

Public Rulemaking Docket

*Opportunities for Public Involvement in Rules



The rulemaking process utilized by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) provides three opportunities for public involvement:

1. When the Request for Comments is published in the *State Register*, it communicates general ideas for the rulemaking. This is an opportunity for stakeholders to provide formal comments and input on the rulemaking ideas that may narrow or broaden the scope of the project. Stakeholder data or other relevant information can be submitted at this time. OHE encourages stakeholder participation at this early stage of the process so relevant information can be considered as decisions that shape the rule are made.
2. During this phase of the rulemaking, OHE generally develops a preliminary draft of rule language and makes it available for at least one informal public comment period. Throughout this phase, stakeholder meetings may be held and informal comments may be submitted.
3. When a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules is published, it signals the final opportunity for stakeholder input, unless a hearing is held. The published notice indicates the relevant submission deadlines. At this stage, a Statement of Need and Reasonableness and draft rule are available for formal public comment.

OHE can proceed with a public hearing or without one. If held, the public hearing provides an additional formal opportunity for stakeholders to testify or submit written testimony in front of an Administrative Law Judge who presides over the hearing.

On completion, OHE will publish the final adoption of rules. Most rules become effective five working days after they appear in the *SR*.

***Note- the above schematic simply highlights the opportunity for public participation within the rulemaking process. Exempt rulemaking follows a more abbreviated process.**

Check with the agency contact person to inspect written comments, written requests for a public hearing, and names of parties who requested a public hearing.

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Subject Matter	Brief Rule Summary	Agency Contact Person (Lead Staff)	Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations	Next Opportunity for Public Comment	Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations	Notices published (State Register citations)	Public Hearing Schedule
SUPPLEMENTAL STUDENT LOANS							
SELF Loan amendments Minn. R. ch. 4850 Revisor No. R-4688	Allowing criterion to be established for cosigner release. Clarification on loan suspension or forgiveness in the case of temporary or permanent disability. Allowing more flexibility in the payment of interest to permit a minimum interest amount to be paid instead of the full interest due. Allowing borrowers to utilize the SELF program for prerequisites. Providing a longer period to rehabilitate a defaulted loan.	Marilyn Kosir 651-355-0600 Marilyn.Kosir@state.mn.us	Request for Comments expected to be published in State Register on January 11, 2021	After Request for Comments is published	By end of 2021	Not applicable	Not applicable