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EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-143

Renewal of State of Emergency Maximum Security Camp J Repairs and Operation Louisiana State Penitentiary

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters, in order to ensure that preparations of this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order, which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 29:274 (B)(1), Governor Jeff Landry declared a state of emergency on July 25, 2025, in JML 25-084, which is in effect through Sunday, December 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:724 authorizes the Governor during a declared state of emergency to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency or disaster activates the state's emergency response and recovery program under the command of the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP");

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:274(D)(2) permits the Governor during a declared state of emergency the capacity to utilize all available resources of the state government and of each political subdivision of the state as reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:274(D)(3) authorizes the Governor during a declared state of emergency the capability to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:274(D)(4) gives the Governor during a declared state of emergency the ability to make provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Penitentiary lacks adequate bed capacity to accommodate violent offenders who

require the highest degree of security and will be transferred to its facilities;

WHEREAS, Camp J, within the Louisiana State Penitentiary, was designed to provide that maximum security, but Camp J has deteriorated into a condition that creates a significant threat of injury to individuals and property who enter or are in and around its premises;

WHEREAS, in the first seven months of 2017, dozens of weapons were found at Camp J due to security malfunctions;

WHEREAS, within just one year, approximately 85 corrections officers assigned to Camp J had resigned, retired, or were terminated due to the complex challenges presented there;

WHEREAS, locks for the cells in Camp J malfunctioned, allowing offenders to jam cell doors and circumvent security checks, which resulted in a decision to close Camp J in 2018;

WHEREAS, the security conditions of Camp J present a threat of injury and a threat to the lives of offenders housed or working within Camp J as well as employees, contractors, or members of the public who may be within Camp J at any time;

WHEREAS, Camp J and the surrounding infrastructure requires facility improvements and maintenance to adequately hold any violent offenders and to protect the lives of any employees, contractors, or members of the public who may be within Camp J at any time;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist that currently threatens the lives, safety, and property of the citizens in Louisiana.

Section 2: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(A)(3), the designated emergency area, which is or may be affected, shall include Camp J and surrounding infrastructure, within the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Section 3: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections are hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law that they deem appropriate in response to this declaration.

Section 4: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551, et seq.) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any good or services necessary to respond to this emergency, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, any other emergency amendments to existing contracts, or any public work necessary to respond to this emergency.

Section 5: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this event.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Friday, December 19, 2025, until Sunday, January 18, 2026, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of December 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#061

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-144

Renewal of State of Emergency—Hurricane Ida

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency in response to the imminent threat posed by Hurricane Ida on August 26, 2021, in Proclamation Number 165 JBE 2021;

WHEREAS, Proclamation Number 165 JBE 2021 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 25-135, which is in effect through Sunday, December 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida made landfall on the Louisiana coast as a major hurricane on Sunday, August 29, 2021, bringing devastating winds, widespread power-outages, and severe damage to Louisiana and its citizens.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden approved an Emergency Declaration for the State of Louisiana, authorizing appropriate assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act, to be coordinated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2021, President Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Louisiana, authorizing individual and public assistance for all impacted parishes;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor during a declared state of emergency to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, damage from this storm continues to pose a threat to citizens and communities across the Gulf Coast and create conditions that place lives and property in the state in jeopardy;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency is hereby declared to continue to exist statewide in the State of Louisiana as a result of the threat of emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State.

Section 2: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is hereby authorized to continue to undertake any activity authorized by law that he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

Section 3: Pursuant to R.S. 29:732, during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

Section 4: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551, *et seq.*) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*) and their corresponding rules and regulations continue to be suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to this emergency, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

Section 5: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the provisions of R.S. 39:126 regarding prior approval of change orders continue to be suspended.

Section 6: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to the effects of this severe weather event.

Section 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Friday, December 19, 2025 to Sunday, January 18, 2026, unless amended, modified, or terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of December, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#062

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-145

Renewal of State of Emergency—Threat of Subsidence, Subsurface Instability, and Presence of Hydrocarbons in Sulphur Mines Salt Dome Area

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation Number 160 JBE 2023;

WHEREAS, Proclamation Number 160 JBE 2023 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 25-136 which is in effect through Sunday, December 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal agencies began monitoring subsurface seismic activity occurring in the vicinity of the Sulphur Mines salt dome in Calcasieu Parish in December of 2021, with a true seismic monitoring array being ordered by the Office of Conservation, which came online in January of 2023;

WHEREAS, the Office of Conservation began investigating unexplained hydrocarbon bubbling within the area of concern in January of 2023, as well as monitoring seismicity, and the rate of subsidence in the area of concern;

WHEREAS, on Wednesday September 20, 2023, in response to this subsidence and seepage, Commissioner of Conservation, Monique M. Edwards made a declaration of emergency under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes 30:1 *et seq.*, ordering the operator of the salt cavern underneath the area of subsidence to undertake all necessary activities to evaluate and abate any deterioration of the cavern's integrity;

WHEREAS, the State anticipates that further assistance may be needed to assist Calcasieu Parish in their response to this continuing threat; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue the measures provided in Proclamation Number 160 JBE 2023 to further protect the health and safety of the citizens of Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist in the Parish of Calcasieu, as a result of seismic activity, lost cavern integrity, increased hydrocarbon bubbling, and accelerated subsidence, that collectively indicate a potential for structural failure that could potentially threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State.

Section 2: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

Section 3: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the State or any political subdivision

thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions, the State may take in response to this incident.

Section 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Friday, December 19, 2025, through Sunday, January 18, 2026, unless amended, modified, or terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of December, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#063

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-146

Flags at Half-Staff—Period of Mourning and Reflection in Remembrance of the Victims of the French Quarter Terrorism Attack

WHEREAS, in the early hours of January 1, 2025, at approximately 3:15 a.m., an individual displaying an ISIS flag from the rear of his pickup truck drove into a crowd of people on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, in a targeted act of terrorism – killing innocent people and injuring many others;

WHEREAS, the tragic events of that day have left a profound impact on Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana have demonstrated remarkable resilience and unity in the face of this tragedy, coming together to support one another;

WHEREAS, one year has passed since this senseless act of terrorism, and it is right and just that we pause to remember the lives lost and reflect on the impact this terrorist attack had on so many;

WHEREAS, our State honors and remembers the lives lost, their loved ones, the survivors, the brave first responders and law enforcement, and medical personnel, who bravely responded to the attack and cared for its victims;

WHEREAS, we enter the new year with renewed hope, seeking peace and comfort for all those affected, while never forgetting all that was lost;

WHEREAS, in an act of remembrance and solidarity, we honor the memory of those lost, the survivors, and acknowledge the bravery and dedication of those who served and continue to serve our community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that our flags be lowered during this period of mourning and reflection.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, call upon all citizens to join Sharon and me in prayer for the victims, their families, and friends; and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: To honor and remember the victims and all those affected by this tragic terrorist attack, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise to sunset on January 1, 2026, through January 4, 2026.

Section 2: On January 1, 2026, the flags shall be lowered in honor of those lives lost on January 1, 2025, including Kareem Badawi, Martin “Tiger” Bech, Andrew “Drew” Dauphin, Nikyra Dedeaux, Billy DiMaio, Hubert Gauthreaux, Reggie Hunter, Nicole Perez, Terrence “Terry” Kennedy, Matthew Tenedorio, Edward Pettifer, Latasha Polk, Brandon Taylor, and Elliot Wilkinson.

Section 3: On January 2, 2026, the flags shall be lowered in honor of all the survivors of the attack.

Section 4: On January 3, 2026, the flags shall be lowered in honor of the first responders, law enforcement, and medical personnel who bravely responded to the attack and cared for its victims.

Section 5: On January 4, 2026, the flags shall be lowered in recognition of the community and all those impacted by this attack.

Section 6: On January 4, 2026, at 3:15 p.m., I encourage all entities across Louisiana – churches, public buildings, and private citizens across Louisiana – after a moment of silence, to ring their bells 14 times in honor of the victims lost in this attack.

Section 7: We also encourage all Louisianians to incorporate the colors of green and yellow, representing harmony, renewal, and happiness, in their memorials honoring the victims, including lighting their homes, businesses, and institutions in these colors during this period of mourning.

Section 8: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, January 4, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of December, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#064

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-147

Renewal of State of Emergency
City of Tallulah Water System

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared through Executive Order No. 25-018;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 25-018 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 25-139, which is in effect through Friday, December 26, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters, in order to ensure that preparations by the State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor during a declared state of emergency to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency activates the state’s emergency response and recovery program under the command of the director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (“GOHSEP”);

WHEREAS, the City of Tallulah has approximately 8,601 persons that depend on the Tallulah Water System;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has determined that the Tallulah Water System is continuously at risk of failure and unable to provide safe and accessible water to the residents of Tallulah on a consistent basis;

WHEREAS, the failure of the Tallulah Water System would impact the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Tallulah;

WHEREAS, the failure of the Tallulah Water System would greatly impact the operability and sustainability of critical infrastructure within the City;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana desires to avoid the failure of the Tallulah Water System and to protect the city’s citizens and critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, there is a need to continue Executive Order Number JML 25-139 because the designated certified operator is still working to repair the Tallulah Water System in order to provide safe and accessible water to the residents of Tallulah on a consistent basis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, and more specifically, La. R.S. 29:724, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist within the City of Tallulah in the Parish of Madison.

