonly receives legal consideration for its use, whether in the form of rent, exchange, or lease payments; or

(b) the dwelling unit is held out as available for the rent, lease, or use by others.

(2) Household furnishings, furniture, and equipment that meet the definition of qualifying exempt primary residential rental personal property in Section 59-2-102:

(a) qualify for the primary residential exemption under Section 59-2-103; and

(b) are valued for tax under this chapter by:

(i) calculating the value of the personal property using the tables in Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33; and

(ii) multiplying the value calculated under Subsection (2)(b)(i) by 0.55.

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. 2019 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;

(c) a motorhome subject to the uniform statewide fee under Section 59-2-405.3; and

(d) an aircraft subject to the uniform statewide fee under Section 72-10-110.5.

(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
18	72%
17	42%
16 and prior	11%

(b) Class 2 - Computer Integrated Machinery.

(i) Machinery shall be classified as computer integrated machinery if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The equipment is sold as a single unit. If the invoice breaks out the computer separately from the machine, the computer must be valued as Class 12 property and the machine as Class 8 property.

(B) The machine cannot operate without the computer and the computer cannot perform functions outside the machine.

(C) The machine can perform multiple functions and is controlled by a programmable central processing unit.

(D) The total cost of the machine and computer combined is depreciated as a unit for income tax purposes.

(E) The capabilities of the machine cannot be expanded by substituting a more complex computer for the original.

(ii) Examples of property in this class include:

(A) CNC mills;

(B) CNC lathes;

(C) high-tech medical and dental equipment such as MRI equipment, CAT scanners, and mammography units.

(iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 2

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
18	91%
17	81%
16	70%
15	59%
14	48%
13	38%
12	25%
11 and prior	13%

(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.

(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
18	86%
17	70%
16	53%
15	35%
14 and prior	18%

(d) 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;

(J) signs, mechanical and electrical; and

(K) LED component of a billboard.

(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
18	92%
17	84%
16	74%
15	64%
14	55%
13	45%
12	34%
11	23%
10 and prior	12%

(e) 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 2019 percent good applies to 2019 models purchased in 2018.

(vi) Trucks weighing two tons or more have a residual taxable value of $1,750.

TABLE 6

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
19	90%
18	71%
17	66%
16	61%
15	56%
14	51%
13	45%
12	40%
11	35%
10	30%
09	20%
08	15%
07	10%
06 and prior	4%

(f) Class 7 - Medical and Dental Equipment. Class 7 has been merged into Class 8.

(g) Class 8 - Machinery and Equipment and Medical and Dental Equipment.

(i) Machinery and equipment is subject to considerable functional and economic obsolescence created by competition as technologically advanced and more efficient equipment becomes available.

Examples of machinery and equipment 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) Medical and dental equipment is subject to a high degree of technological development by the health industry. Examples of medical and dental equipment include:

(A) medical and dental equipment and instruments;

(B) exam tables and chairs;

(C) microscopes; and

(D) optical equipment.

(iii) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(g)(iv), taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iv)(A) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(g)(iii), 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)(iv)(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 VGO tank air coolers.

(B) The taxable value of the oil refinery pollution control equipment described in Subsection (6)(g)(iv)(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)(iv)(B)(I) by 50%.

TABLE 8

Year of	Percent Good

Acquisition	of Acquisition Cost
18	94%
17	87%
16	79%
15	71%
14	64%
13	56%
12	47%
11	38%
10	30%
09	21%
08 and prior	11%

(h) 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.

(i) 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
18	96%
17	91%
16	84%
15	78%
14	73%
13	68%
12	60%
11	54%
10	48%
09	42%
08	35%
07	28%
06	20%
05 and prior	9%

(j) 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.

(k) 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
18	62%
17	46%
16	21%
15	9%
14 and prior	7%

(l) 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) 2019 model equipment purchased in 2018 is valued at 100 percent of acquisition cost.

TABLE 13

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
18	49%
17	47%
16	44%
15	42%
14	39%
13	37%
12	35%
11	32%
10	30%
09	28%
08	25%
07	23%
06	20%
05 and prior	13%

(m) Class 14 - Motor Homes.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.3 subjects motor homes to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(n) 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
18	47%
17	34%
16	24%
15	15%
14 and prior	6%

(o) 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) billboard (excluding LED component);

(B) sign towers;

(C) radio towers;

(D) ski lift and tram towers;

(E) non-farm grain elevators;

(F) bulk storage tanks;

(G) underground fiber optic cable;

(H) solar panels and supporting equipment; and

(I) pipe laid in or affixed to land.

(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
18	96%
17	94%
16	89%
15	85%
14	82%
13	79%
12	73%
11	69%
10	64%
09	63%
08	59%
07	57%
06	51%
05	45%
04	38%
03	30%
02	23%
01	15%
00 and prior	8%

(p) 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 2019 percent good applies to 2019 models purchased in 2018.

(vi) Property in this class has a residual taxable value of $1,000.

TABLE 17

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
19	90%
18	67%
17	64%
16	62%
15	60%
14	57%
13	55%
12	53%
11	50%
10	48%
09	46%
08	43%
07	41%
06	39%
05	36%
04	34%
03	32%
02	29%
01	27%
00	25%
99	21%
98 and prior	17%

(q) 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.

(r) 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.

(s) 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
18	95%
17	87%
16	81%
15	74%
14	67%
13	61%
12	55%
11	46%
10	40%
09	34%
08	27%
07	19%
06 and prior	10%

(t) 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 2019 percent good applies to 2019 models purchased in 2018.

(iv) Commercial trailers have a residual taxable value of $1,000.

TABLE 21

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
19	95%
18	85%
17	82%
16	78%
15	74%
14	69%
13	65%
12	61%
11	57%
10	53%
09	50%
08	46%
07	41%
06	36%
05	30%
04	25%
03 and prior	17%

(u) 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.

(v) 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.

(w) 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.

(x) 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.

(y) 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
18	94%
17	88%
16	82%
15	77%
14	71%
13	65%
12	59%
11	54%
10	48%
09	42%
08	36%
07 and prior	30%

(z) 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; and
(E) aircraft parts manufacturing test equipment.

(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
18	86%
17	70%
16	53%
15	36%
14	19%
13 and prior	4%

(aa) 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.

(bb) 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
18	97%
17	95%
16	92%
15	90%
14	87%
13	84%
12	82%
11	79%
10	77%
09	74%
08	71%
07	69%
06	66%
05	64%
04	61%
03	58%
02	56%
01	53%
00	51%
99	48%
98	45%
97	43%
96	40%
95	38%
94	35%
93	32%
92	30%

91	27%
90	25%
89	22%
88	19%
87	17%
86	14%
85	12%
84 and prior	9%

(cc) Class 28 - Noncapitalized Personal Property. Property shall be classified as noncapitalized personal property if the following conditions are met:

(i) the property is an item of taxable tangible personal property with an acquisition cost of $1,000 or less; and

(ii) the property is eligible as a deductible expense under Section 162 or Section 179, Internal Revenue Code, in the year of acquisition, regardless of whether the deduction is actually claimed.

TABLE 28

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
18	75%
17	50%
16	25%
15 and prior	0%

The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 2019.

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. 2019 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	677
2)	Cache	582
3)	Carbon	451
4)	Davis	719
5)	Emery	427
6)	Iron	683
7)	Kane	357
8)	Millard	674
9)	Salt Lake	616
10)	Utah	641
11)	Washington	557
12)	Weber	694

(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	595
2)	Cache	497
3)	Carbon	359
4)	Davis	633
5)	Duchesne	417
6)	Emery	344
7)	Grand	332
8)	Iron	599
9)	Juab	380
10)	Kane	275
11)	Millard	592
12)	Salt Lake	529
13)	Sanpete	460
14)	Sevier	484
15)	Summit	393
16)	Tooele	381
17)	Utah	554
18)	Wasatch	416
19)	Washington	475
20)	Weber	608

(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	514
2)	Box Elder	468
3)	Cache	376
4)	Carbon	239
5)	Davis	509
6)	Duchesne	292
7)	Emery	216
8)	Garfield	181
9)	Grand	210
10)	Iron	475
11)	Juab	256
12)	Kane	152
13)	Millard	468
14)	Morgan	328
15)	Piute	285
16)	Rich	152
17)	Salt Lake	403
18)	San Juan	146
19)	Sanpete	338
20)	Sevier	360
21)	Summit	269
22)	Tooele	255
23)	Uintah	316
24)	Utah	425
25)	Wasatch	289
26)	Washington	349
27)	Wayne	281
28)	Weber	483

(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	424
2)	Box Elder	387
3)	Cache	292
4)	Carbon	153
5)	Daggett	162
6)	Davis	425
7)	Duchesne	205
8)	Emery	134
9)	Garfield	97
10)	Grand	127
11)	Iron	389
12)	Juab	170
13)	Kane	68
14)	Millard	380
15)	Morgan	243
16)	Piute	199
17)	Rich	70
18)	Salt Lake	312
19)	San Juan	66
20)	Sanpete	254
21)	Sevier	276

22)	Summit	185
23)	Tooele	174
24)	Uintah	234
25)	Utah	341
26)	Wasatch	206
27)	Washington	263
28)	Wayne	198
29)	Weber	395

(b) Fruit orchards shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 5
Fruit Orchards

1)	Beaver	586
2)	Box Elder	634
3)	Cache	586
4)	Carbon	586
5)	Davis	639
6)	Duchesne	586
7)	Emery	586
8)	Garfield	586
9)	Grand	586
10)	Iron	586
11)	Juab	586
12)	Kane	586
13)	Millard	586
14)	Morgan	586
15)	Piute	586
16)	Salt Lake	586
17)	San Juan	586
18)	Sanpete	586
19)	Sevier	586
20)	Summit	586
21)	Tooele	586
22)	Uintah	586
23)	Utah	644
24)	Wasatch	586
25)	Washington	693
26)	Wayne	586
27)	Weber	639

(c) Meadow IV property shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 6
Meadow IV

1)	Beaver	218
2)	Box Elder	216
3)	Cache	223
4)	Carbon	113
5)	Daggett	134
6)	Davis	226
7)	Duchesne	143
8)	Emery	118
9)	Garfield	89
10)	Grand	115
11)	Iron	225
12)	Juab	130
13)	Kane	93
14)	Millard	166
15)	Morgan	168
16)	Piute	163
17)	Rich	90
18)	Salt Lake	198
19)	Sanpete	167
20)	Sevier	172
21)	Summit	173
22)	Tooele	158
23)	Uintah	177
24)	Utah	214
25)	Wasatch	179
26)	Washington	195
27)	Wayne	147
28)	Weber	259

(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	47
2)	Box Elder	79
3)	Cache	100
4)	Carbon	42
5)	Davis	44
6)	Duchesne	47
7)	Garfield	41
8)	Grand	42
9)	Iron	42
10)	Juab	44
11)	Kane	41
12)	Millard	40
13)	Morgan	55
14)	Rich	41
15)	Salt Lake	47
16)	San Juan	45
17)	Sanpete	47
18)	Summit	41
19)	Tooele	45
20)	Uintah	47
21)	Utah	43
22)	Wasatch	41
23)	Washington	41
24)	Weber	68

(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	14
2)	Box Elder	50
3)	Cache	70
4)	Carbon	13
5)	Davis	13
6)	Duchesne	16
7)	Garfield	13
8)	Grand	13
9)	Iron	13
10)	Juab	13
11)	Kane	13
12)	Millard	12
13)	Morgan	23
14)	Rich	13
15)	Salt Lake	15
16)	San Juan	17
17)	Sanpete	16
18)	Summit	13
19)	Tooele	13
20)	Uintah	16
21)	Utah	13
22)	Wasatch	13
23)	Washington	12
24)	Weber	38

(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	65
2)	Box Elder	63
3)	Cache	60
4)	Carbon	45
5)	Daggett	45
6)	Davis	52
7)	Duchesne	59
8)	Emery	61
9)	Garfield	66
10)	Grand	67
11)	Iron	64
12)	Juab	56
13)	Kane	65
14)	Millard	65
15)	Morgan	57
16)	Piute	77
17)	Rich	56
18)	Salt Lake	61
19)	San Juan	63
20)	Sanpete	54
21)	Sevier	56
22)	Summit	62
23)	Tooele	61

24)	Uintah	69
25)	Utah	56
26)	Wasatch	45
27)	Washington	56
28)	Wayne	75
29)	Weber	60

(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	20
2)	Box Elder	20
3)	Cache	19
4)	Carbon	13
5)	Daggett	12
6)	Davis	16
7)	Duchesne	16
8)	Emery	18
9)	Garfield	20
10)	Grand	19
11)	Iron	19
12)	Juab	16
13)	Kane	21
14)	Millard	21
15)	Morgan	18
16)	Piute	22
17)	Rich	17
18)	Salt Lake	18
19)	San Juan	21
20)	Sanpete	15
21)	Sevier	15
22)	Summit	17
23)	Tooele	17
24)	Uintah	24
25)	Utah	20
26)	Wasatch	14
27)	Washington	18
28)	Wayne	24
29)	Weber	17

(iii) Graze III. The following counties shall assess Graze III property based upon the per acre values below:

TABLE 11
GR III

1)	Beaver	15
2)	Box Elder	14
3)	Cache	12
4)	Carbon	11
5)	Daggett	10
6)	Davis	11
7)	Duchesne	12
8)	Emery	12
9)	Garfield	13
10)	Grand	13
11)	Iron	13
12)	Juab	12
13)	Kane	13
14)	Millard	13
15)	Morgan	11
16)	Piute	15
17)	Rich	11
18)	Salt Lake	13
19)	San Juan	14
20)	Sanpete	12
21)	Sevier	12
22)	Summit	12
23)	Tooele	12
24)	Uintah	16
25)	Utah	12
26)	Wasatch	11
27)	Washington	11
28)	Wayne	15
29)	Weber	12

(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	5
2)	Box Elder	5
3)	Cache	5
4)	Carbon	5
5)	Daggett	5
6)	Davis	5
7)	Duchesne	5
8)	Emery	5
9)	Garfield	5
10)	Grand	5
11)	Iron	5
12)	Juab	5
13)	Kane	5
14)	Millard	5
15)	Morgan	5
16)	Piute	5
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	5
25)	Utah	5
26)	Wasatch	5
27)	Washington	5
28)	Wayne	5
29)	Weber	5

(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 March 1 through September 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 September 16 through the last day of February, 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)(i) through (iii).

(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. Sections 59-2-1001 and 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) 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.

(3) If the evidence or documentation required under Subsection (2)(e) is not attached, the county will notify the taxpayer in writing 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.

(4) If the taxpayer appears before the county board of equalization and fails to produce the evidence or documentation described under Subsection (2)(e) and the county has notified the taxpayer under Subsection (3), the county may dismiss the matter for lack of evidence to support a claim for relief.

(5) If the information required under Subsection (2) is supplied, the county board of equalization shall render a decision on the merits of the case.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8)(a) The county board of equalization shall notify the taxpayer in writing of its decision.

(b) The notice required under Subsection (8)(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.

(9) A county shall maintain a copy of a notice sent to a taxpayer under Subsection (8).

(10) 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.

(11) Decisions by the county board of equalization are final orders on the merits.

(12) Except as provided in Subsection (14), 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 Subsection 59-2-1004(3)(a) if any of the following conditions apply:

(a) During the period prescribed by Subsection 59-2-1004(3)(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 Subsection 59-2-1004(3)(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 Subsection 59-2-1004(3)(a) because of extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances that occurred during the period prescribed by Subsection 59-2-1004(3)(a), and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(13) Appeals accepted under Subsection (12)(d) shall be limited to correction of the factual error and any resulting changes to the property's valuation.

(14) The provisions of Subsection (12) 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.

(15) 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.

(1) 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.

(2) 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:

(a) for each low-income housing project in the state that is eligible for a low-income housing tax credit:

(i) the Utah Housing Corporation project identification number;

(ii) the project name;

(iii) the project address;

(iv) the city in which the project is located;

(v) the county in which the project is located;

(vi) the building identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service for each building included in the project;

(vii) the building address for each building included in the project;

(viii) the total apartment units included in the project;

(ix) the total apartment units in the project that are eligible for low-income housing tax credits;

(x) the period of time for which the project is subject to rent restrictions under an agreement described in Subsection (2)(b);

(xi) whether the project is:

(A) the rehabilitation of an existing building; or

(B) new construction;

(xii) the date on which the project was placed in service;

(xiii) the total square feet of the buildings included in the project;

(xiv) the maximum annual federal low-income housing tax credits for which the project is eligible;

(xv) the maximum annual state low-income housing tax credits for which the project is eligible; and

(xvi) for each apartment unit included in the project:

(A) the number of bedrooms in the apartment unit;

(B) the size of the apartment unit in square feet; and

(C) any rent limitation to which the apartment unit is subject; and

(b) a recorded copy of the agreement entered into by the Utah Housing Corporation and the property owner for the low-

income housing project; and

(c) construction cost certifications for the project received from the low-income housing project owner.

(3) The Utah Housing Corporation shall provide the commission the information under Subsection (2) by January 31 of the year following the year in which a project is placed into service.

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.

R884-24P-74. Changes to Jurisdiction of Mining Claims Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

(1) A mining claim shall be assessed by the county in which the mining claim is located if the commission determines that the mining claim is used for other than mining purposes.

(2) The owner of a mining claim may request that the mining claim be assessed by the county in which the mining claim is located by providing the following to the commission:

(a) a copy of the title to the mining claim;

(b) certification that all owners of the mining claim seek assessment by the county in which the mining claim is located;

(c) a valid metes and bounds legal description of the mining claim approved by the county recorder where the mining

claim is located; and

(d) evidence that the mining claim is used for other than mining purposes.

(3) A county may request that a mining claim be assessed by the county in which the mining claim is located by providing the following to the commission:

(a) a valid metes and bounds legal description of the mining claim approved by the county recorder where the mining claim is located; and

(b) evidence that the mining claim is used for other than mining purposes.

(4) Evidence that a mining claim is used for other than mining purposes is dependent on specific facts and circumstances and includes:

(a) evidence that the mining claim will be actively and solely used for other than mining purposes for more than a temporary period of time;

(b) evidence that a restrictive covenant or conservation easement prohibiting mining activities on the mining claim is recorded in the county where the mining claim is located;

(c) evidence that local zoning ordinances prohibit mining activities on the mining claim; or

(d) in the case where the mining claim has been used for mining activities at any time, the mining claim has been reclaimed as evidenced by the return of the mine reclamation bond to the owner of the mining claim by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

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R926. Transportation, Program Development.
R926-12. Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account.
R926-12-1. Purpose.

This rule provides procedures and requirements for an organization to apply to the Department of Transportation to receive a distribution from the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account.

R926-12-2. Authority.

This rule is enacted under the authority granted to the Department of Transportation by Section 72-2-127(6)(c).

R926-12-3. Definitions.

Terms used in these rules are defined as follows:

(a) "Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account" means the restricted account created in the General Fund into which monies are deposited from the purchase of Share the Road special group license plates, appropriations by the Legislature, private contributions, and donations or grants.

(b) "Qualified applicant" means an organization that qualifies as being tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code, and has as part of their primary mission the promotion and education of safe bicycle operations, safe motor vehicle operation around bicycles, healthy lifestyles, and contributes to the start-up fees associated with providing a Share the Road special group license plate.

R926-12-4. Proposals.

A qualified applicant may apply to the Department of Transportation for funding from the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account for use in support of safe bicycle operation, safe motor vehicle operation around bicycles and healthy lifestyles.

An applicant shall provide to the Department as part of an application:

(a) contact information for the applicant;

(b) proof that the applicant is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code;

(c) proof that the applicant promotes safe bicycle operation, safe motor vehicle operation and healthy lifestyles as a primary part of its mission;

(d) a statement of the purpose for which the application is submitted, along with an explanation of how the applicant would use a disbursement of money to promote safe bicycle operation, safe motor vehicle operation around bicycles and healthy lifestyles; and

(e) an explanation of the internal management controls and financial controls of the applicant that would insure that any funds received would be used only for authorized purposes.

R926-12-5. Selection of Recipients.

The Department shall select recipients based on available funds, eligibility of the applicant, and verification of effective and efficient use of funds to promote safe bicycle operation, safe motor vehicle operation around bicycles and healthy lifestyles.

R926-12-6. Distribution of Funds.

In April and October of each year, the Department will review applications and approve funding distribution from the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account. Notice of request status will be provided to the applicant and funding distributions made by the end of the months specified in this section.

The Department is authorized to expend up to 5% of the monies appropriated to administer account distributions to eligible applicants.

KEY: share the road, bicycle support, restricted, account

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R945. UTech Board of Trustees, Administration.
R945-2. Institutional Policy Review.
R945-2-1. Purpose.

(1) This rule establishes a procedure whereby a student enrolled in a Utah System of Technical Colleges institution may submit a complaint to the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees alleging a policy of the institution directly affects one or more of the student's civil liberties.

R945-2-2. References.

(1) Section 53B-27-303, Student Civil Liberties Protection Act: Complaint Process, Reporting.

R945-2-3. Complaint Process.

(1) A student enrolled in a Utah System of Technical Colleges institution may submit a complaint to the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees (Board) alleging a policy of the institution directly affects one or more of the student's civil liberties.

(2) To file a complaint, a student may send a written request that identifies the policy for which a review is requested to the Office of the Commissioner of Technical Education. The Office of the Commissioner will forward the request to the Board Chair.

(3) Within 30 days after the day on which the complaint has been received by the Office of the Commissioner, the Board will evaluate the petition to determine whether the complaint is made in good faith; and

(a) if the Board determines that the complaint is made in good faith, direct the institution against which the complaint is made to initiate rulemaking proceedings for the challenged policy; or

(b) if the Board determines that the complaint is made in bad faith, dismiss the complaint.

(4) If the Board directs an institution to initiate rulemaking proceedings for a challenged policy in accordance with this section, the institution will initiate rulemaking proceedings for the policy within 60 days after the day on which the direction has been given.

(5) The Commissioner will report any complaints alleging that a policy of an institution directly affecting one or more of a student's civil liberties and action taken to the Board during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education
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R947. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Bridgerland Technical College.
R947-1. Student Grievance and Due Process.
R947-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In the course of technical training at Bridgerland Technical College (BTECH), the student will have the opportunity for contesting any evaluation made by Administration, faculty, or staff of the College in an appeal/grievance hearing, if so desired. In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being expelled or suspended for 10 days or more for non-academic code of conduct violations.

R947-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(4) BTECH Policy 608 Student Grievance, approval date July 29, 2019.

R947-1-3. Definitions.

(1) An appeal/grievance is a claim or charge of injustice or discrimination based upon an event or condition that affects the welfare or conditions of an individual student or group of students.

(2) The grievance must be filed in writing within 90 days of the occurrence of the circumstance upon which it is based.

(3) It must specifically identify the policy, procedure, or statute violated, misinterpreted, or inequitably applied.

(4) It must furnish sufficient background concerning the alleged violation, misinterpretations, or inequitable applications to identify persons, actions, and/or omissions that led to the allegation.

R947-1-4. Standard of Proof.

Students are presumed not to have engaged in a Code of Conduct violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

R947-1-5. Procedures.