Section 2: The Director of GOHSEP and the Louisiana Department of Health are hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law deemed appropriate in response to this declaration;

Section 3: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code, (R.S. 39:1551, *et seq.*), and Louisiana Public Bid Law (R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*), and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to this emergency, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

Section 4: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision

thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to the effects of this event.

Section 5: This Order is effective Tuesday, December 23, 2025, and shall continue in effect until Thursday, January 22, 2026, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 23rd day of December, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#065

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-148

Renewal of State of Emergency—Cybersecurity Incidents

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies, including those caused by breach of cybersecurity, in order to ensure that preparations of this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 29:724(B)(1), Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency on December 28, 2023, in Proclamation Number 236 JBE 2023 in response to the threat of intentional cybersecurity breaches of public entities throughout the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Proclamation Number 263 JBE 2023 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 25-140, which is in effect through Friday, December 26, 2025;

WHEREAS, there have been severe, intentional cybersecurity breaches of public entities throughout the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor during a declared state of emergency to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the State to continue to work cooperatively to mitigate any damages, current or future from cybersecurity breaches and to address cybersecurity vulnerabilities in current systems;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency is hereby declared to continue to exist statewide in the State of Louisiana as a result of the imminent threat to the citizens of the State.

Section 2: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is hereby authorized to continue to undertake any activity authorized by law that he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

Section 3: Pursuant to R.S. 29:732, during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

Section 4: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the state may take in response to the effects of this cybersecurity event.

Section 5: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are further authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to preserve the security and confidentiality of any data related to this emergency, including the execution of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), and/or any other related documents.

Section 6: Any departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, that may be affected by this cybersecurity emergency are directed to work with state officials to ensure there is a coordinated response to this event and are further directed to comply with the requirements of the Database Security Breach Notification Law, R.S. 51:3071 *et seq.*

Section 7: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551 *et seq.*), Louisiana Public Bid Law (R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*), and the Louisiana Information Technology Procurement Code (R.S. 39:196-200), and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

Section 8: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Tuesday, December 23, 2025, to Thursday, January 22, 2026, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 23rd day of December, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#066

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 26-149

Renewal of State of Disaster—Smitty’s Supply Fire

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 29:274 (B)(1), Governor Jeff Landry declared a state of emergency on October 10, 2025, in Executive Order JML 25-117;

WHEREAS, Executive Order JML 25-117 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 25-141 which is in effect through Sunday, January 4, 2026.

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor during a declared state of emergency or disaster to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster;

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency or disaster activates the state’s emergency response and recovery program under the command of the director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is responsible for determining the requirements of the state and its political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities and supplies in a designated disaster area;

WHEREAS, Smitty’s Supply Inc. in Tangipahoa parish caught fire on August 24, 2025, resulting in a fire that burned for several days and released thousands of gallons of petroleum products into the surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, soon after the fire began, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) took the lead on both fire suppression and measures to prevent the spillage of additional pollutants into the environment;

WHEREAS, cleanup crews continue active operations across multiple sites, employing containment booms, skimmers, and vacuum trucks to capture and remove recoverable waste from the Tangipahoa River and affected ponds, while ongoing work at the Smitty’s Supply facility focuses on containing and recovering waste on-site;

WHEREAS, the EPA has served as the lead agency for remediation in the affected area and has utilized its federal contractors to execute cleanup and recovery operations;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party’s failure to reach a federal funding agreement has resulted in a shutdown of the United States Government as of October 1, 2025, and the White House has indicated that the shutdown will impact federal contracts;

WHEREAS, the White House has announced that funding for all cost-based federal contracts will cease during the government shutdown;

WHEREAS, the EPA has communicated that it will cease all on-site activities effective October 15, 2025;

WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish requires assistance from the State of Louisiana to continue active operations to capture and remove recoverable waste from the Tangipahoa River and affected ponds and to contain and recover waste.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of disaster is hereby declared to exist as a result of the emergency conditions that currently threaten the property of Louisiana.

Section 2: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724 (A)(3), the designated emergency area is the Parish of Tangipahoa.

Section 3: The Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which they deem appropriate in response to this declaration.

Section 4: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551. *et seq.*) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any good or services necessary to respond to this disaster, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

Section 5: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732. during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

Section 6: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this disaster.

Section 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Tuesday, December 30, 2025 until Thursday, January 29, 2026 unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 30th day of December, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2601#067

Emergency Rules

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Tuition Trust Authority Office of Student Financial Assistance

START Saving Program
(LAC 28:VI.107, 507, 707, 709, 715)

The Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority (LATTA) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:962) to amend rules of the Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START Saving) Program (R.S. 17:3091 et seq.), the Louisiana Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program (R.S. 17:3081 et seq.), and the START K-12 Program (R.S. 17:3100.1 et seq.).

This rulemaking aligns the START Saving and START K-12 Program rules with Internal Revenue Code Section 529 and the ABLE Program rules with Internal Revenue Code Section 529A, as amended by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025.

This Emergency Rule is necessary to align the programs with Federal law and to permit account owners to access the funds in their accounts to the full extent allowable under federal law. A delay in promulgating rules would have an adverse impact on the financial welfare of the eligible students and the financial condition of their families. LATTA has determined that these emergency rules are necessary in order to prevent financial peril to the welfare of the affected students.

This Declaration of Emergency was approved by LATTA on December 10, 2025, and is effective on December 17, 2025. This Emergency Rule shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (ST26225E)

Title 28 EDUCATION

Part VI. Student Financial Assistance—Higher Education Savings

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§107. Applicable Definitions

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in these rules shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

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Qualified Higher Education Expenses—

a. tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the enrollment or attendance of a designated beneficiary at an eligible educational institution; and

b. room and board; and

c. expenses for special needs services in the case of a special needs beneficiary, which are incurred in connection with such enrollment or attendance; and

d. for the calendar years 2009 and 2010 only, expenses paid or incurred for the purchase of any computer technology or equipment or Internet access and related

services, if such technology, equipment, or services are to be used by the beneficiary and the beneficiary's family during any of the years the beneficiary is enrolled at an eligible educational institution, but shall not include expenses for computer software designed for sports, games, or hobbies unless the software is predominately educational in nature;

e. for calendar year 2015 and thereafter, expenses for the purchase of computer or peripheral equipment, computer software, or Internet access and related services, if such equipment, software, or services are to be used primarily by the beneficiary during any of the years the beneficiary is enrolled at an eligible educational institution, but shall not include expenses for computer software designed for sports, games, or hobbies unless the software is predominately educational in nature.

f. for calendar year 2019 and thereafter, expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the participation of the designated beneficiary in an apprenticeship program which is registered and certified with the United State Secretary of Labor under section 1 of the National Apprenticeship Act.

g. for calendar year 2019 and thereafter, a maximum of \$10,000 per individual for the payment of principal and/or interest on a qualified education loan of the designated beneficiary or a sibling of the designated beneficiary.

h. beginning with disbursements made on or after July 5, 2025, qualified postsecondary credentialing expenses.

Qualified Postsecondary Credentialing Expenses—

a. tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, and any other expense that would be covered as a qualified higher education expense for enrollment or attendance of a beneficiary in a recognized postsecondary credential program;

b. fees for testing if the testing is required to obtain or maintain a recognized postsecondary credential; and

c. fees for continuing education if such education is required to maintain a postsecondary credential.

Rate of Expenditure—the rate (see §309.B) per educational term at which the EEs may be disbursed from an ESA to pay for the beneficiary's qualified higher education expenses at an eligible educational institution. For each disbursement requested by an account owner, EEs and the earnings thereon will be disbursed from the account in the same ratio that they bear to the current value of the account.

Recognized Postsecondary Credential—

a. any recognized postsecondary credential that is industry recognized and is

i. any postsecondary employment credential issued by a program that is accredited by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence, the National Commission on Certifying Agencies, or the American National Standards Institute, or

ii. any postsecondary employment credential that is included in the Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) directory of credentialing program (or successor directory) maintained by the Department of Defense or by any branch of the Armed Forces, or

iii. any postsecondary employment credential identified by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, after consultation with the Department of Labor, as being industry recognized;

b. any certificate of completion of an apprenticeship that is registered and certified with the Secretary of Labor under the National Apprenticeship Act;

c. any occupational or professional license issued or recognized by a State or the Federal Government (and any certification that satisfies a condition for obtaining such a license), and

d. any recognized postsecondary credential as defined in Section 3(52) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act provided through a program that is included on a state list prepared under Section I22(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Recognized Postsecondary Credential Program—any program to obtain a recognized postsecondary credential if it meets one of the following criteria:

a. such program is included on a state list prepared under Section I22(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

b. such program is listed in the public directory of the Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS) of the Veterans Benefits Administration, or successor directory;

c. an examination (developed or administered by an organization widely recognized as providing reputable credentials in the in the occupation) is required to obtain or maintain such credential and such organization recognizes such program as providing training or education which prepares individuals to take such examination; or

d. such program is identified by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of Labor, as being a reputable program for obtaining a recognized postsecondary credential.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3091-3099.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Tuition Trust Authority, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 23:712 (June 1997), amended LR 24:1268 (July 1998), LR 25:1794 (October 1999), LR 26:2260 (October 2000), LR 27:37 (January 2001), LR 27:1222 (August 2001), LR 27:1876 (November 2001), LR 28:450 (March 2002), LR 28:777 (April 2002), LR 28:2334 (November 2002), LR 29:556 (April 2003), LR 30:786 (April 2004), LR 30:1169 (June 2004), LR 30:2302 (October 2004), LR 31:639 (March 2005), LR 32:1433 (August 2006), LR 32:2240 (December 2006), LR 33:443 (March 2007), LR 34:1885 (September 2008), LR 35:1491 (August 2009), LR 38:3162 (December 2012), LR 42:1071 (July 2016), LR 44:1877 (October 2018), LR 46:1222 (September 2020), LR 52:

Chapter 5. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)

§507. Applicable Definitions

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in these rules shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

Annual Contribution Limit—the amount over which an account owner may not make further deposits in a calendar year, currently the annual gift tax exclusion calculated in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 2503. If the account owner is employed, deposits may exceed annual contribution limit, if neither the account owner nor the account owner’s employer contributes to a defined contribution plan or an eligible, deferred compensation plan within the calendar year. Additional deposits may not exceed the account owner’s total compensation for the applicable tax year or the federal poverty level amount for a one-person household, as defined in the previous calendar year, whichever is less.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3091-3099.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Tuition Trust Authority, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 43:639 (April 2017), amended LR 44:1888 (October 2018), LR 47:575 (May 2021), LR 49:1552 (September 2023), LR 50:490 (April 2024), LR 52:

§511. Deposits to ABLE Accounts

A. Application Fee and Initial Deposit Amount

1. No application fee will be charged to those applying for an ABLE account on behalf of an eligible individual.

2. Financial and investment institutions may be authorized by the LATTA to offer assistance in establishing an ABLE account. (See fees in §509.G.4.).

3. An initial deposit is not required to open an ABLE account; however, a deposit of at least \$10 must be made within 180 days from the date on the letter of notification of approval of the account.

4. A lump sum deposit may not exceed the annual contribution limit unless such deposit is the result of a rollover from another ABLE Program.

5. An account owner who is employed may exceed the maximum annual contribution limit if neither the Account Owner nor the Account Owner’s employer contributes to a defined contribution plan or an eligible, deferred compensation plan within the calendar year. Such additional deposits may not exceed the Account Owner’s total compensation for the applicable tax year or the federal poverty level amount for a one-person household, as defined in the previous calendar year to the applicable tax year, whichever is less.

B. - E.4. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3081-3089.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Tuition Trust Authority, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 43:641 (April 2017), amended LR 47:576 (May 2021), LR 52:

Chapter 7. START K12

§707. Applicable Definitions

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in these rules shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

Qualified Education Expenses—

a. expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary school in grades kindergarten through twelve.

b. Beginning on July 5, 2025, all of the following:

- i. tuition;
- ii. curriculum and curricular materials;
- iii. books or other instructional materials;
- iv. online educational materials;
- v. tuition for tutoring or educational classes

outside of the home, including at a tutoring facility, but only if the tutor or instructor is not related to the student and the tutor or instructor:

(a) is licensed as a teacher in any state;

(b) has taught at an eligible an eligible educational institution; or

(c) is a subject matter expert in the relevant subject;

vi. fees for nationally standardized, norm-referenced achievement tests, an advanced placement examination, or any examination related to college or university admission;

vii. fees for dual enrollment in an institution of higher education;

viii. educational therapies for students with disabilities provided by a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider, including occupational, behavioral, physical, and speech-language therapies.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3100.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Tuition Trust Authority, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:1879 (October 2018), LR 52:

§709. START K12 Program Accounts

A. - D.1. . . .

2. Payment of Qualified Education Expenses—

a. that no more than \$10,000 may be withdrawn from a START K12 account annually and that this amount is not guaranteed to pay all qualified education expenses.

b. that beginning with tax years which begin after December 31, 2025, no more than \$20,000 may be withdrawn from a START K12 account annually and that this amount is not guaranteed to pay all qualified education expenses.

D.3. - I. . . .

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3100.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Tuition Trust Authority, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:1880 (October 2018), LR 52:

§715. Disbursement of Account Funds for Payment of Qualified Education Expenses of a Beneficiary

A. - A.4. . . .

B.1. Disbursements from all accounts with the same beneficiary shall not exceed \$10,000 in one calendar year.

2. Beginning with disbursements made on or after January 1, 2026, disbursements from all accounts with the same beneficiary shall not exceed \$20,000.

C. - D. . . .

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3100.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Tuition Trust Authority, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:1883 (October 2018), amended LR 45:1177 (September 2019), LR 52:

Robyn Rhea Lively
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health
Office of Public Health**

Marine and Fresh Water Animal Food Products
(LAC 51:IX.318)

Effective December 12, 2025, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, pursuant to the rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4 and the emergency rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4(A)(13), hereby rescinds the Emergency Rule entitled Marine and Fresh Water Animal Food Products, which was adopted on October 10, 2025, and published in the October 20, 2025, edition of the *Louisiana Register* (p. 1559).

This Rule provided clarification regarding the department’s regulation of the use of shellfish shells as food service containers. After discussion, department representatives agreed to revise the pending regular rules and rescind the existing Emergency Rule.

Pursuant to its discussion with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on December 2, 2025, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, finds it necessary to rescind the Emergency Rule.

Ralph L. Abraham, MD
Surgeon General
and
Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

2601#002

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health
Office of Public Health**

Retail Food Establishments
(LAC 51:XXIII.2101)

Effective December 12, 2025, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, pursuant to the rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4 and the emergency rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4(A)(13), hereby rescinds the Emergency Rule entitled Retail Food Establishments, which was adopted on October 10, 2025, and published in the October 20, 2025, edition of the *Louisiana Register* (p. 1566).

This Rule provided clarification regarding the department’s regulation of the use of shellfish shells as food service containers. After discussion, department representatives agreed to revise the pending regular rules and rescind the existing Emergency Rule.

Pursuant to its discussion with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on December 2, 2025, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, finds it necessary to rescind the Emergency Rule.

Ralph L. Abraham, MD
Surgeon General
and
Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

2601#003

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Louisiana Economic Development
Office of Economic Development**

**Motion Picture Production Tax Credit Program
(LAC 61:I.Chapter 61)**

This Emergency Rule is being published pursuant R.S. 47:6007 (C) (1) (d) (iv) which provides for emergency procedures to establish rules, and R.S. 51:921 and R.S. 36:104 which allows Louisiana Economic Development (“LED”) to promulgate rules and regulations to protect the welfare and prosperity of the citizens of the state.

LED has an immediate need to amend the rules of the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit Program (LA R.S. 47:6007, et seq.) to better align the rules with current statutory provisions and administrative practices, and as required by Act 44 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. A delay in imposition would hinder effective administration of this program and delay access to the program by qualified applicants, resulting in an adverse financial impact on the state, Louisiana businesses and program applicants.

Since July 2025 LED has met with interested stakeholders and evaluated various suggested refinements to the program. After due consideration, LED now begins permanent rulemaking, has submitted a draft fiscal and economic impact statement (FEIS) to the Legislative Fiscal Office, and anticipates publication as a Notice of Intent in the January 2026 *Louisiana Register*. To allow for the standard rulemaking process, public comment and public hearing, the Emergency Rule originally effective on June 30, 2025 is hereby extended and renewed, and shall be effective December 23, 2025, and shall remain in effect for a period of 180 days or until adoption of final Rule, whichever occurs first.

Title 61

REVENUE AND TAXATION

**Part I. Taxes Collected and Administered by the
Secretary of Revenue**

**Chapter 61. Motion Picture Production Tax Credit
Program**

**Subchapter A. Program Rules for Projects with
Applications Received on or After July 1,
2017 and prior to July 1, 2025**

§6103. General Description

A. For application received on or after July 1, 2017 and prior to July 1, 2025, state-certified productions may be eligible for up to a 40 percent tax credit on total qualified in-

state expenditures, including resident and non-labor as follows:

A.1. - 3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1125.1., R.S. 47:6007

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development and the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 36:53 (January 2010), repromulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 45:868 (July 2019), amended LR 48:1494 (June 2022), LR 48:1915 (July 2022, amended by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6105. Definitions

A. - B. ...

Office—means the Office of Entertainment Industry Development until July 1, 2025, and thereafter means the office of economic development in Louisiana Economic Development.

Program Issuance Cap—for applications submitted on or after July 1, 2017 and prior to July 1, 2023, the office may issue no more than \$150,000,000 in tax credits (“total cap”) in any fiscal year, with \$7,500,000 reserved for qualified entertainment companies (“QEC cap”), \$7,500,000 reserved for Louisiana screenplay productions (“LA screenplay cap”), \$15,000,000 reserved for independent film productions (“independent film cap”), with the remaining \$120,000,000 available for general allocation to any state certified production (“general cap”); for applications received on or after July 1, 2023 but prior to July 1, 2025, the office may issue no more than \$150,000,000 in tax credits in any fiscal year.

Secretary—secretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:6007.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development and the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 36:53 (January 2010), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 43:300 (February 2017), LR 43:2102 (November 2017), repromulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 45:869 (July 2019), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 46:179 (February 2020), LR 48:1495 (June 2022), LR 48:1915 (July 2022), LR 49:2089 (December 2023), amended by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6107. Certification Procedures

A. - C.1.b.ii. ...

c. Project-Based Production Tax Credit—for Applications Submitted on or after July 1, 2023 but prior to July 1, 2025.

C.1.c.i. - C.5.c.i. ...