In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this policy establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being expelled or suspended for 10 days or more for non-academic Student Rights and Responsibilities violations. Students are presumed not to have engaged in a Student Rights and Responsibilities violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

(1) Informal: Should a student believe there is a cause for grievance, he or she should discuss the grievance with the person(s) involved (instructor, student, Student Services staff, etc.) in an effort to resolve the grievance mutually and informally. For online/hybrid courses, the same procedure applies, except the informal discussion can be through an e-mail or over the phone. Students may also contact the Student Services Office at BTECH (435) 753-6780 to discuss any grievance issue following the General Rights of Due Process below.

(2) Formal: If attempts to resolve the grievance informally are unsuccessful, the student should fill out the "Complaint Submission" Form and file the grievance within 90 days of the occurrence with the Vice President for Student Services. The grievance should be sent to the following address: Vice President for Student Services, Bridgerland Technical College, 1301 North 600 West, Logan, Utah 84321. The Vice President for Student Services will appoint a Hearing Committee to hear the grievance following the General Rights of Due Process below. The committee will notify the grievant of their decision in writing.

R947-1-5.1. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result in either expulsion or a minimum 10-day suspension, the college will provide students the following minimum due process:

(a) Notice: Prior to being interviewed about allegations of misconduct, the college shall provide students with notice of the allegations against them and of their right to have an advisor throughout the process who may, but need not be, an attorney.

(i) During an inquiry, investigation, or other informal process, an advisor may only advise the student and may not actively participate in the investigation or informal process.

(b) Explanation of the evidence: Prior to a formal hearing, unless prohibited by reasonable circumstances, each party shall provide to the hearing committee chair (or hearing officer) copies of the documents they intend to submit as evidence and a list of witnesses they intend to call during the formal hearing. This information will be shared with both parties. In all circumstances, including informal processes, the college will provide students an explanation of the evidence against them.

(c) Opportunity to respond: The college will provide students an opportunity for a full hearing at which they can respond to the allegations and evidence against them. With the agreement of all parties, the college may also provide an informal hearing or opportunity to respond or an agreed upon informal resolution.

(i) At formal adjudicatory hearings, students may have an advisor advocate for them. The student's advisor may be an attorney. The student's advisor may actively participate in the hearing in accordance with the college's policies regarding active participation.

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R949. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Davis Technical College.
R949-1. Student Due Process.
R949-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process.

(2) All students are guaranteed the right to due process.

(3) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result either expulsion or a minimum 30-day suspension, the College will provide the student with due process.

R949-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(4) Davis Technical College Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy.

(5) Davis Technical College Student Grievance Policy.

R949-1-3. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result in either expulsion or a minimum 30-day suspension, the college will provide students the following minimum due process:

(a) Notice: Prior to being interviewed about allegations of misconduct, the college shall provide students with notice of the allegations against them and of their right to have an advisor throughout the process who may, but need not be, an attorney.

(i) During an inquiry, investigation, or other informal process, an advisor may only advise the student and may not actively participate in the investigation or informal process.

(b) Explanation of the evidence: Prior to a formal hearing, unless prohibited by reasonable circumstances, each party shall provide to the hearing committee chair (or hearing officer) copies of the documents they intend to submit as evidence and a list of witnesses they intend to call during the formal hearing. This information will be shared with both parties. In all circumstances, including informal processes, the college will provide students an explanation of the evidence against them.

(c) Opportunity to respond: The college will provide students an opportunity for a full hearing at which they can respond to the allegations and evidence against them. With the agreement of all parties, the college may also provide an informal hearing or opportunity to respond or an agreed upon informal resolution.

(i) At formal adjudicatory hearings, students may have an advisor advocate for them. The student's advisor may be an attorney. The student's advisor may actively participate in the hearing in accordance with the college's policies regarding active participation.

R949-1-4. Standard of Proof.

Students are presumed not to have engaged in a Code of Conduct violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

R949-1-5. Incorporations of Colleges' Policies.

The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(1) Policy -- Davis Technical College Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy, 7/30/19.

(2) Policy -- Davis Technical College Student Grievance Policy, 7/30/19.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, due process

September 23, 2019 **53B-27-302**

R949. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Davis Technical College.
R949-2. Free Expression on Campus.
R949-2-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, the rule establishes general rights to expression on campus as established by law and recognizes narrow limits on speech, including time, place, and manner restrictions.

R949-2-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 1, Freedom of Expression and Religion.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 15, Freedom of Speech and of the Press.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 2, Campus Free Expression Act.

(4) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

R949-2-3. Definitions.

(1) Free Expression means all forms of verbal, written, or symbolic communication, including peaceful assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials.

(2) Free expression does not include speech or conduct that is not recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution, including speech or conduct that is a true threat, fraudulent, harassment, obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful.

R949-2-4. General Rights of Free Expression on Campus.

(1) The College upholds and promotes free expression on campus. Except as limited by regulations consistent with the law and this rule, (a) all faculty, students, and staff have the right to express views and ideas, and are free to criticize, contest, and condemn views expressed on campus and (b) neither the faculty, staff, nor students may obstruct, disrupt, suppress or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views.

(2) The College's outdoor areas are a public forum.

(3) The College may not prohibit: A member of the College's community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the College's campus; or a person from freely engaging in noncommercial expressive activity in an outdoor area of the College's campus if the person's conduct is lawful.

R765-2-5. Time, Place and Manner Restrictions.

(1) The College may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of free expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the College. This restriction includes established procedures for engaging in organized speech activities, such as protest marches or invited speakers.

(2) These exceptions to the principle of freedom of expression must be viewpoint neutral, generally content neutral, narrowly tailored, and leave ample opportunity for alternative means for expression. The College will not use these exceptions in a manner that is inconsistent with the College's commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

R784-2-6. Incorporations of College Policies.

The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(1) Davis Technical College -- Free Expression on Campus Policy, 7/30/19.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, free expression
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R951. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Dixie Technical College.
R951-1. Campus Access Rule.
R951-1-1. Expressive Activities.

(a) The College permits non-disruptive expressive activities in the outdoor areas of campus.

(b) Expressive activities must take place during normal operational hours of the College on days when the College is open (as designated on the official College calendar.)

(c) Expressive activities may not unreasonably interfere with or disrupt College operations or planned campus activities.

(d) While prior written notification of a planned expressive activity (in writing or electronic mail) to Campus Security is preferred, such notice is not required.

(e) Termination of Expressive Activity.

(i) The College reserves the right to terminate an expressive activity when, in the opinion of the College President, Campus Security, or the College President's designee, the expressive activity becomes a danger to or interferes with the operations of the College.

(ii) Indicators that an expressive activity is disruptive, or a danger to, or interferes with operations of the College community include:

(A) Illegal possession or use of weapons;

(B) Physical contact between individuals involved in the expressive activity and members of the College community or general public;

(C) Sustained speech which incites violence or calls for immediate violent action;

(D) Damage to College property or facilities;

(E) Any attempt to block or obstruct building entrances, walkways or vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(F) Activity which is commercial in nature (i.e. members of the College community are solicited for money in exchange for goods, services, or are offered other material or immaterial rewards for participating in the expressive activity.)

(iii) If an expressive activity must be brought to termination, Campus Security will coordinate with local law enforcement including the St George Police Department and/or the Washington County Sherriff's Office.

(f) Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit a member of the College community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the campus to engage in expressive activity so long as the conduct is lawful and does not violate the provisions of this rule. Nevertheless, the College reserves the right to move a spontaneous expressive activity to a location which, in the professional judgement of the College President, Campus Security, or the College President's designee, is safer for the College community.

R951-1-2. Indoor Facilities Are Protected Areas Due to Instructional and Safety Concerns.

(a) The indoor areas of the campus are available to employees, affiliates and guests as outlined in this rule.

(i) Employees may access any College facility which is necessary and appropriate for the completion of their assigned duties.

(ii) Students are permitted access to the classrooms/labs during established class hours. They may access classrooms/labs at other times only with the express permission of an instructor or College administrator.

(iii) Affiliates may access facilities which are expressly assigned to them through a formal written agreement with the College or any facility when accompanied by an instructor or College administrator or the administrator's designee.

(iv) Guests may access facilities which would reasonably be considered public (café, bookstore, lobby, etc.) any time such facilities are open. They may access other campus facilities if they have been specifically invited by (or are accompanied by) a College administrator or the administrator's designee.

(v) Individuals who do not fit one of the listed categories (employee, student, affiliate or guest) are not permitted access to indoor College facilities unless they are accompanied by a member of the administration at the level of Director or Executive.

(b) Spaces designated through signage as mechanical, electrical, or otherwise restricted access may not be entered by anyone without express permission from a College administrator or authorized employee.

R951-1-3. Violation of Rule.

(a) Individuals who violate this rule will be asked to leave by Campus Security, the College President, or the College President's designee. Should they fail to comply with the request, local law enforcement will be notified.

(b) Students and/or staff members who violate the provisions of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action.

(c) If a faculty member or other employee becomes aware of a violation of this rule, they are directed to notify security or their immediate supervisor who will take appropriate action.

R951-1-4. Definitions.

(a) Expressive activity -- Any non-commercial activity which includes peacefully assembling, protesting or speaking; distributing literature; carrying a sign; or circulating a petition.

(b) Employee -- any individual who is directly remunerated through the College payroll system for work performed on behalf of the College.

(c) Student -- any individual who is currently identified as actively enrolled in the College student information system.

(d) Affiliate -- non-employee, non-student who has a formal, recognized connection to the College including (but not limited to) vendors, volunteers, and state, local, and federal government officials.

(e) Guest -- any individual (not a student, employee or affiliate) who is hosted by an employee or affiliate of the College or any individual who can demonstrate legitimate business with the College such as enrollment, pre-enrollment investigation, testing or need to access other services.

(f) College community -- The group of individuals having some direct, legal relationship with the College such as employees, students, affiliates, or guests.

KEY: campus access
September 26, 2019 **53B-27-201 et seq.**

R951. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Dixie Technical College.
R951-2. Student Free Expression Rule.
R951-2-1. Student Free Expression.

(a) Students may peacefully assemble, protest or speak; distribute literature; carry a sign; or circulate a petition in the outdoor areas of campus in accordance with the Campus Access Rule.

(b) Behavior that unreasonably disrupts or otherwise interferes with the lawful functions of the College, the rights of other students to pursue an education or actions of the College faculty or staff such as abusive or threatening behavior towards other students, faculty, staff or other College representatives, as well as knowingly or recklessly disturbing the peace of the College including, but not limited to, disorderly conduct, failure to comply with an order to disperse, and/or being intoxicated is prohibited.

(c) Language which is offensive, abusive, insulting, vulgar, obscene, degrading, morbid, lascivious or erotic in nature is prohibited, as it interferes with the education of other students. Students are expected to act in a professional and respectful manner while on campus or when representing the college.

KEY: student free expression, free expression on campus
September 26, 2019 53B-27-201 et seq.

R951. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Dixie Technical College.
R951-3. Student Grievance Rule.
R951-3-1. Student Grievance Rule.

(a) In the course of technical training at Dixie Technical College, the student shall have the opportunity as set forth herein for requesting the review of any action, grading, or evaluation made by administration, faculty, or staff of Dixie Technical College if so desired.

(b) A grievance is a claim or charge of injustice or discrimination based on an event or condition that affects the welfare or conditions of an individual student or group of students.

(i) The grievance must be filed in writing within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of the circumstance upon which it is based.

(ii) It must specifically identify the policy, procedure, or status violated, misrepresented, or inequitably applied.

(iii) It must furnish sufficient background concerning the alleged violation, misrepresentation, or inequitable applications to identify persons, actions, and/or omissions that led to the allegation.

R951-3-2. Procedures.

(a) Informal: Should a student or parent of a minor student believe there is a cause for grievance, he/she should discuss the grievance with the person(s) involved (instructor, student, student services staff, etc.) in an effort the resolve the grievance mutually and informally.

(b) Formal: If attempts to resolve the grievance informally are unsuccessful, the student should file a written, dated, and signed grievance within ninety (90) days of the occurrence with the Student Services Officer. The Student Services Officer will review the matter, make a decision and notify the grievant of the decision in writing.

(c) Records of student grievances will be maintained by the Student Services Officer.

(d) In the event that the grievance cannot be resolved through the above measures, students may contact the school's accrediting commission:

The Council on Occupational Education
7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325
Atlanta, GA 30350
www.council.org
(800) 917-2081 or (770) 396-3898

KEY: student grievances
September 26, 2019 **53B-27-201 et seq.**

R953. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Mountainland Technical College.
R953-1. Student Due Process.
R953-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being dismissed for any reason.

R953-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process;

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law;

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act; and

(4) Mountainland Technical College Policy (effective 12.21.2005) -- Student Grievance 600.608.

R953-1-3. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) The College encourages students to address concerns on an informal basis whenever possible. In the event that the decision made does not result in an outcome satisfactory to the student, the student may choose to submit a formal appeal.

(2) When a student or potential student believes there is cause for grievance, he/she may discuss the grievance with the person(s) involved (including an instructor, student, Student Services staff, etc.) in an effort to resolve the grievance mutually and informally.

(3) Only the student may discuss the grievance with person(s) involved unless a signed FERPA release form has been filed with Student Services.

(4) Students wishing to file a grievance must do so in writing within sixty days of the alleged incident, to allow for a timely review of the complaint. Specific details regarding the reported incident should be provided, as well as the names of all parties involved.

(5) The grievance must be:

(a) Written, dated and signed.

(b) Filed within sixty days of the occurrence with the Vice President of Administrative Services at the Main Campus in Lehi.

(6) Only the student may file the grievance, unless signed FERPA release from has been filed by Student Services.

(7) All grievances will be reviewed with sensitivity for privacy of the student.

(8) Appeals are heard by the appeals committee in regularly scheduled meetings.

(9) Voting members of the Appeals Committee are the College Vice-Presidents and the Director of Student Services.

(10) Non-voting members of the appeals committee include the Academic and Career Counselors, the Program Directors, the Student Services Manager, and the Testing Manager.

(11) Any member with a conflict of interest will abstain from commenting or voting on the appeal.

(12) The Appeals Committee will determine if the information provided by the student is sufficient and may request additional information. Students are encouraged to provide any additional information in a prompt manner, so that the matter can be promptly resolved. If a student fails to come forward with additional requested information within a reasonable amount of time (typically 10 working days), the grievance will be cancelled and no further consideration will be given.

(13) The College will endeavor to provide a final decision to the complainant within sixty days.

(14) Students retain the right to contact the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE), in cases where the student grievance is not satisfactorily settled at the institutional level. COE can be reached at: The Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350. By phone: Toll-free (800) 917-2081, ext. 21, Website: www.council.org.

R953-1-4. Standard of Proof.

(1) Students are presumed not to have engaged in a violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

R953-1-5. Incorporations of Colleges' Policies.

(1) The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(a) Policy -- Student Grievance 600.608, effective 12.21.2005.

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R953. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Mountainland Technical College.
R953-2. Free Expression on Campus.
R953-2-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, the rule establishes general rights to expression on campus as established by law and recognizes narrow limits on speech, including time, place, and manner restrictions.

R953-2-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 1, Freedom of Expression and Religion;

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 15, Freedom of Speech and of the Press;

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 2, Campus Free Expression Act;

(4) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act; and

(5) Mountainland Technical College Policy (effective 07.23.2019) -- Free Expression 500.590.

R953-2-3. Definitions.

(1) Free Expression means all forms of verbal, written, or symbolic communication, including peaceful assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials.

(2) Free expression does not include speech or conduct that is not recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution, including speech or conduct that is a true threat, fraudulent, harassment, obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful.

R953-2-4. General Rights of Free Expression on Campus.

(1) The college upholds and promotes free expression on campus. Except as limited by regulations consistent with the law and this rule, (a) all faculty, students, and staff have the right to express views and ideas, and are free to criticize, contest, and condemn views expressed on campus and (b) neither the faculty, staff, nor students may obstruct, disrupt, suppress or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views.

(2) The college's outdoor areas are a public forum.

(3) The college may not prohibit:

(a) a member of the college's community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the college's campus; or

(b) a person from freely engaging in noncommercial expressive activity in an outdoor area of the college's campus if the person's conduct is lawful.

R953-2-5. Time, Place and Manner Restrictions.

(1) The college may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of free expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the college. This restriction includes established procedures for engaging in organized speech activities, such as protest marches or invited speakers.

(2) These exceptions to the principle of freedom of expression must be viewpoint neutral, generally content neutral, narrowly tailored, and leave ample opportunity for alternative means for expression. The college will not use these exceptions in a manner that is inconsistent with the college's commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

R953-2-6. Incorporations of College Policies.

(1) The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(a) Policy -- Free Expression 500.590, effective 7.23.19.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, free expression, technical education
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R955. System of Technical Colleges (Utah) Ogden-Weber Technical College.
R955-1. Student Due Process.
R955-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being expelled or suspended for 10 days or more for non-academic code of conduct violations.

R955-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(4) Policy - Student Rights and Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct 530.4 -- approved on July 25, 2019.

R955-1-3. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result in either expulsion or a minimum 10-day suspension, the college will provide students the following minimum due process:

(2) Notice: Prior to being interviewed about allegations of misconduct, the college shall provide students with notice of the allegations against them and of their right to have an advisor throughout the process who may, but need not be, an attorney.

(3) During an inquiry, investigation, or other informal process, an advisor may only advise the student and may not actively participate in the investigation or informal process.

(4) Explanation of the evidence: Prior to a formal hearing, unless prohibited by reasonable circumstances, each party shall provide to the hearing committee chair (or hearing officer) copies of the documents they intend to submit as evidence and a list of witnesses they intend to call during the formal hearing. This information will be shared with both parties. In all circumstances, including informal processes, the college will provide students an explanation of the evidence against them.

(5) Opportunity to respond: The college will provide students an opportunity for a full hearing at which they can respond to the allegations and evidence against them. With the agreement of all parties, the college may also provide an informal hearing or opportunity to respond or an agreed upon informal resolution.

(6) At formal adjudicatory hearings, students may have an advisor advocate for them. The student's advisor may be an attorney. The student's advisor may actively participate in the hearing in accordance with the college's policies regarding active participation.

R955-1-4. Standard of Proof.

(1) Students are presumed not to have engaged in a Code of Conduct violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

R955-1-5. Incorporations of Colleges' Policies.

(1) The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(a) Policy -- Student Rights and Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct 530.4. -- approved on July 25, 2019.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, due process
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R955. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Ogden-Weber Technical College.
R955-2. Free Expression on Campus.
R955-2-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, the rule establishes general rights to expression on campus as established by law and recognizes narrow limits on speech, including time, place, and manner restrictions.

R955-2-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 1, Freedom of Expression and Religion.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 15, Freedom of Speech and of the Press.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 2, Campus Free Expression Act.

(4) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(5) Policy -- Free Expression on Campus 500.2 -- approved on July 25, 2019.

R955-2-3. Definitions.

(1) Free Expression means all forms of verbal, written, or symbolic communication, including peaceful assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials.

(a) Free expression does not include speech or conduct that is not recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution, including speech or conduct that is a true threat, fraudulent, harassment, obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful.

R955-2-4. General Rights of Free Expression on Campus.

(1) The college upholds and promotes free expression on campus. Except as limited by regulations consistent with the law and this rule, (a) all faculty, students, and staff have the right to express views and ideas, and are free to criticize, contest, and condemn views expressed on campus and (b) neither the faculty, staff, nor students may obstruct, disrupt, suppress or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views.

(2) The college's outdoor areas are a public forum.

(3) The college may not prohibit:

(a) a member of the college's community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the college's campus; or

(b) a person from freely engaging in noncommercial expressive activity in an outdoor area of the college's campus if the person's conduct is lawful.

R955-2-5. Time, Place and Manner Restrictions.

(1) The college may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of free expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the college. This restriction includes established procedures for engaging in organized speech activities, such as protest marches or invited speakers.

(2) These exceptions to the principle of freedom of expression must be viewpoint neutral, generally content neutral, narrowly tailored, and leave ample opportunity for alternative means for expression. It is vitally important that the college will not use these exceptions in a manner that is inconsistent with the college's commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

R955-2-6. Incorporations of College Policies.

(1) The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(a) Policy -- Free Expression on Campus 500.2 -- approved on July 25, 2019.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, free expression
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R955. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Ogden-Weber Technical College.
R955-3. Weapons on Campus.
R955-3-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general rights and restrictions on possessing weapons on campus.

R955-3-2. References.

(1) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 500 Uniform Law (Right to bear arms in Utah).

(2) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 501 Definitions.

(3) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 505.5 Possession of a dangerous weapon, firearm, or sawed off shotgun on or about school premises - Penalties.

(4) Title 76, Chapter 3, Part 203.2 Definitions - Use of dangerous weapon in offenses committed on or about school premises - Enhanced penalties. Exceptions.

(5) Title 53, Chapter 5, Section 704 Bureau duties -- Permit to carry concealed firearm -- Certification for concealed firearms instructor -- Requirements for issuance -- Violation -- Denial, suspension, or revocation -- Appeal Procedure.

(6) Title 53, Chapter 5, Section Temporary permit to carry concealed firearm - Denial, suspension, or revocation - Appeal.

(7) Title 76, Chapter 10, Possession of firearm at residence or on real property authorized.

(8) Title 76, Chapter 10, Persons exempt from weapons laws.

(9) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(10) Policy -- Weapons Prohibited on College Property and at College Activities 520.52 -- approved on July 25, 2019.

R955-3-3. Possession of Weapons on Campus.

(1) The college complies with and enforces the state laws referenced in section 2 governing firearms on campus.

R955-3-4. Incorporations of College Policies.

(1) The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(a) Policy - Weapons Prohibited on College Property and at College Activities 520.52. -- approved on July 25, 2019.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, weapons on campus
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R957. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Southwest Technical College.
R957.1 Student Due Process.
R957-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being dismissed or suspended for 10 days or more for non-academic code of conduct violations.

R957-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(4) Policy -- Student Conduct Policy, July 29, 2019.

(5) Policy -- Grievance Policy, July 29, 2019.

(6) Policy -- Harassment, Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity, July 29, 2019.

R957-1-3. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result in either dismissal or a minimum 10-day suspension, the college will provide students the following minimum due process:

(a) Notice: Prior to being interviewed about allegations of misconduct, the college shall provide students with notice of the allegations against them and of their right to have an advisor throughout the process who may, but need not be, an attorney.

(i) During an inquiry, investigation, or other informal process, an advisor may only advise the student and may not actively participate in the investigation or informal process.

(b) Explanation of the evidence: Prior to a formal hearing, unless prohibited by reasonable circumstances, each party shall provide to the hearing committee chair (or hearing officer) copies of the documents they intend to submit as evidence and a list of witnesses they intend to call during the formal hearing. This information will be shared with both parties. In all circumstances, including informal processes, the college will provide students an explanation of the evidence against them.

(c) Opportunity to respond: The college will provide students an opportunity for a full hearing at which they can respond to the allegations and evidence against them. With the agreement of all parties, the college may also provide an informal hearing or opportunity to respond or an agreed upon informal resolution.