6. Duration of Effect—for Applications Submitted on or after July 1, 2023 but prior to July 1, 2025

C.6.a. - D.3.b.iii. ...

c. Project-Based Production Credit—for Applications Submitted on or after July 1, 2023 but prior to July 1, 2025.

D.3.c.i. - D.4.f.iii. ...

iv. If the total amount of released credits available for re-issuance is less than the total amount of requested credits, the department shall issue credits to all qualified applicants on a first come, first served basis, as determined by the completion notification date, except that legacy credit projects with tax credit reservations that have expired or been released in accordance with the provisions of §6107 (“late requests”), shall receive priority funding over legacy credit projects seeking tax credits in an earlier fiscal year than their reservation (“early requests”). Any requests that cannot be paid in full will remain eligible for payment at a later date, subject to availability of released credits.

E - E.2.e. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:6007 and R.S. 36:104.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development and the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 36:55 (January 2010), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, Office of Business Development and the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 37:514 (February 2011), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 42:39 (January 2016), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 43:2102 (November 2017), repromulgated LR 43:2473 (December 2017), repromulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 45:871 (July 2019), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 46:179 (February 2020), LR 48:1496 (June 2022), LR 48:1916 (July 2022), LR 49:2089 (December 2023), amended by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6109. Additional Program Provisions

A. The following additional provisions shall apply to applications received on or after July 1, 2017 but prior to July 1, 2025:

1. LED program issuance cap.

a. For applications for state-certified productions and qualified entertainment companies submitted on or after July 1, 2017, but prior to July 1, 2023, the total amount of all tax credits granted in a final certification letter by the department in any fiscal year shall not exceed one hundred fifty million dollars. Twenty percent of the annual program cap shall be reserved as follows: five percent for qualified entertainment companies, five percent for Louisiana screenplay productions, and ten percent for independent film productions. If the total amount of credits applied for in any particular year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed for that year, the excess shall be treated as having been applied for on the first day of the subsequent year.

b. For applications for state-certified productions and qualified entertainment companies submitted on or after July 1, 2023, but prior to July 1, 2025, the total amount of all tax credits granted in a final certification letter by the department in any fiscal year shall not exceed one hundred fifty million dollars. If the total amount of credits applied for in any particular year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed for that year, the excess shall be treated as

having been applied for on the first day of the subsequent year.

2. LED individual project issuance cap. The maximum amount of credits certified by LED for a single state-certified production shall be \$20,000,000, which may be structured over two or more years in the initial certification letter;

a. Except for state-certified productions for scripted episodic content that may be granted up to \$25,000,000 in credits per season.

3. LED individual salary cap. The maximum amount of qualifying payroll expenditures per individual shall be \$3,000,000. Payroll payments in excess of \$3,000,000 made directly or indirectly to an individual or loan-out shall be excluded.

B. LDR Taxpayer Claims Cap.

1. Beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2025, tax credit claims and transfers to the Department of Revenue (“state buy-back”) shall be limited to an aggregate total of \$180,000,000 each fiscal year.

2. Beginning July 1, 2025, tax credit claims and transfers to the Department of Revenue (“state buy-back”) shall be limited to an aggregate total of \$125,000,000 each fiscal year.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1125.1., 47:6007

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development and the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 36:56 (January 2010), repromulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 45:874 (July 2019), amended LR 48:1496 (June 2022), amended by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6113. Application of the Tax Credit

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:6007.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development and the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 36:57 (January 2010), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, Office of Business Development, and the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 37:515 (February 2011), repromulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 45:876 (July 2019), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6119. Louisiana Promotional Graphic

A. - A.3....

B. For applications for state-certified productions received on or after July 1, 2023 but prior to July 1, 2025 at time of request for final certification, state certified productions shall be required to acknowledge the financial assistance of the state of Louisiana as follows:

B.1. - B.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:6007

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 42:1656 (October 2016), repromulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 45:878 (July 2019), LR 48:1497 (June 2022), amended LR 48:1917 (July 2022), LR 49:2091

(December 2023), amended by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

Subchapter B. Program Rules for Projects with Applications Received on or after July 1, 2025

§6121. Purpose

A. The purpose of this Subchapter is to implement the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit Program, in accordance with R.S. 47:6007, as amended by Act 44 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.

B. This Subchapter shall be administered to achieve the following purposes:

1. to support the state’s commitment to the motion picture production industry; and
2. to support industry sectors and goals identified in Louisiana Economic Development’s strategic plan, as may be amended from time to time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and R.S. 47:6007

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6123. General Description

A. For applications for state-certified productions or Qualified Entertainment Companies approved by the office on or after July 1, 2025, there is hereby authorized a tax credit of up to 40 percent for approved projects.

B. The program provisions outlined in Subchapter A shall apply to projects with applications received on or after July 1, 2025, but before the effective date of the provisions outlined in this Subchapter B, except that:

1. the total amount of all tax credits granted in a final certification letter by Louisiana Economic Development in any fiscal year shall not exceed \$125,000,000;
2. beginning July 1, 2025, tax credit claims and transfers to the Department of Revenue (“state buy-back”) shall be limited to an aggregate total of \$125,000,000 each fiscal year; and
3. in exceptional circumstances, for good cause shown, which may include but not be limited to letters of project support from Regional Economic Development Organizations (REDO’s), LED may enter into long term agreements that support motion picture production industry initiatives determined by the secretary to be in the best interest of the state.

C. The program provisions outlined in this Subchapter B shall apply to projects with applications received after their effective date, which is contingent upon final Rule promulgation and approval of the rules by the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and R.S. 47:6007

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§6125. Definitions (Reserved)

§6127. General Principles (Reserved)

§6129. Application Procedure (Reserved)

§6131. Selection Criteria (Reserved)

§6133. LED Action—Approval, Denial and Appeal Provisions (Reserved)

§6135. Request for Tax Credits (Reserved)

§6137. Non-performance, Disallowance and Recapture of Credits, Return of Benefits (Reserved)

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Revenue
Tax Policy and Planning Division**

Income Tax Withholding Tables
(LAC 61:I.1501)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:962(A)(1)(e), which allows the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division to use emergency procedures to establish rules, and R.S. 47:1511, which allows the department to make reasonable rules and regulations, the Secretary hereby amends LAC 61:I.1501 relative to individual income tax withholding tables and formulas.

Pursuant to R.S. 47:294(B), the standard deduction for individuals is adjusted annually for inflation based upon the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index United States city average for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the previous calendar year. For purposes of the 2026 withholding tables, the Department of Revenue used a standard deduction of \$12,875 for single individual and married-separate filing statuses and \$25,750 for married-joint, qualified surviving spouse and head of household filing statuses. These amounts reflect the CPI-U information available as of December 1, 2025. The standard deduction amounts that will be allowed on the 2026 income tax returns may differ slightly from these amounts based upon the CPI-U rates released for calendar year 2025 in January of 2026.

This Emergency Rule is necessary to prevent undue delay in notifying employers of the updated withholding requirements to ensure that employers are in compliance with the updated requirements, thereby avoiding unnecessary penalties and incorrect withholding of income tax for taxpayers. Employers should begin using the 2026 withholding tables for the first payment of wages made after December 31, 2025.

This Emergency Rule shall be effective January 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect for 180 days, unless renewed or revoked, or until the adoption of the final Rule, whichever comes first.

Title 61

REVENUE AND TAXATION

Part I. Taxes Collected and Administered by the Secretary of Revenue

Chapter 15. Income: Withholding Tax

§1501. Income Tax Withholding Tables

A. - C.1 ...

a. Filers utilizing a filing status of Single Individual or Married-Separate are allowed a standard deduction in the amount of \$12,875.00;

b.

2. Withholding Tables-Effective on or after January 1, 2026:

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
0.00	10.00	0.15	0.00	0.00
10.01	12.00	0.34	0.00	0.00
12.01	14.00	0.40	0.00	0.00
14.01	16.00	0.46	0.00	0.00
16.01	18.00	0.53	0.00	0.00
18.01	20.00	0.59	0.00	0.00
20.01	22.00	0.65	0.00	0.00
22.01	24.00	0.71	0.00	0.00
24.01	26.00	0.77	0.00	0.00
26.01	28.00	0.83	0.00	0.00
28.01	30.00	0.90	0.00	0.00
30.01	32.00	0.96	0.00	0.00
32.01	34.00	1.02	0.00	0.00
34.01	36.00	1.08	0.00	0.00
36.01	38.00	1.14	0.00	0.00
38.01	40.00	1.21	0.00	0.00
40.01	42.00	1.27	0.00	0.00
42.01	44.00	1.33	0.00	0.00
44.01	46.00	1.39	0.00	0.00
46.01	48.00	1.45	0.00	0.00
48.01	50.00	1.51	0.00	0.00
50.01	52.00	1.58	0.05	0.00
52.01	54.00	1.64	0.11	0.00
54.01	56.00	1.70	0.17	0.00
56.01	58.00	1.76	0.23	0.00
58.01	60.00	1.82	0.29	0.00
60.01	62.00	1.88	0.35	0.00
62.01	64.00	1.95	0.42	0.00
64.01	66.00	2.01	0.48	0.00
66.01	68.00	2.07	0.54	0.00
68.01	70.00	2.13	0.60	0.00
70.01	72.00	2.19	0.66	0.00
72.01	74.00	2.26	0.73	0.00
74.01	76.00	2.32	0.79	0.00
76.01	78.00	2.38	0.85	0.00
78.01	80.00	2.44	0.91	0.00
80.01	82.00	2.50	0.97	0.00
82.01	84.00	2.56	1.03	0.00
84.01	86.00	2.63	1.10	0.00
86.01	88.00	2.69	1.16	0.00
88.01	90.00	2.75	1.22	0.00
90.01	92.00	2.81	1.28	0.00
92.01	94.00	2.87	1.34	0.00
94.01	96.00	2.94	1.41	0.00
96.01	98.00	3.00	1.47	0.00
98.01	100.00	3.06	1.53	0.00
100.01	102.00	3.12	1.59	0.06