(i) At formal adjudicatory hearings, students may have an advisor advocate for them. The student's advisor may be an attorney. The student's advisor may actively participate in the hearing in accordance with the college's policies regarding active participation.

R957-1-4. Standard of Proof.

Students are presumed not to have engaged in a policy violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

R957-1-5. Incorporations of Colleges' Policies.

The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(1) Policy - Student Conduct Policy, July 29, 2019.

(2) Policy -- Grievance Policy, July 29, 2019.

(3) Policy - Harassment, Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity, July 29, 2019.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, due process
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R957. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Southwest Technical College.
R957-2. Free Expression on Campus.
R957-2-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, the rule establishes general rights to expression on campus as established by law and recognizes narrow limits on speech, including time, place, and manner restrictions.

R957-2-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 1, Freedom of Expression and Religion.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 15, Freedom of Speech and of the Press.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 2, Campus Free Expression Act.

(4) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(5) Policy -- Grievance Policy, July 29, 2019.

(6) Policy -- Student Conduct Policy, July 29, 2019.

(7) Policy -- Harassment, Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity, July 29, 2019.

R957-2-3. Definitions.

(1) Free Expression means all forms of verbal, written, or symbolic communication, including peaceful assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials.

(a) Free expression does not include speech or conduct that is not recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution, including speech or conduct that is a true threat, fraudulent, harassment, obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful.

R957-2-4. General Rights of Free Expression on Campus.

(1) The college upholds and promotes free expression on campus. Except as limited by regulations consistent with the law and this rule, (a) all faculty, students, and staff have the right to express views and ideas, and are free to criticize, contest, and condemn views expressed on campus and (b) neither the faculty, staff, nor students may obstruct, disrupt, suppress or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views.

(2) The college's outdoor areas are a public forum.

(3) The college may not prohibit:

(a) a member of the college's community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the college's campus; or

(b) a person from freely engaging in noncommercial expressive activity in an outdoor area of the college's campus if the person's conduct is lawful.

R957-2-5. Time, Place and Manner Restrictions.

(1) The college may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of free expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the college. This restriction includes established procedures for engaging in organized speech activities, such as protest marches or invited speakers.

(2) These exceptions to the principle of freedom of expression must be viewpoint neutral, generally content neutral, narrowly tailored, and leave ample opportunity for alternative means for expression. The college will not use these exceptions in a manner that is inconsistent with the college's commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

R957-2-6. Incorporations of College Policies.

The college has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(1) Policy -- Grievance Policy, July 29, 2019.

(2) Policy -- Student Conduct Policy, July 29, 2019.

(3) Policy -- Harassment, Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity, July 29, 2019.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, free expression
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R959. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Tooele Technical College.
R959-1. Student Due Process.
R959-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being expelled or suspended for 30 days or more for non-academic code of conduct violations.

R959-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

(4) Policy -- Student Code of Conduct and Discipline, Approved November 4, 2015; Amended July 31, 2019.

(5) Policy -- Student Grievances, Approved July 1, 2009; Amended July 31, 2019.

R959-1-3. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result in either expulsion or a minimum 30-day suspension, the college will provide students the following minimum due process:

(a) Notice: Prior to being interviewed about allegations of misconduct, the college shall provide students with notice of the allegations against them and of their right to have an advisor throughout the process who may, but need not be, an attorney.

(i) During an inquiry, investigation, or other informal process, an advisor may only advise the student and may not actively participate in the investigation or informal process.

(b) Explanation of the evidence: Prior to a formal hearing, unless prohibited by reasonable circumstances, each party shall provide to the hearing committee chair (or hearing officer) copies of the documents they intend to submit as evidence and a list of witnesses they intend to call during the formal hearing. This information will be shared with both parties. In all circumstances, including informal processes, the college will provide students an explanation of the evidence against them.

(c) Opportunity to respond: The College will provide students an opportunity for a full hearing at which they can respond to the allegations and evidence against them. With the agreement of all parties, the college may also provide an informal hearing or opportunity to respond or an agreed upon informal resolution.

(i) At formal adjudicatory hearings, students may have an advisor advocate for them. The student's advisor may be an attorney. The student's advisor may actively participate in the hearing in accordance with the college's policies regarding active participation.

R959-1-4. Standard of Proof.

Students are presumed not to have engaged in a Code of Conduct violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

R959-1-5. Incorporations of Colleges' Policies.

The College has adopted the following policies that are incorporated by reference within this rule:

(1) Policy -- Student Code of Conduct and Discipline, July 31, 2019.

(2) Policy - Student Grievances, July 31, 2019.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, due process
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R959. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Tooele Technical College.
R959-2. Free Expression on Campus.
R959-2-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, the rule establishes general rights to expression on campus as established by law and recognizes narrow limits on speech, including time, place, and manner restrictions.

R959-2-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 1, Freedom of Expression and Religion.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 15, Freedom of Speech and of the Press.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 2, Campus Free Expression Act.

(4) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

R959-2-3. Definitions.

(1) Free Expression means all forms of verbal, written, or symbolic communication, including peaceful assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials.

(a) Free expression does not include speech or conduct that is not recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution, including speech or conduct that is a true threat, fraudulent, harassment, obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful.

R959-2-4. General Rights of Free Expression on Campus.

(1) The College upholds and promotes free expression on campus. Except as limited by regulations consistent with the law and this rule, (a) all faculty, students, and staff have the right to express views and ideas, and are free to criticize, contest, and condemn views expressed on campus and (b) neither the faculty, staff, nor students may obstruct, disrupt, suppress or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views.

(2) The College's outdoor areas are a public forum.

(3) The College may not prohibit:

(a) a member of the College's community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the College's campus; or

(b) a person from freely engaging in noncommercial expressive activity in an outdoor area of the College's campus if the person's conduct is lawful.

R959-2-5. Time, Place and Manner Restrictions.

(1) The College may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of free expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the college. This restriction includes established procedures for engaging in organized speech activities, such as protest marches or invited speakers.

(2) These exceptions to the principle of freedom of expression must be viewpoint neutral, generally content neutral, narrowly tailored, and leave ample opportunity for alternative means for expression. The College will not use these exceptions in a manner that is inconsistent with the college's commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, free expression
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R961. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Uintah Basin Technical College.
R961-1. Student Due Process.
R961-1-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general elements of due process that must be provided to a student prior to being expelled or suspended for 10 days or more for non-academic code of conduct violations.

R961-1-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 14, Due Process.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, Due Process of Law.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

R961-1-3. General Rights of Due Process.

(1) In matters of non-academic conduct that may result in either expulsion or a minimum 10-day suspension. The college will provide students the following minimum due process:

(a) Notice: Prior to being interviewed about allegations of misconduct, the college shall provide students with notice of the allegations against them and of their right to have an advisor throughout the process who may, but need not be, an attorney.

(i) During an inquiry, investigation, or other informal process, an advisor may only advise the student and may not actively participate in the investigation or informal process.

(b) Explanation of the evidence: Prior to a formal hearing, unless prohibited by reasonable circumstances, each party shall provide to the hearing committee chair (or hearing officer) copies of the documents they intend to submit as evidence and a list of witnesses they intend to call during the formal hearing. This information will be shared with both parties. In all circumstances, including informal processes, the college will provide students an explanation of the evidence against them.

(c) Opportunity to respond: The college will provide students an opportunity for a full hearing at which they can respond to the allegations and evidence against them. With the agreement of all parties, the college may also provide an informal hearing or opportunity to respond or an agreed upon informal resolution.

(i) At formal adjudicatory hearings, students may have an advisor advocate for them. The student's advisor may be an attorney. The student's advisor may actively participate in the hearing in accordance with the college's policies regarding active participation.

R961-1-4. Standard of Proof.

Students are presumed not to have engaged in a Code of Conduct violation until the college has established a violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, due process
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R961. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Uintah Basin Technical College.
R961-2. Free Expression on Campus.
R961-2-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, the rule establishes general rights to expression on campus as established by law and recognizes narrow limits on speech, including time, place, and manner restrictions.

R961-2-2. References.

(1) United States Constitution, Amendment 1, Freedom of Expression and Religion.

(2) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Section 15, Freedom of Speech and of the Press.

(3) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 2, Campus Free Expression Act.

(4) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act.

R961-2-3. Definitions.

(1) Free Expression means all forms of verbal, written, or symbolic communication, including peaceful assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials.

(a) Free expression does not include speech or conduct that is not recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution, including speech or conduct that is a true threat, fraudulent, harassment, obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful.

R961-2-4. General Rights of Free Expression on Campus.

(1) The college upholds and promotes free expression on campus. Except as limited by regulations consistent with the law and this rule, (a) all faculty, students, and staff have the right to express views and ideas, and are free to criticize, contest, and condemn views expressed on campus and (b) neither the faculty, staff, nor students may obstruct, disrupt, suppress or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views.

(2) The college's outdoor areas are a public forum.

(3) The college may not prohibit:

(a) a member of the college's community or the public from spontaneously and contemporaneously assembling in an outdoor area of the college's campus; or

(b) a person from freely engaging in noncommercial expressive activity in an outdoor area of the college's campus if the person's conduct is lawful.

R961-2-5. Time, Place and Manner Restrictions.

(1) The college may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of free expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the college. This restriction includes established procedures for engaging in organized speech activities, such as protest marches or invited speakers.

(2) These exceptions to the principle of freedom of expression must be viewpoint neutral, generally content neutral, narrowly tailored, and leave ample opportunity for alternative means for expression. The college will not use these exceptions in a manner that is inconsistent with the college's commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, free expression
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R961. System of Technical Colleges (Utah), Uintah Basin Technical College.
R961-3. Weapons on Campus.
R961-3-1. Purpose.

(1) In accordance with Title 53B, Chapter 27, Section 302, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act, this rule establishes general rights and restrictions on possessing weapons on campus.

R961-3-2. References.

(1) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 500 Uniform Law (Right to bear arms in Utah).

(2) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 501 Definitions.

(3) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 505.5 Possession of a dangerous weapon, firearm, or sawed off shotgun on or about school premises - Penalties.

(4) Title 76, Chapter 3, Part 203.2 Definitions - Use of dangerous weapon in offenses committed on or about school premises - Enhanced penalties. Exceptions.

(5) Title 53, Chapter 5, Section 704 Bureau duties -- Permit to carry concealed firearm -- Certification for concealed firearms instructor -- Requirements for issuance -- Violation -- Denial, suspension, or revocation -- Appeal Procedure.

(6) Title 53, Chapter 5, Section Temporary permit to carry concealed firearm - Denial, suspension, or revocation - Appeal.

(7) Title 76, Chapter 10, Possession of firearm at residence or on real property authorized.

(8) Title 76, Chapter 10, Persons exempt from weapons laws.

(9) Title 53B, Chapter 27, Part 3, Campus Civil Liberties Protection Act

R961-3-3. Possession of Weapons on Campus.

(1) The college complies with and enforces the state laws referenced in section 2 governing firearms on campus.

KEY: civil liberty, technical college, technical education, weapons on campus
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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 for U.S. citizens and qualified aliens authorized to work in the U.S. Child care for approved education and training activities, job search, or for an approved temporary change as defined in R986-700-703 may be authorized in accordance with rule.

(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. To be eligible, the child must have a need for at least eight hours of child care per month as determined by the Department.

(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) Payments are issued monthly based on a client's eligibility for services in that month. 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 by an eligible provider approved by the Department 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) when the client is working in a residential setting. CC may be approved where the client is working for an approved child care center, does not regularly watch his or her own children at the center, and does not have an ownership interest in the child care center. CC will not be paid to a client for the care of his or her own child(ren) if the client is also the licensee or is a stockholder, officer, director, partner, manager or member of a corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership or company or similar legal entity providing the CC.