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
102.01	104.00	3.18	1.65	0.12
104.01	106.00	3.24	1.71	0.18
106.01	108.00	3.31	1.78	0.25
108.01	110.00	3.37	1.84	0.31
110.01	112.00	3.43	1.90	0.37
112.01	114.00	3.49	1.96	0.43
114.01	116.00	3.55	2.02	0.49
116.01	118.00	3.62	2.09	0.56
118.01	120.00	3.68	2.15	0.62
120.01	122.00	3.74	2.21	0.68
122.01	124.00	3.80	2.27	0.74
124.01	126.00	3.86	2.33	0.80
126.01	128.00	3.92	2.39	0.86
128.01	130.00	3.99	2.46	0.93
130.01	132.00	4.05	2.52	0.99
132.01	134.00	4.11	2.58	1.05
134.01	136.00	4.17	2.64	1.11
136.01	138.00	4.23	2.70	1.17
138.01	140.00	4.30	2.76	1.23
140.01	142.00	4.36	2.83	1.30
142.01	144.00	4.42	2.89	1.36
144.01	146.00	4.48	2.95	1.42
146.01	148.00	4.54	3.01	1.48
148.01	150.00	4.60	3.07	1.54
150.01	152.00	4.67	3.14	1.61
152.01	154.00	4.73	3.20	1.67
154.01	156.00	4.79	3.26	1.73
156.01	158.00	4.85	3.32	1.79
158.01	160.00	4.91	3.38	1.85
160.01	162.00	4.97	3.44	1.91
162.01	164.00	5.04	3.51	1.98
164.01	166.00	5.10	3.57	2.04
166.01	168.00	5.16	3.63	2.10
168.01	170.00	5.22	3.69	2.16
170.01	172.00	5.28	3.75	2.22
172.01	174.00	5.35	3.82	2.29
174.01	176.00	5.41	3.88	2.35
176.01	178.00	5.47	3.94	2.41
178.01	180.00	5.53	4.00	2.47
180.01	182.00	5.59	4.06	2.53
182.01	184.00	5.65	4.12	2.59
184.01	186.00	5.72	4.19	2.66
186.01	188.00	5.78	4.25	2.72
188.01	190.00	5.84	4.31	2.78
190.01	192.00	5.90	4.37	2.84
192.01	194.00	5.96	4.43	2.90
194.01	196.00	6.03	4.50	2.97
196.01	198.00	6.09	4.56	3.03
198.01	200.00	6.15	4.62	3.09

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
200.01	202.00	6.21	4.68	3.15
202.01	204.00	6.27	4.74	3.21
204.01	206.00	6.33	4.80	3.27
206.01	208.00	6.40	4.87	3.34
208.01	210.00	6.46	4.93	3.40
210.01	212.00	6.52	4.99	3.46
212.01	214.00	6.58	5.05	3.52
214.01	216.00	6.64	5.11	3.58
216.01	218.00	6.71	5.18	3.65
218.01	220.00	6.77	5.24	3.71
220.01	222.00	6.83	5.30	3.77
222.01	224.00	6.89	5.36	3.83
224.01	226.00	6.95	5.42	3.89
226.01	228.00	7.01	5.48	3.95
228.01	230.00	7.08	5.55	4.02
230.01	232.00	7.14	5.61	4.08
232.01	234.00	7.20	5.67	4.14
234.01	236.00	7.26	5.73	4.20
236.01	238.00	7.32	5.79	4.26
238.01	240.00	7.39	5.85	4.32
240.01	242.00	7.45	5.92	4.39
242.01	244.00	7.51	5.98	4.45
244.01	246.00	7.57	6.04	4.51
246.01	248.00	7.63	6.10	4.57
248.01	250.00	7.69	6.16	4.63
250.01	252.00	7.76	6.23	4.70
252.01	254.00	7.82	6.29	4.76
254.01	256.00	7.88	6.35	4.82
256.01	258.00	7.94	6.41	4.88
258.01	260.00	8.00	6.47	4.94
260.01	262.00	8.06	6.53	5.00
262.01	264.00	8.13	6.60	5.07
264.01	266.00	8.19	6.66	5.13
266.01	268.00	8.25	6.72	5.19
268.01	270.00	8.31	6.78	5.25
270.01	272.00	8.37	6.84	5.31
272.01	274.00	8.44	6.91	5.38
274.01	276.00	8.50	6.97	5.44
276.01	278.00	8.56	7.03	5.50
278.01	280.00	8.62	7.09	5.56
280.01	282.00	8.68	7.15	5.62
282.01	284.00	8.74	7.21	5.68
284.01	286.00	8.81	7.28	5.75
286.01	288.00	8.87	7.34	5.81
288.01	290.00	8.93	7.40	5.87
290.01	292.00	8.99	7.46	5.93
292.01	294.00	9.05	7.52	5.99
294.01	296.00	9.12	7.59	6.06

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
296.01	298.00	9.18	7.65	6.12
298.01	300.00	9.24	7.71	6.18
300.01	302.00	9.30	7.77	6.24
302.01	304.00	9.36	7.83	6.30
304.01	306.00	9.42	7.89	6.36
306.01	308.00	9.49	7.96	6.43
308.01	310.00	9.55	8.02	6.49
310.01	312.00	9.61	8.08	6.55
312.01	314.00	9.67	8.14	6.61
314.01	316.00	9.73	8.20	6.67
316.01	318.00	9.80	8.27	6.74
318.01	320.00	9.86	8.33	6.80
320.01	322.00	9.92	8.39	6.86
322.01	324.00	9.98	8.45	6.92
324.01	326.00	10.04	8.51	6.98
326.01	328.00	10.10	8.57	7.04
328.01	330.00	10.17	8.64	7.11
330.01	332.00	10.23	8.70	7.17
332.01	334.00	10.29	8.76	7.23
334.01	336.00	10.35	8.82	7.29
336.01	338.00	10.41	8.88	7.35
338.01	340.00	10.48	8.94	7.41
340.01	342.00	10.54	9.01	7.48
342.01	344.00	10.60	9.07	7.54
344.01	346.00	10.66	9.13	7.60
346.01	348.00	10.72	9.19	7.66
348.01	350.00	10.78	9.25	7.72
350.01	352.00	10.85	9.32	7.79
352.01	354.00	10.91	9.38	7.85
354.01	356.00	10.97	9.44	7.91
356.01	358.00	11.03	9.50	7.97
358.01	360.00	11.09	9.56	8.03
360.01	362.00	11.15	9.62	8.09
362.01	364.00	11.22	9.69	8.16
364.01	366.00	11.28	9.75	8.22
366.01	368.00	11.34	9.81	8.28
368.01	370.00	11.40	9.87	8.34
370.01	372.00	11.46	9.93	8.40
372.01	374.00	11.53	10.00	8.47
374.01	376.00	11.59	10.06	8.53
376.01	378.00	11.65	10.12	8.59
378.01	380.00	11.71	10.18	8.65
380.01	382.00	11.77	10.24	8.71
382.01	384.00	11.83	10.30	8.77
384.01	386.00	11.90	10.37	8.84
		<i>(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$386)</i>		

Weekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
0.00	50.00	0.77	0.00	0.00
50.01	70.00	1.85	0.00	0.00
70.01	90.00	2.47	0.00	0.00
90.01	110.00	3.09	0.00	0.00
110.01	130.00	3.71	0.00	0.00
130.01	150.00	4.33	0.00	0.00
150.01	170.00	4.94	0.00	0.00
170.01	190.00	5.56	0.00	0.00
190.01	210.00	6.18	0.00	0.00
210.01	230.00	6.80	0.00	0.00
230.01	250.00	7.42	0.00	0.00
250.01	270.00	8.03	0.38	0.00
270.01	290.00	8.65	1.00	0.00
290.01	310.00	9.27	1.62	0.00
310.01	330.00	9.89	2.24	0.00
330.01	350.00	10.51	2.86	0.00
350.01	370.00	11.12	3.47	0.00
370.01	390.00	11.74	4.09	0.00
390.01	410.00	12.36	4.71	0.00
410.01	430.00	12.98	5.33	0.00
430.01	450.00	13.60	5.95	0.00
450.01	470.00	14.21	6.56	0.00
470.01	490.00	14.83	7.18	0.00
490.01	510.00	15.45	7.80	0.15
510.01	530.00	16.07	8.42	0.77
530.01	550.00	16.69	9.04	1.38
550.01	570.00	17.30	9.65	2.00
570.01	590.00	17.92	10.27	2.62
590.01	610.00	18.54	10.89	3.24
610.01	630.00	19.16	11.51	3.86
630.01	650.00	19.78	12.13	4.47
650.01	670.00	20.39	12.74	5.09
670.01	690.00	21.01	13.36	5.71
690.01	710.00	21.63	13.98	6.33
710.01	730.00	22.25	14.60	6.95
730.01	750.00	22.87	15.22	7.56
750.01	770.00	23.48	15.83	8.18
770.01	790.00	24.10	16.45	8.80
790.01	810.00	24.72	17.07	9.42
810.01	830.00	25.34	17.69	10.04
830.01	850.00	25.96	18.31	10.65
850.01	870.00	26.57	18.92	11.27
870.01	890.00	27.19	19.54	11.89
890.01	910.00	27.81	20.16	12.51
910.01	930.00	28.43	20.78	13.13
930.01	950.00	29.05	21.40	13.74
950.01	970.00	29.66	22.01	14.36
970.01	990.00	30.28	22.63	14.98
990.01	1,010.00	30.90	23.25	15.60

Weekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
1,010.01	1,030.00	31.52	23.87	16.22
1,030.01	1,050.00	32.14	24.49	16.83
1,050.01	1,070.00	32.75	25.10	17.45
1,070.01	1,090.00	33.37	25.72	18.07
1,090.01	1,110.00	33.99	26.34	18.69
1,110.01	1,130.00	34.61	26.96	19.31
1,130.01	1,150.00	35.23	27.58	19.92
1,150.01	1,170.00	35.84	28.19	20.54
1,170.01	1,190.00	36.46	28.81	21.16
1,190.01	1,210.00	37.08	29.43	21.78
1,210.01	1,230.00	37.70	30.05	22.40
1,230.01	1,250.00	38.32	30.67	23.01
1,250.01	1,270.00	38.93	31.28	23.63
1,270.01	1,290.00	39.55	31.90	24.25
1,290.01	1,310.00	40.17	32.52	24.87
1,310.01	1,330.00	40.79	33.14	25.49
1,330.01	1,350.00	41.41	33.76	26.10
1,350.01	1,370.00	42.02	34.37	26.72
1,370.01	1,390.00	42.64	34.99	27.34
1,390.01	1,410.00	43.26	35.61	27.96
1,410.01	1,430.00	43.88	36.23	28.58
1,430.01	1,450.00	44.50	36.85	29.19
1,450.01	1,470.00	45.11	37.46	29.81
1,470.01	1,490.00	45.73	38.08	30.43
1,490.01	1,510.00	46.35	38.70	31.05
1,510.01	1,530.00	46.97	39.32	31.67
1,530.01	1,550.00	47.59	39.94	32.28
1,550.01	1,570.00	48.20	40.55	32.90
1,570.01	1,590.00	48.82	41.17	33.52
1,590.01	1,610.00	49.44	41.79	34.14
1,610.01	1,630.00	50.06	42.41	34.76
1,630.01	1,650.00	50.68	43.03	35.37
1,650.01	1,670.00	51.29	43.64	35.99
1,670.01	1,690.00	51.91	44.26	36.61
1,690.01	1,710.00	52.53	44.88	37.23
1,710.01	1,730.00	53.15	45.50	37.85
1,730.01	1,750.00	53.77	46.12	38.46
1,750.01	1,770.00	54.38	46.73	39.08
1,770.01	1,790.00	55.00	47.35	39.70
1,790.01	1,810.00	55.62	47.97	40.32
1,810.01	1,830.00	56.24	48.59	40.94
1,830.01	1,850.00	56.86	49.21	41.55
1,850.01	1,870.00	57.47	49.82	42.17
1,870.01	1,890.00	58.09	50.44	42.79
1,890.01	1,910.00	58.71	51.06	43.41
1,910.01	1,930.00	59.33	51.68	44.03
1,930.01	1,950.00	59.95	52.30	44.64
		<i>(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$1,950)</i>		

Biweekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
0.00	100.00	1.55	0.00	0.00
100.01	140.00	3.71	0.00	0.00
140.01	180.00	4.94	0.00	0.00
180.01	220.00	6.18	0.00	0.00
220.01	260.00	7.42	0.00	0.00
260.01	300.00	8.65	0.00	0.00
300.01	340.00	9.89	0.00	0.00
340.01	380.00	11.12	0.00	0.00
380.01	420.00	12.36	0.00	0.00
420.01	460.00	13.60	0.00	0.00
460.01	500.00	14.83	0.00	0.00
500.01	540.00	16.07	0.77	0.00
540.01	580.00	17.30	2.00	0.00
580.01	620.00	18.54	3.24	0.00
620.01	660.00	19.78	4.47	0.00
660.01	700.00	21.01	5.71	0.00
700.01	740.00	22.25	6.95	0.00
740.01	780.00	23.48	8.18	0.00
780.01	820.00	24.72	9.42	0.00
820.01	860.00	25.96	10.65	0.00
860.01	900.00	27.19	11.89	0.00
900.01	940.00	28.43	13.13	0.00
940.01	980.00	29.66	14.36	0.00
980.01	1,020.00	30.90	15.60	0.30
1,020.01	1,060.00	32.14	16.83	1.53
1,060.01	1,100.00	33.37	18.07	2.77
1,100.01	1,140.00	34.61	19.31	4.01
1,140.01	1,180.00	35.84	20.54	5.24
1,180.01	1,220.00	37.08	21.78	6.48
1,220.01	1,260.00	38.32	23.01	7.71
1,260.01	1,300.00	39.55	24.25	8.95
1,300.01	1,340.00	40.79	25.49	10.19
1,340.01	1,380.00	42.02	26.72	11.42
1,380.01	1,420.00	43.26	27.96	12.66
1,420.01	1,460.00	44.50	29.19	13.89
1,460.01	1,500.00	45.73	30.43	15.13
1,500.01	1,540.00	46.97	31.67	16.37
1,540.01	1,580.00	48.20	32.90	17.60
1,580.01	1,620.00	49.44	34.14	18.84
1,620.01	1,660.00	50.68	35.37	20.07
1,660.01	1,700.00	51.91	36.61	21.31
1,700.01	1,740.00	53.15	37.85	22.55
1,740.01	1,780.00	54.38	39.08	23.78
1,780.01	1,820.00	55.62	40.32	25.02
1,820.01	1,860.00	56.86	41.55	26.25
1,860.01	1,900.00	58.09	42.79	27.49
1,900.01	1,940.00	59.33	44.03	28.73
1,940.01	1,980.00	60.56	45.26	29.96
1,980.01	2,020.00	61.80	46.50	31.20

Biweekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
2,020.01	2,060.00	63.04	47.73	32.43
2,060.01	2,100.00	64.27	48.97	33.67
2,100.01	2,140.00	65.51	50.21	34.91
2,140.01	2,180.00	66.74	51.44	36.14
2,180.01	2,220.00	67.98	52.68	37.38
2,220.01	2,260.00	69.22	53.91	38.61
2,260.01	2,300.00	70.45	55.15	39.85
2,300.01	2,340.00	71.69	56.39	41.09
2,340.01	2,380.00	72.92	57.62	42.32
2,380.01	2,420.00	74.16	58.86	43.56
2,420.01	2,460.00	75.40	60.09	44.79
2,460.01	2,500.00	76.63	61.33	46.03
2,500.01	2,540.00	77.87	62.57	47.27
2,540.01	2,580.00	79.10	63.80	48.50
2,580.01	2,620.00	80.34	65.04	49.74
2,620.01	2,660.00	81.58	66.27	50.97
2,660.01	2,700.00	82.81	67.51	52.21
2,700.01	2,740.00	84.05	68.75	53.45
2,740.01	2,780.00	85.28	69.98	54.68
2,780.01	2,820.00	86.52	71.22	55.92
2,820.01	2,860.00	87.76	72.45	57.15
2,860.01	2,900.00	88.99	73.69	58.39
2,900.01	2,940.00	90.23	74.93	59.63
2,940.01	2,980.00	91.46	76.16	60.86
2,980.01	3,020.00	92.70	77.40	62.10
3,020.01	3,060.00	93.94	78.63	63.33
3,060.01	3,100.00	95.17	79.87	64.57
3,100.01	3,140.00	96.41	81.11	65.81
3,140.01	3,180.00	97.64	82.34	67.04
3,180.01	3,220.00	98.88	83.58	68.28
3,220.01	3,260.00	100.12	84.81	69.51
3,260.01	3,300.00	101.35	86.05	70.75
3,300.01	3,340.00	102.59	87.29	71.99
3,340.01	3,380.00	103.82	88.52	73.22
3,380.01	3,420.00	105.06	89.76	74.46
3,420.01	3,460.00	106.30	90.99	75.69
3,460.01	3,500.00	107.53	92.23	76.93
3,500.01	3,540.00	108.77	93.47	78.17
3,540.01	3,580.00	110.00	94.70	79.40
3,580.01	3,620.00	111.24	95.94	80.64
3,620.01	3,660.00	112.48	97.17	81.87
3,660.01	3,700.00	113.71	98.41	83.11
3,700.01	3,740.00	114.95	99.65	84.35
3,740.01	3,780.00	116.18	100.88	85.58
3,780.01	3,820.00	117.42	102.12	86.82
3,820.01	3,860.00	118.66	103.35	88.05
3,860.01	3,900.00	119.89	104.59	89.29

(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$3,900)