(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 once every twelve 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 determines the household's gross monthly income exceeds the percentage of the state median income as determined by the Department in R986-700-710(3), the Department may 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 Care About Child Care 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) if the client no longer needs child care;

(c) a change of address;

(d) a child receiving child care moves out of the home;

(e) a change in the child care provider, including when care is provided at no cost; and,

(f) when the child has stopped attending child care or has not attended child care for at least eight hours during the month for which CC was authorized.

(6)(a) The following are allowable temporary changes:

(i) Time-limited absences from work due to medical or other emergency, such as maternity leave, bed rest, or temporary medical issues of the client or an immediate family member living in the client's home if the client is responsible for the immediate family member's care;

(ii) Temporary fluctuations in earnings or hours, such as summer break for teachers or seasonal hours changes for IRS employees, that would otherwise have the effect of causing the client to fail to meet the minimum work requirements for eligibility;

(iii) Scheduled holidays or breaks in a client's educational training schedule;

(iv) An eligible child turning 13 years old during an eligibility review period, unless the child no longer has a need for child care; and,

(v) A client who has been approved for ongoing employment support child care at application or recertification and has a permanent loss of employment may remain eligible through the remainder of that certification period.

(b) A client who experiences an allowable temporary change after having been approved for ongoing employment support child care (ES CC) may continue to receive child care

payments at the same level for the remainder of the certification period.

(7) Once an eligibility determination is made and a full month's payment and copayment is assessed, benefits will be paid at the same level during the remainder of the certification period so long as the client remains eligible, except that:

(a) The Department may act on reported changes that result in a participation increase or copayment decrease, and

(b) Benefits may be reduced if a child care provider reports a lower monthly charge or the client changes to a different child care provider.

(8) If an overpayment is established and it is determined that the client was at fault in the creation of the overpayment, the client must repay the overpayment to the Department. In some situations, the client and provider may be jointly liable. In the case of joint liability, both parties can be held liable for the entire overpayment.

(9) The Department is authorized to 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) the date the child care subsidy was issued;

(c) the subsidy amount for that provider;

(d) the copayment amount;

(e) information available in the Department Provider Portal. The Provider Portal provides a provider with computer access to limited, secure information;

(f) the month the client is scheduled for review;

(g) the date the client's application was received; and

(h) general information about what additional information and/or verification is needed to approve CC such as the client's work schedule and income.

(10) If a client uses a child care provider at least eight hours in the calendar month, and that provider has been paid for that month, the Department will not pay another provider for child care for the rest of that month, even if the client changed providers, unless the maximum subsidy payment amount for the month will not be exceeded by paying the second provider and one of the following exceptions also applies:

(a) The initial provider is no longer providing child care, is no longer an approved provider, or has been disqualified by the Department;

(b) The client relocates his or her residence and it is no longer reasonably feasible to continue using the initial provider due to travel time or distance;

(c) There is a substantial change in the days or times of day when child care is needed, such as a change in the timing of the shifts the client is working, that cannot be accommodated by the initial provider; or

(d) The Department determines a change in child care providers is necessary due to an endangerment finding for the child. The Department may, in its discretion, approve payment to a second provider due to an endangerment finding even if the maximum subsidy payment amount would be exceeded.

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. All eligible providers, including providers who receive CC grants from the Department, must meet all Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) requirements. The only eligible providers are:

(a) providers regulated through Department of Health Child Care Licensing (CCL):

(i) licensed homes;

(ii) licensed child care centers, except hourly centers; and

(iii) homes with a residential certificate.

(b) license exempt providers who are not required by law to be licensed and are either;

(i) license exempt centers as defined in R430-8-3. Programs or centers must have a current letter of exempt status with Department approval from CCL; or

(ii) DWS Family, Friend and Neighbor providers (FFN) as approved by CCL. The requirements for FFN approval are provided in subsection (3) of this section and in Department policy.

(2) The following providers are not eligible for receipt of a CC payment:

(a) a provider living in the same home as the parent client and providing child care in the home where they live, unless the provider is caring for a child who has special needs who cannot be otherwise accommodated;

(b) a sibling of the child living in the home can never be approved, even for a special needs child;

(c) a parent, foster care parent, stepparent or former stepparent, even if living in another residence;

(d) undocumented aliens;

(e) persons under age 18;

(f) a provider providing care for the child in another state;

(g) a sponsor of a qualified alien client applying for child care assistance;

(h) a provider who has committed an IPV as a provider, or as a recipient of any funds from the Office of Child Care including subsidy and grant payments, as determined by the Department or by a court. The disqualification for an IPV will remain in effect until the IPV disqualification period has run, any resulting overpayment has been satisfied, and the provider is otherwise eligible;

(i) any provider disqualified under R986-700-718;

(j) a provider who does not provide necessary information or cooperate with a Department investigation or audit or is not an approved provider;

(k) a provider whose child care subsidies are being taken pursuant to an IRS levy or garnishment; or

(l) a provider living in the same home as a non-custodial parent and providing child care for a child of that parent.

(3) FFN providers must comply with all CCDF and Department requirements and will not be approved for a CC subsidy payment unless all of the following requirements have been successfully completed and verification has been provided to CCL:

(a) complete, sign and submit an application to CCL;

(b) provide a copy of a certificate of completion of New Provider orientation and agree to comply with Department requirements and policy, including ongoing training, as explained in the orientation;

(c) pass a home inspection as provided in Department policy;

(d) complete an infant/child CPR training;

(e) complete first aid training; and,

(f) the provider and all individuals 12 years old or older living in the home where care is provided must submit to and pass a background check as provided in R986-700-751 et seq.

(4) A FFN provider must also comply with all Department policy including abiding by the ratio requirements.

(5) FFN approval must be renewed annually. Renewal information is found in Department or CCL policy. The FFN CC Provider must complete an announced inspection and show compliance with all regulations at least 30 calendar days before the expiration date of the current approval.

(6) FFN CCL provider approval is for the provider and the location(s) and is not assignable or transferable.

(7) If a program or provider is not subject to licensing

requirements, and the program or provider receives or wishes to receive CCDF funds but has had adverse action taken against it by CCL regarding DWS approval status or health and safety compliance, the program or provider's appeal shall be made to CCL according to CCL's procedures. An appeal based on adverse action by the Department shall be made to the Department in accordance with R986-100-123 et seq.

R986-700-706. Provider Rights and Responsibilities.

(1) Providers assume the responsibility to collect copayments and any other fees 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 may retain the full monthly subsidy payment so long as at least eight hours of care were provided during the month and the provider is otherwise in compliance with Department rules and policies. The subsidy payment is to support an eligible client's monthly employment and training activities and allows for temporary absences and unforeseen circumstances. Having a child only attend one day per month or sporadically to receive a child care payment is a misuse of funds and will result in an overpayment and possible child care disqualification. Additionally, the subsidy payment is intended to be used to cover the provider's business expenses during the month for reserving the slot(s) and shall not be used to cover the client's out of pocket expenses, copayments, registration fees, late fees, field trips, or carried forward for future months of service. Providers who choose not to apply the funds as required will be subject to an overpayment and possible child care disqualification.

(4) Providers must keep accurate records of subsidized child care payments, and time and attendance. The Department has the right to investigate child care providers and audit their records. Audits and investigations may be performed by a person or entity under contract with the Department. Time and attendance records for all subsidized clients must be kept for at least three years.

(5) Providers must provide initial verification information to determine eligibility. Providers must also cooperate with an investigation or audit to determine ongoing eligibility or if eligibility was correctly determined. Cooperation includes providing information and verification and returning telephone calls or responding to emails from Department employees or other persons authorized by the Department to obtain information such as an employee of ORS in a timely manner. "A timely manner" is usually considered to be ten business days for written documentation and two business days to return a phone call or email request. 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 eligibility. Failure to disclose a material fact that might affect the eligibility determination can also lead to criminal prosecution. If a provider fails to cooperate with an investigation or audit, provide any and all information or verification requested, or fails to keep records for three years without good cause, the provider will no longer be an approved provider. Good cause is limited to circumstances where the provider can show that the reasons for the delay in filing were due to circumstances beyond the provider's control or were compelling and reasonable. The period the provider will not be an approved provider will be from the date the information or verification was due until when it is received by the Department.

(6) If a provider accepts payment from funds provided by the Department for services which were not provided, the provider is responsible for repayment of the resulting overpayment and there may be a disqualification period and/or criminal prosecution.

(7) CCL will keep a list of all providers that have been disqualified as a provider or against whom a referral or complaint is received.

(8) All providers, except FFN providers as defined in R986-700-705(1)(b)(ii), are required to report their monthly, full-time child care rates to the local Care About Child Care agency. All providers must also report the rate for each individual child to the Department if the amount is less than the rate reported to Care About Child Care. Failure to report reduced rates may result in an overpayment.

(9) Providers are required to access the Provider Portal at jobs.utah.gov/childcare and:

(a) submit and manage bank account information;

(b) read and agree to the terms and conditions contained in the Portal;

(c) view child care payment information;

(d) manage Provider Portal user access to ensure only those users with authority to make changes can do so. The provider is liable for all changes made and information provided through the Provider Portal;

(e) report the following changes within 10 days, or by the 25th of the month, whichever is sooner:

(i) a reduced or part-time rate for an individual child in care, as applicable. This includes reporting any rate changes or updates that occur for each child once a rate has been submitted in the portal;

(ii) a child is no longer in child care;

(iii) a child is not expected to be in child care the following month;

(iv) that the provider received a greater subsidy payment amount than what was charged to the client for the month of service. Excess subsidy funds cannot be used to cover outstanding balances, copayments, registration fees, late fees, field trips, or future services. The provider should notify the Department and the difference will either be deducted from the next month's subsidy payment or the funds must be returned to the Department;

(v) that a child has not attended for at least eight hours by the 25th of the month, regardless of whether the child attends or is expected to attend for at least eight hours following the 25th of the month; and

(vi) a change in financial institution account information for direct deposit.

(f) Effective February 1, 2018, between the 25th of each month and the end of the month, a licensed provider shall certify, in a manner specified by the Department, that the licensed provider has reviewed each child's attendance and reported any reportable changes in each child's attendance, including future changes known or expected by the provider.

(10) Providers are required to read and agree to the terms and conditions contained in the Provider Guide annually.

(11) Providers must submit a W-9 Form, Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security Number via the DWS Provider Portal, if required by the Department, and a 1099 will be issued annually. The Federal EIN or Social Security Number must be provided within 30 days of receipt of the first subsidy payment from the Department. Failure to submit this information shall result in the provider being removed from approved provider status.

(12) A provider who provides services for any part of a month and then terminates services with the client/child during the month, must reimburse the Department for the days when care was not provided. However, if it was necessary to remove the child from care because the child or others were endangered, and the incident was reported to CCL or local authorities, the Department may waive repayment.

R986-700-707. Copayment.

(1) "Copayment" means a dollar amount which is deducted by the Department from the standard CC subsidy for Employment Support CC. The copayment is determined on a sliding scale and the amount of the copayment 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 copayment directly to the child care provider.

(3) If the copayment exceeds the actual cost of child care, the family is not eligible for child care assistance.

(4) The Department will deduct the full monthly copayment from the subsidy even if the client receives CC for only part of the month.

(5) The following clients are not subject to the copayment requirement:

(a) clients at or below 100% of the poverty level;

(b) clients receiving transitional child care and FEP CC as provided in rule R986-700-708.

R986-700-708. FEP CC Transitional Child Care.

(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.

(2) Transitional child care is available during the six months immediately following a FEP or FEPTP termination if the termination was due to increased earned income and the household meets the work requirement and income rules for ESCC. Clients receiving transitional child care are not subject to the copayment requirement. The copayment 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. 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.

R986-700-709. 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. An exception may be made to the minimum work requirements with Department approval when a parent with a disability is employed at his or her full capacity and provides requested documentation and/or verification.

(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). An exception may be made to the minimum work requirements with Department approval when both parents are employed at their full capacity and provide requested documentation and/or verification. 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 except if approved by the Department. The incapacity must be expected to last 30 days or longer. The individual claiming incapacity must verify the incapacity and why the incapacity prohibits them from providing care for their children in the following ways:

(i) receipt of disability benefits from SSA if it proves the incapacity prohibits the client from providing care for their children;

(ii) 100% disabled by VA if it proves the incapacity prohibits the client from providing care for their children; 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 and Asset 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. Recipients of SSI benefits are included in the household assistance unit.

(b) what is counted as income except:

(i) the earned income of a minor child who is not a parent is not counted;

(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; and

(iii) earned and unearned income of SSI recipients is counted with the exception of the SSI benefit.

(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 copayment 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.

(6) If a non-applicant parent pays a portion of the child care costs directly to the applicant parent, that amount is counted as income. If the non-applicant parent pays the child care provider directly, that amount will be deducted from the amount the provider reports to the Department as the charge for the child. For example: The provider's monthly charge is $800 per month. The non-applicant parent pays $300 directly to the provider. The provider should report the charge of $500, as that is the portion the applicant parent is responsible to pay. The provider charge of $500 will be used in the benefit calculation when determining the amount of subsidy. If the court orders the non-applicant to pay one-half of the child care costs, the non-applicant parent must pay one-half of the total cost of child care.

(7) Clients must meet the CCDF asset limit.

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 to cover training participation hours 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 and, if required, reported to the local Care About Child Care agency; 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) The provider must provide a valid financial account and routing number to allow for payment by direct deposit. For open, ongoing cases, payment will be issued on the first day of the month for services to be provided during that month. The provider is not an employee of the Department, the Office of Child Care, or the state of Utah even if the provider is only providing care for one client.

(2) Under unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Department can issue payment by check. If a provider cannot obtain a financial account for direct deposit, the provider must contact the Department and explain why direct deposit is not possible.

(3) In the event that a check is reported as lost or stolen, the provider is 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. If the original check has been redeemed, the Department will conduct an investigation and the provider may be required to provide a sworn, notarized statement that the signature on the endorsed check is a forgery. If the Department determines the redeemed check was 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 if:

(a) the Department has determined that the client or the provider 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 provider: 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 including when a provider accepts payment but does not provide care. 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)(i) Even if CC funds are authorized by the Department, a CC provider cannot receive and retain funds for any month during which no CC services were provided. If authorized or unauthorized subsidy funds received and retained by a provider but no CC services were provided during the month, the provider will be required to reimburse the Department for the excess funds and may be disqualified from receipt of further CC subsidy funds as provided in R986-700-718.

(ii) A provider is considered to have retained subsidy funds if the provider knew or should have known the child would not receive services that month and fails to notify the Department within ten days, or if the provider does not notify the Department by the 25th of the month when the child was not in care at least eight hours that month.

(iii) If the client does not use at least eight hours of child care by the 25th of the month but the child returns after the 25th of the month and attends for at least eight hours total in the month, it may result in a partial overpayment for that month. The partial overpayment may not be assessed if the provider reports by the 25th of the month that a child was not in care during that month or stopped attending care during that month and the child returns after the 25th of the month and attends for at least eight hours total in the month.

(3) In the event that excess funds were issued for the month of service, the payment cannot be used to cover the client's out of pocket expenses, copayments, or carried forward for future months of service with a provider. The payment must be returned to the Department or, if possible, the payment for the following month may be reduced to offset the over-issuance. An overpayment may also occur when a provider receives a greater subsidy payment amount than the client was charged for the month of service.

(4) All CC overpayments must be repaid to the Department.

(a) Client 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.

(b) Provider overpayments. If a provider does not repay any outstanding overpayment within 30 days of notice of the overpayment, the Department will commence collection procedures which may include recouping the overpayment by deducting a portion of the overpayment from ongoing child care subsidies from the Department. This is true even if the child or client no longer receives child care from the provider. The decision whether to recoup the overpayment from ongoing child care payments or to commence collection procedures lies with the Department and not the provider or client/s.

(i) If the Department elects to recoup the overpayment from ongoing child care payments, and the overpayment is less than $1,000, the Department will recoup the full amount within 90 days. If the overpayment is more than $1,000 the Department will recoup the amount within six months. If the recoupment presents a hardship because it is more than 50% of the provider's ongoing monthly subsidy amount, the provider can contact the Department to discuss alternative arrangements for repayment.

(ii) If a provider stops providing care and has a balance due on an overpayment, and seeks approval to become a provider at a later date, approval cannot be granted until the overpayment is paid in full even if any disqualification period has expired.

(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.

(7) A CC provider may appeal an overpayment as provided for public assistance appeals in rule R986-100. Any appeal must be filed in writing within 30 days of the date of the notice of agency action establishing the overpayment.

(8) If a provider or individual facility fails to enter into a payment plan to repay the overpayment or abide by the terms of the payment plan for 12 consecutive months, the provider will be taken off the approved provider list until all overpayments are paid in full or the arrearage on the payment plan is brought current. This is true even if there is only one overpayment.

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. These additional hours may be supported with child care.

(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 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. Hours of need cannot exceed actual work hours.

(4) 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.

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 documenting the child's disability and 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,

(e) Baby Watch, Early Intervention Program, or

(f) by submitting a written statement from:

(i) a licensed medical doctor;

(ii) a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse;

(iii) a licensed Physician's Assistant;

(iv) a licensed or certified Psychologist.

(3) Verification to support that the child is disabled and 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; Removal From Approved Provider Status.

(1) If a parent or provider commits an IPV, as defined in R986-100-117, the parent or provider will be responsible for repayment of the overpayment, if there is one, and will be disqualified from receipt of any funds from the Office of Child Care, including subsidy funds, grants and funds as a provider or as a parent:

(a) for a period of one year for the first IPV;

(b) for a period of two years for the second IPV; and

(c) for life for the third IPV.

(2) If the overpayment resulted from parent or provider fault not amounting to fraud or an agency error, the client and or provider will be responsible for repayment of the overpayment. There is no disqualification or ineligibility period for a fault overpayment.

(3) Effective February 1, 2018, a licensed provider that, in any six-month period, fails three times to timely certify attendance during the monthly certification period as required in rule R986-700-706(9)(f) shall be disqualified.

(4) A CC provider may appeal an overpayment, removal from approved provider status, 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 the notice of agency action establishing the overpayment or disqualification. A provider who has been disqualified or removed from approved provider status may not continue to receive CC subsidy funds pending appeal. The disqualification period will take effect even if the provider files an appeal of the decision issued by the ALJ. If the provider fails to file an appeal within 30 days of the date of the notice of agency action and the Department issues a default decision, and the provider files a request to set aside the default, CC subsidy funds will not continue unless or until the default is set aside by the ALJ. If the request to set aside the default is denied, the provider will be disqualified pending appeal of the denial to set aside the default.

(5) A provider is ineligible for CC subsidy funds after a disqualification until all overpayments established in conjunction with the disqualification have been paid in full even if the disqualification period has ended.

(6) A provider that intentionally breaches any program rule as provided in R986-100-117, except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, or violates CC rule R986-700-706(2) through (5) or who assumes a client's identity in order to gain access to client information or payment of Department funds will be disqualified for one year for the first offense, two years for the second offense and for life for the third offense.

(7) All disqualification periods run concurrently.

(8) A disqualification issued to a provider under this subsection will follow the facility, any successor facilities, and the principal(s) of the facility.

(a) A "successor facility" is any facility that acquires the business or acquires substantially all of the assets of a facility that has been disqualified. This includes a facility whose provider changes from one status to another like a provider who was disqualified as a licensed family provider who then changes to be a license exempt provider.

(b) "Acquired" means to come into possession of, obtain control of, or obtain the right to use the assets of a business by any legal means including a gift, lease, repossession or purchase. For purposes of succession, a purchase through bankruptcy court proceedings where assets are being liquidated is not considered an acquisition, if the court places restrictions on the transfer of liabilities to the purchaser. It is not necessary to purchase the assets in order to have acquired the right to their use, nor is it necessary for the predecessor to have actually owned the assets for the successor to have acquired them. The right to the use of the asset is the determining factor.

(c) "Assets" include any property, tangible or intangible, which has value. Assets may include the acquisition of the name of the business, customers, accounts receivable, patent rights, goodwill, employees, or an agreement by the predecessor not to compete.

(d) "Substantially all" means acquisition of 90 percent or more of all of the predecessor's assets.

(f) A "principal" is the individual or individuals who were responsible for the day to day business of the child care center provided that individual had an ownership interest in the center. An ownership interest includes a shareholder, director or officer of a corporation and a partner, member or manager of a limited liability partnership or company.

R986-700-740. Child Care Quality System (CCQS) Definitions and Acronyms.

In addition to the definitions of terms found in 35A Chapter 3 and R986-100-104, and the acronyms found in R986-100-103, the following definitions apply to CCQS:

(1) "CC subsidy" means a Child Care Assistance subsidy payment.

(2) "CCDF" means the Child Care and Development Fund.

(3) "CCL" means Utah Department of Health, Child Care Licensing Program.

(4) "Certified quality rating" means the CCQS rating determined by applying the CCQS framework and assigned by OCC.

(5) "Certified Quality Rating Review Committee" or "Review Committee" means a committee consisting of one representative from OCC, one representative from a licensed

private child care program; and one expert in the field of early childhood education or school-age children, which reviews disputed quality ratings and makes recommendations to the Director of Adjudication concerning final certified quality rating decisions.

(6) "Child care program" or "program" refers to an individual location of a child care business.

(7) "Child Care Quality System" or "CCQS" refers to the comprehensive statewide system administered by OCC that provides quality ratings to eligible programs and supports programs in attaining higher levels of quality.

(8) "CCQS status" means the status assigned by OCC to a program without a default rating or certified quality rating.

(9) DWS-eligible child care program or "eligible provider" means a provider who:

(a) meets CCDF eligibility requirements;

(b) is compliant with CCL licensing requirements;

(c) has followed the CCL process to indicate the program will accept funding from OCC, including funding for children covered by CC subsidy; and

(d) can potentially receive CC subsidy and OCC grants, including ESG, if approved.

(10) "Enhanced Subsidy Grant" or "ESG" refers to monthly payments issued to an eligible program serving children covered by CC subsidies and achieving a rating of High Quality or High Quality Plus.

(11) "License in good standing" means a program is licensed by CCL, but not with a conditional license.

(12) "OCC" means the Department of Workforce Services, Office of Child Care.

(13) "Not participating" is a CCQS Status referring to a program that:

(a) has withdrawn from participation in the CCQS;

(b) does not hold a center license in good standing from CCL;

(c) is ineligible due to being disqualified by OCC; or

(d) has not applied for a certified quality rating and has not elected to become DWS-eligible.

R986-700-741. CCQS Rating and Status.

(1) Each licensed center program shall receive a CCQS rating or status, unless the program withdraws from participation following the process established by OCC policy.

(a) A licensed center program who chooses not to apply for a certified quality rating will receive a default rating.

(b) A DWS-Eligible child care program is required to participate in CCQS to remain an eligible provider. Participation means maintaining at least a default rating. An eligible provider is not required to submit an application for a certified quality rating.

(c) All CCQS ratings or statuses shall be made public on the Care About Childcare website.

(d) A DWS-eligible child care program which withdraws from participation in CCQS will become ineligible to receive CC subsidy and OCC grants or funding.

(2) A program may apply for a certified quality rating in accordance with OCC policy through the Care About Childcare website.

(a) A rating shall be awarded or a status shall be assigned no later than 180 days after the application was submitted.

(b) Certified quality ratings will be published publicly on the first day of the month of the certified rating period.

(3) A certified quality rating shall remain in place during the 12-month certified quality rating period unless a program:

(a) loses its license in good standing and goes on conditional license; or

(b) is disqualified from accepting funds from CCDF.

(4) The 12-month certified quality rating period may be modified when a program is receiving CCQS technical assistance and support from OCC, in accordance with OCC policy.

(5) Recertification. Upon expiration of the certified quality rating period, a program must recertify in order to maintain a certified quality rating.

(a) A program must follow the recertification procedures established by OCC policy.

(b) A program failing to recertify in a timely manner may receive one of the following ratings or statuses until a certified quality rating is awarded:

(i) a default Foundation of Quality rating for a program that is DWS-Eligible;

(ii) not participating status for a program that is not DWS-Eligible; or

(iii) denied participation status for a program operating on a conditional license at the time of recertification.

R986-700-742. Enhanced Subsidy Grant (ESG).

(1) To receive an Enhanced Subsidy Grant (ESG) a program must:

(a) receive a certified quality rating of:

(i) High Quality; or

(ii) High Quality Plus;

(b) serve children for whom child care was paid for with CC subsidy payments during the 12-month period used to calculate the ESG;

(c) maintain a license in good standing with CCL during the 12-month certification period;

(d) maintain status as a DWS-Eligible child care program during the 12-month certification period;

(e) agree to the comply with the requirements outlined in the certified quality rating award notice;

(f) agree to the amount of the ESG stated on the certified quality rating award notice;

(g) agree to receive the ESG through the process established by OCC policy; and

(h) not have a pending administrative review on the awarded certified quality rating.

(i) Upon final disposition of a pending administrative review, an ESG may be issued retroactively where all other ESG requirements are met.

(2) An ESG for a program that has an outstanding adjudicated overpayment or other debt owing to OCC shall be issued as follows:

(a) if the overpayment amount is less than the monthly ESG amount, the ESG shall be reduced by the amount of outstanding overpayment due; or

(b) if the overpayment amount is greater than the monthly ESG, a monthly ESG shall continue to be reduced until the overpayment is fully repaid.

(3) An overpayment for which there is pending administrative review or appeal shall not impact the ESG until final disposition of the action is issued.

(4) The monthly ESG will be calculated in accordance with OCC policy.

R986-700-743. CCQS Rating Administrative Review.

(1) A child care program may request a review of a certified quality rating following the process established by OCC policy.

(2) A review request shall be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date of the certified rating award notice except where there is good cause for failing to request a review within this timeframe.

(a) Good cause for failing to timely request review is limited to circumstances that are:

(i) beyond the party's control, or;

(ii) compelling and reasonable.

(b) Good cause excludes ordinary illness, lack of

transportation and temporary absences.

(3) Quality Rating Pending Review. The certified quality rating issued in the quality rating award notice shall be published by OCC and remain published until the review is complete. Issuance of an ESG shall be temporarily suspended until the review is complete.

(4) OCC Review. All requests for review submitted to OCC shall be subject to an OCC review. Upon final determination of the OCC review, a notice of determination shall be sent to the program.

(5) If a program does not agree with the OCC review determination, the program may request a review by the Certified Quality Rating Review Committee.

(a) A review request shall be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date of the OCC review determination, except where there is good cause for failing to request a review within this timeframe pursuant to R994-700-742(2).

(b) A review by the Review Committee is an informal adjudicative proceeding under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

(c) A review may:

(i) include an OCC staff member to present the conclusions of the OCC review;

(ii) provide an opportunity for the program to present their reasons and evidence for the review request; and

(iii) include witnesses or legal representatives, as applicable; and

(iv) a request for any additional documentation relevant to the review, from either OCC or the program.

(d) Failure by the program to respond to any request by the Review Committee shall result in a dismissal of the review request.

(e) The Review Committee will issue a recommendation to the Department of Workforce Services Director of Adjudication once the review process is complete.

(6) The Director of Adjudication will make a final certified quality rating decision based upon the recommendation of the Review Committee. The Director of Adjudication decision is the final agency action pursuant to the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

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) and license-exempt providers and other programs and grantees not subject to CCL requirements.

(2) The following persons must submit to a background check:

(a) The provider;

(b) Each person age 12 years old or older who is living in the household where the child care is provided; and

(c) Each person who is employed or volunteering at the facility where the child care is provided, if the person's activities involve care or supervision of children or unsupervised access to children.

(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 any person described in Subsection (2) above 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;

(c) each person who is employed or volunteering at the facility where the child care is provided, if the person's activities involve care or supervision of children or unsupervised access to children.

(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 Checks.

(1) The Department will contract with the CCL to perform a criminal background check, 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, CCL will submit the fingerprint card and fee to the Utah Department of Public Safety for submission to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.

(2) Each client requesting approval of a covered child care provider must submit to CCL a form, which will include a certification, completed and signed by the child care provider as part of the DWS FFN approved provider process. Additional household members must give permission to run the background check. The provider shall pay all applicable background check fees. 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 if required by Subsection (4) below. If the fingerprints are submitted electronically, they must be submitted in conformity with the CCL guidelines regarding electronic submissions. Fingerprints are not required to be submitted if:

(a) The covered individual has previously submitted fingerprints to CCL for a Next Generation national criminal history record check;

(b) The covered individual has resided in Utah continuously since the fingerprints were submitted; and

(c) The covered individual has not permitted his or her background check to lapse or expire since the fingerprints were submitted.

(3) 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, CCL will obtain information from the provider to assess the threat to children. If the provider knowingly makes false representations or material omissions to CCL 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. 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.

(4) All providers, caregivers who are 16 years old and older, and covered individuals who are 18 years and older are required to submit fingerprints under these rules as requested. In addition, the Department may conduct background checks annually.

(5) If CCL takes an action adverse to any covered individual based upon the background check, CCL will send a denial letter to the provider and the covered individual.

(6) A background check must be submitted for each covered individual:

(a) Prior to the date the person becomes a covered individual, unless:

(1) The person is turning 12 years old and resides in the facility where child care is being provided, in which case the background check form must be submitted and authorized within ten business days of the date the child turns 12 years old;

(2) The person is currently employed by another child care provider within the State and has a current background check; or

(3) The person has been separated from employment from another child care provider within the State for no more than 180 days and has a current background check; and

(b) On an annual basis for each covered individual.

(7) A person may not begin work as a covered individual until the person has completed a fingerprint-based check and the results have been received. After the fingerprint-based check has been completed but prior to full completion of the background check process, a covered individual must be supervised by a person who has fully completed and passed the background check process.

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 and

(m) any class A misdemeanor where the conviction occurred more than ten years ago and the offense would be an excludable offense listed in this section.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) All child care providers must report all felony and misdemeanor arrests, charges or convictions of covered individuals to DOH within 48 hours 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.

(6)(a) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 35A-3-310.5(5)(b), the Department's designee for considering and

exempting individual cases is the Child Care Licensing Administrator within the Utah Department of Health.

(b) The Department's designee may exempt a covered individual from being excluded from providing child care due to a criminal conviction if the Department's designee determines that the nature of the background check finding or relevant mitigating circumstances indicate the covered individual does not pose a risk to children.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b) above, the Department's designee shall not exempt a covered individual convicted of any of the following:

(i) Any offense specifically not excluded under Subsection (2) above;

(ii) Any "violent felony" as that term is used in Section 76-3-203.5(1)(c) of the Utah Code;

(iii) Any felony against a child, including child pornography;

(iv) Any felony involving abuse or neglect of a spouse, child, or vulnerable adult;

(v) Any felony involving rape or sexual assault;

(vi) Any felony involving kidnapping;

(vii) Any felony involving arson;

(viii) Any felony involving physical assault or battery;

(ix) Any drug-related felony, unless the offense was a non-violent offense and occurred at least ten years prior to the date of the background check; or

(x) Any violent misdemeanor committed as an adult against a child, including offenses involving child abuse, child endangerment, sexual assault, or child pornography.

R986-700-755. Covered Individuals with Arrests or Pending Criminal Charges.

If CCL 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.

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) CCL 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. The juvenile court records need only be accessed as provided in 35A-3-310.5(2)(c).

(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 or CCL may revoke any existing approval and refuse to permit child care in the home until the Department or CCL is reasonably convinced that the covered individual no longer resides in the home.

(3) If the Department or CCL 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 CCL. Failure to notify CCL 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.

R986-700-757. Consequences for Failure to Comply; Appeals.

(1) A child care provider that fails to comply with Sections R986-700-751 through -756 will be removed from approved provider status until the provider complies. The child care provider may also be held liable for additional penalties under Section R986-700-718 if the requirements for liability under that section are met.

(2) A child care provider or covered individual may appeal an adverse action related to the background check requirements by following the procedure for appeals set forth in Section R986-700-705(7).

R986-700-775. High Quality School Readiness Grant Program.

(1) The Office of Child Care (OCC) administers this program pursuant to the authority granted in Utah Code Section 53A-1b-106.

(2) The OCC will solicit proposals from eligible private providers and eligible home-based educational technology providers and make recommendations to the School Readiness Board (SRB) as provided in 53A-1b-106(3).

(3) Eligible private providers and eligible home-based educational technology providers must submit an application, together with a proposal to the OCC by the date provided in the application.

(4) The proposal must contain the components outlined in 53A-1b-105(1) or (2) and details as required in 53A-1b-106(7).

(5) A grant recipient must report annually to the OCC the information required in 53A-1b-106(12) in addition to other information as required by the OCC.

R986-700-777. Prioritizing Criteria.

If the Department does not receive sufficient funding to award scholarships to all eligible individuals, the Department will award scholarships by ranking eligible children who are considered at the highest risk according to Department policy. A list of the criteria for determining highest risk is available from the Department.

R986-700-778. Training and Scholarships for Early Childhood Teachers.

The Department may contract without outside entities, as funding permits, to provide training, scholarships and consulting services to assist individuals who intend to receive a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA).

R986-700-779. Educational Improvement Opportunities Outside of the Regular School Day Grant Program.

(1) This rule is authorized by Section 53F-5-210, which creates a grant program for out-of-school time programs and instructs the Department to make rules to administer the grant program for private providers, nonprofit providers, and municipalities.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to outline procedures for the Educational Improvement Opportunities Outside of the Regular School Day Grant Program, including the acceptance of grant applications and the awarding of grants.

(3) Terms used in this rule have the definitions given to them in Section 53F-5-210. For purposes of this rule, "private matching funds" as used in Subsection 53F-5-210(7) means funds from a private source that have not been earmarked or pledged as a match for any other purpose. "Private matching funds" specifically excludes the following:

(a) any federal funds, and

(b) parent funds or any other funds, if the practical effect of earmarking or pledging the funds is to pass the cost of the match along to parents.

(4) For each year the Department is authorized to solicit grant applications, the Department shall publish a grant

application timeline that includes the start and end dates for application acceptance and anticipated timeframes for grant evaluation, acceptance or rejection, and funding. The Department may disregard any application that does not comply with the grant application timeline.

(5) The Department shall create a grant application consistent with the requirements of Subsections 53F-5-210(4) and (7)(a). Applicants shall apply for grants using the application the Department creates. The Department may disregard incomplete or non-conforming applications.

(6) The Department shall evaluate and accept or reject grant applications in accordance with the criteria set forth in Subsection 53F-5-210(5).

(7) Grant recipients shall execute and comply with a standard grant terms and conditions agreement with the Department as a condition of receiving a grant under this rule.

(8) Grant recipients shall claim grant funds by submitting reimbursement requests in accordance with Department reimbursement procedures.

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