Semi-Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
0.00	100.00	1.55	0.00	0.00
100.01	140.00	3.71	0.00	0.00
140.01	180.00	4.94	0.00	0.00
180.01	220.00	6.18	0.00	0.00
220.01	260.00	7.42	0.00	0.00
260.01	300.00	8.65	0.00	0.00
300.01	340.00	9.89	0.00	0.00
340.01	380.00	11.12	0.00	0.00
380.01	420.00	12.36	0.00	0.00
420.01	460.00	13.60	0.00	0.00
460.01	500.00	14.83	0.00	0.00
500.01	540.00	16.07	0.00	0.00
540.01	580.00	17.30	0.73	0.00
580.01	620.00	18.54	1.96	0.00
620.01	660.00	19.78	3.20	0.00
660.01	700.00	21.01	4.44	0.00
700.01	740.00	22.25	5.67	0.00
740.01	780.00	23.48	6.91	0.00
780.01	820.00	24.72	8.14	0.00
820.01	860.00	25.96	9.38	0.00
860.01	900.00	27.19	10.62	0.00
900.01	940.00	28.43	11.85	0.00
940.01	980.00	29.66	13.09	0.00
980.01	1,020.00	30.90	14.32	0.00
1,020.01	1,060.00	32.14	15.56	0.00
1,060.01	1,100.00	33.37	16.80	0.22
1,100.01	1,140.00	34.61	18.03	1.45
1,140.01	1,180.00	35.84	19.27	2.69
1,180.01	1,220.00	37.08	20.50	3.93
1,220.01	1,260.00	38.32	21.74	5.16
1,260.01	1,300.00	39.55	22.98	6.40
1,300.01	1,340.00	40.79	24.21	7.63
1,340.01	1,380.00	42.02	25.45	8.87
1,380.01	1,420.00	43.26	26.68	10.11
1,420.01	1,460.00	44.50	27.92	11.34
1,460.01	1,500.00	45.73	29.16	12.58
1,500.01	1,540.00	46.97	30.39	13.81
1,540.01	1,580.00	48.20	31.63	15.05
1,580.01	1,620.00	49.44	32.86	16.29
1,620.01	1,660.00	50.68	34.10	17.52
1,660.01	1,700.00	51.91	35.34	18.76
1,700.01	1,740.00	53.15	36.57	19.99
1,740.01	1,780.00	54.38	37.81	21.23
1,780.01	1,820.00	55.62	39.04	22.47
1,820.01	1,860.00	56.86	40.28	23.70
1,860.01	1,900.00	58.09	41.52	24.94
1,900.01	1,940.00	59.33	42.75	26.17
1,940.01	1,980.00	60.56	43.99	27.41
1,980.01	2,020.00	61.80	45.22	28.65

Semi-Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
2,020.01	2,060.00	63.04	46.46	29.88
2,060.01	2,100.00	64.27	47.70	31.12
2,100.01	2,140.00	65.51	48.93	32.35
2,140.01	2,180.00	66.74	50.17	33.59
2,180.01	2,220.00	67.98	51.40	34.83
2,220.01	2,260.00	69.22	52.64	36.06
2,260.01	2,300.00	70.45	53.88	37.30
2,300.01	2,340.00	71.69	55.11	38.53
2,340.01	2,380.00	72.92	56.35	39.77
2,380.01	2,420.00	74.16	57.58	41.01
2,420.01	2,460.00	75.40	58.82	42.24
2,460.01	2,500.00	76.63	60.06	43.48
2,500.01	2,540.00	77.87	61.29	44.71
2,540.01	2,580.00	79.10	62.53	45.95
2,580.01	2,620.00	80.34	63.76	47.19
2,620.01	2,660.00	81.58	65.00	48.42
2,660.01	2,700.00	82.81	66.24	49.66
2,700.01	2,740.00	84.05	67.47	50.89
2,740.01	2,780.00	85.28	68.71	52.13
2,780.01	2,820.00	86.52	69.94	53.37
2,820.01	2,860.00	87.76	71.18	54.60
2,860.01	2,900.00	88.99	72.42	55.84
2,900.01	2,940.00	90.23	73.65	57.07
2,940.01	2,980.00	91.46	74.89	58.31
2,980.01	3,020.00	92.70	76.12	59.55
3,020.01	3,060.00	93.94	77.36	60.78
3,060.01	3,100.00	95.17	78.60	62.02
3,100.01	3,140.00	96.41	79.83	63.25
3,140.01	3,180.00	97.64	81.07	64.49
3,180.01	3,220.00	98.88	82.30	65.73
3,220.01	3,260.00	100.12	83.54	66.96
3,260.01	3,300.00	101.35	84.78	68.20
3,300.01	3,340.00	102.59	86.01	69.43
3,340.01	3,380.00	103.82	87.25	70.67
3,380.01	3,420.00	105.06	88.48	71.91
3,420.01	3,460.00	106.30	89.72	73.14
3,460.01	3,500.00	107.53	90.96	74.38
3,500.01	3,540.00	108.77	92.19	75.61
3,540.01	3,580.00	110.00	93.43	76.85
3,580.01	3,620.00	111.24	94.66	78.09
3,620.01	3,660.00	112.48	95.90	79.32
3,660.01	3,700.00	113.71	97.14	80.56
3,700.01	3,740.00	114.95	98.37	81.79
3,740.01	3,780.00	116.18	99.61	83.03
3,780.01	3,820.00	117.42	100.84	84.27
3,820.01	3,860.00	118.66	102.08	85.50
3,860.01	3,900.00	119.89	103.32	86.74
3,900.01	3,940.00	121.13	104.55	87.97
3,940.01	3,980.00	122.36	105.79	89.21

Semi-Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
3,980.01	4,020.00	123.60	107.02	90.45
4,020.01	4,060.00	124.84	108.26	91.68
4,060.01	4,100.00	126.07	109.50	92.92
4,100.01	4,140.00	127.31	110.73	94.15
4,140.01	4,180.00	128.54	111.97	95.39
4,180.01	4,220.00	129.78	113.20	96.63
<i>(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$4,220)</i>				

Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
0.00	200.00	3.09	0.00	0.00
200.01	280.00	7.42	0.00	0.00
280.01	360.00	9.89	0.00	0.00
360.01	440.00	12.36	0.00	0.00
440.01	520.00	14.83	0.00	0.00
520.01	600.00	17.30	0.00	0.00
600.01	680.00	19.78	0.00	0.00
680.01	760.00	22.25	0.00	0.00
760.01	840.00	24.72	0.00	0.00
840.01	920.00	27.19	0.00	0.00
920.01	1,000.00	29.66	0.00	0.00
1,000.01	1,080.00	32.14	0.00	0.00
1,080.01	1,160.00	34.61	1.45	0.00
1,160.01	1,240.00	37.08	3.93	0.00
1,240.01	1,320.00	39.55	6.40	0.00
1,320.01	1,400.00	42.02	8.87	0.00
1,400.01	1,480.00	44.50	11.34	0.00
1,480.01	1,560.00	46.97	13.81	0.00
1,560.01	1,640.00	49.44	16.29	0.00
1,640.01	1,720.00	51.91	18.76	0.00
1,720.01	1,800.00	54.38	21.23	0.00
1,800.01	1,880.00	56.86	23.70	0.00
1,880.01	1,960.00	59.33	26.17	0.00
1,960.01	2,040.00	61.80	28.65	0.00
2,040.01	2,120.00	64.27	31.12	0.00
2,120.01	2,200.00	66.74	33.59	0.44
2,200.01	2,280.00	69.22	36.06	2.91
2,280.01	2,360.00	71.69	38.53	5.38
2,360.01	2,440.00	74.16	41.01	7.85
2,440.01	2,520.00	76.63	43.48	10.33
2,520.01	2,600.00	79.10	45.95	12.80
2,600.01	2,680.00	81.58	48.42	15.27
2,680.01	2,760.00	84.05	50.89	17.74
2,760.01	2,840.00	86.52	53.37	20.21
2,840.01	2,920.00	88.99	55.84	22.69
2,920.01	3,000.00	91.46	58.31	25.16
3,000.01	3,080.00	93.94	60.78	27.63

Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
3,080.01	3,160.00	96.41	63.25	30.10
3,160.01	3,240.00	98.88	65.73	32.57
3,240.01	3,320.00	101.35	68.20	35.05
3,320.01	3,400.00	103.82	70.67	37.52
3,400.01	3,480.00	106.30	73.14	39.99
3,480.01	3,560.00	108.77	75.61	42.46
3,560.01	3,640.00	111.24	78.09	44.93
3,640.01	3,720.00	113.71	80.56	47.41
3,720.01	3,800.00	116.18	83.03	49.88
3,800.01	3,880.00	118.66	85.50	52.35
3,880.01	3,960.00	121.13	87.97	54.82
3,960.01	4,040.00	123.60	90.45	57.29
4,040.01	4,120.00	126.07	92.92	59.77
4,120.01	4,200.00	128.54	95.39	62.24
4,200.01	4,280.00	131.02	97.86	64.71
4,280.01	4,360.00	133.49	100.33	67.18
4,360.01	4,440.00	135.96	102.81	69.65
4,440.01	4,520.00	138.43	105.28	72.13
4,520.01	4,600.00	140.90	107.75	74.60
4,600.01	4,680.00	143.38	110.22	77.07
4,680.01	4,760.00	145.85	112.69	79.54
4,760.01	4,840.00	148.32	115.17	82.01
4,840.01	4,920.00	150.79	117.64	84.49
4,920.01	5,000.00	153.26	120.11	86.96
5,000.01	5,080.00	155.74	122.58	89.43
5,080.01	5,160.00	158.21	125.05	91.90
5,160.01	5,240.00	160.68	127.53	94.37
5,240.01	5,320.00	163.15	130.00	96.85
5,320.01	5,400.00	165.62	132.47	99.32
5,400.01	5,480.00	168.10	134.94	101.79
5,480.01	5,560.00	170.57	137.41	104.26
5,560.01	5,640.00	173.04	139.89	106.73
5,640.01	5,720.00	175.51	142.36	109.21
5,720.01	5,800.00	177.98	144.83	111.68
5,800.01	5,880.00	180.46	147.30	114.15
5,880.01	5,960.00	182.93	149.77	116.62
5,960.01	6,040.00	185.40	152.25	119.09
6,040.01	6,120.00	187.87	154.72	121.57
6,120.01	6,200.00	190.34	157.19	124.04
6,200.01	6,280.00	192.82	159.66	126.51
6,280.01	6,360.00	195.29	162.13	128.98
6,360.01	6,440.00	197.76	164.61	131.45
6,440.01	6,520.00	200.23	167.08	133.93
6,520.01	6,600.00	202.70	169.55	136.40
6,600.01	6,680.00	205.18	172.02	138.87
6,680.01	6,760.00	207.65	174.49	141.34
6,760.01	6,840.00	210.12	176.97	143.81
6,840.01	6,920.00	212.59	179.44	146.29
6,920.01	7,000.00	215.06	181.91	148.76

Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
7,000.01	7,080.00	217.54	184.38	151.23
7,080.01	7,160.00	220.01	186.85	153.70
7,160.01	7,240.00	222.48	189.33	156.17
7,240.01	7,320.00	224.95	191.80	158.65
7,320.01	7,400.00	227.42	194.27	161.12
7,400.01	7,480.00	229.90	196.74	163.59
7,480.01	7,560.00	232.37	199.21	166.06
7,560.01	7,640.00	234.84	201.69	168.53
7,640.01	7,720.00	237.31	204.16	171.01
7,720.01	7,800.00	239.78	206.63	173.48
7,800.01	7,880.00	242.26	209.10	175.95
7,880.01	7,960.00	244.73	211.57	178.42
7,960.01	8,040.00	247.20	214.05	180.89
8,040.01	8,120.00	249.67	216.52	183.37
8,120.01	8,200.00	252.14	218.99	185.84
8,200.01	8,280.00	254.62	221.46	188.31
8,280.01	8,360.00	257.09	223.93	190.78
8,360.01	8,440.00	259.56	226.41	193.25
		<i>(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$8,440)</i>		

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Tables				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
12,100.01	12,500.00	380.07	0.00	0.00
12,500.01	12,900.00	392.43	0.00	0.00
12,900.01	13,300.00	404.79	6.95	0.00
13,300.01	13,700.00	417.15	19.31	0.00
13,700.01	14,100.00	429.51	31.67	0.00
14,100.01	14,500.00	441.87	44.03	0.00
14,500.01	14,900.00	454.23	56.39	0.00
14,900.01	15,300.00	466.59	68.75	0.00
15,300.01	15,700.00	478.95	81.11	0.00
15,700.01	16,100.00	491.31	93.47	0.00
16,100.01	16,500.00	503.67	105.83	0.00
16,500.01	16,900.00	516.03	118.19	0.00
16,900.01	17,300.00	528.39	130.55	0.00
17,300.01	17,700.00	540.75	142.91	0.00
17,700.01	18,100.00	553.11	155.27	0.00
18,100.01	18,500.00	565.47	167.63	0.00
18,500.01	18,900.00	577.83	179.99	0.00
18,900.01	19,300.00	590.19	192.35	0.00
19,300.01	19,700.00	602.55	204.71	0.00
19,700.01	20,100.00	614.91	217.07	0.00
20,100.01	20,500.00	627.27	229.43	0.00
20,500.01	20,900.00	639.63	241.79	0.00
20,900.01	21,300.00	651.99	254.15	0.00
21,300.01	21,700.00	664.35	266.51	0.00
21,700.01	22,100.00	676.71	278.87	0.00
22,100.01	22,500.00	689.07	291.23	0.00
22,500.01	22,900.00	701.43	303.59	0.00
22,900.01	23,300.00	713.79	315.95	0.00
23,300.01	23,700.00	726.15	328.31	0.00
23,700.01	24,100.00	738.51	340.67	0.00
24,100.01	24,500.00	750.87	353.03	0.00
24,500.01	24,900.00	763.23	365.39	0.00
24,900.01	25,300.00	775.59	377.75	0.00
25,300.01	25,700.00	787.95	390.11	0.00
25,700.01	26,100.00	800.31	402.47	4.64
26,100.01	26,500.00	812.67	414.83	17.00
26,500.01	26,900.00	825.03	427.19	29.36
26,900.01	27,300.00	837.39	439.55	41.72
27,300.01	27,700.00	849.75	451.91	54.08
27,700.01	28,100.00	862.11	464.27	66.44
28,100.01	28,500.00	874.47	476.63	78.80
28,500.01	28,900.00	886.83	488.99	91.16
28,900.01	29,300.00	899.19	501.35	103.52
29,300.01	29,700.00	911.55	513.71	115.88
29,700.01	30,100.00	923.91	526.07	128.24
30,100.01	30,500.00	936.27	538.43	140.60
30,500.01	30,900.00	948.63	550.79	152.96
30,900.01	31,300.00	960.99	563.15	165.32
31,300.01	31,700.00	973.35	575.51	177.68

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Tables				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
0.00	2,500.00	38.63	0.00	0.00
2,500.01	2,900.00	83.43	0.00	0.00
2,900.01	3,300.00	95.79	0.00	0.00
3,300.01	3,700.00	108.15	0.00	0.00
3,700.01	4,100.00	120.51	0.00	0.00
4,100.01	4,500.00	132.87	0.00	0.00
4,500.01	4,900.00	145.23	0.00	0.00
4,900.01	5,300.00	157.59	0.00	0.00
5,300.01	5,700.00	169.95	0.00	0.00
5,700.01	6,100.00	182.31	0.00	0.00
6,100.01	6,500.00	194.67	0.00	0.00
6,500.01	6,900.00	207.03	0.00	0.00
6,900.01	7,300.00	219.39	0.00	0.00
7,300.01	7,700.00	231.75	0.00	0.00
7,700.01	8,100.00	244.11	0.00	0.00
8,100.01	8,500.00	256.47	0.00	0.00
8,500.01	8,900.00	268.83	0.00	0.00
8,900.01	9,300.00	281.19	0.00	0.00
9,300.01	9,700.00	293.55	0.00	0.00
9,700.01	10,100.00	305.91	0.00	0.00
10,100.01	10,500.00	318.27	0.00	0.00
10,500.01	10,900.00	330.63	0.00	0.00
10,900.01	11,300.00	342.99	0.00	0.00
11,300.01	11,700.00	355.35	0.00	0.00
11,700.01	12,100.00	367.71	0.00	0.00

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Tables				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
31,700.01	32,100.00	985.71	587.87	190.04
32,100.01	32,500.00	998.07	600.23	202.40
32,500.01	32,900.00	1,010.43	612.59	214.76
32,900.01	33,300.00	1,022.79	624.95	227.12
33,300.01	33,700.00	1,035.15	637.31	239.48
33,700.01	34,100.00	1,047.51	649.67	251.84
34,100.01	34,500.00	1,059.87	662.03	264.20
34,500.01	34,900.00	1,072.23	674.39	276.56
34,900.01	35,300.00	1,084.59	686.75	288.92
35,300.01	35,700.00	1,096.95	699.11	301.28
35,700.01	36,100.00	1,109.31	711.47	313.64
36,100.01	36,500.00	1,121.67	723.83	326.00
36,500.01	36,900.00	1,134.03	736.19	338.36
36,900.01	37,300.00	1,146.39	748.55	350.72
37,300.01	37,700.00	1,158.75	760.91	363.08
37,700.01	38,100.00	1,171.11	773.27	375.44
38,100.01	38,500.00	1,183.47	785.63	387.80
38,500.01	38,900.00	1,195.83	797.99	400.16
38,900.01	39,300.00	1,208.19	810.35	412.52
39,300.01	39,700.00	1,220.55	822.71	424.88
39,700.01	40,100.00	1,232.91	835.07	437.24
40,100.01	40,500.00	1,245.27	847.43	449.60
40,500.01	40,900.00	1,257.63	859.79	461.96
40,900.01	41,300.00	1,269.99	872.15	474.32
41,300.01	41,700.00	1,282.35	884.51	486.68
41,700.01	42,100.00	1,294.71	896.87	499.04
42,100.01	42,500.00	1,307.07	909.23	511.40
42,500.01	42,900.00	1,319.43	921.59	523.76
42,900.01	43,300.00	1,331.79	933.95	536.12
43,300.01	43,700.00	1,344.15	946.31	548.48
43,700.01	44,100.00	1,356.51	958.67	560.84
44,100.01	44,500.00	1,368.87	971.03	573.20
44,500.01	44,900.00	1,381.23	983.39	585.56
44,900.01	45,300.00	1,393.59	995.75	597.92
45,300.01	45,700.00	1,405.95	1,008.11	610.28
45,700.01	46,100.00	1,418.31	1,020.47	622.64
46,100.01	46,500.00	1,430.67	1,032.83	635.00
46,500.01	46,900.00	1,443.03	1,045.19	647.36
46,900.01	47,300.00	1,455.39	1,057.55	659.72
47,300.01	47,700.00	1,467.75	1,069.91	672.08
47,700.01	48,100.00	1,480.11	1,082.27	684.44
48,100.01	48,500.00	1,492.47	1,094.63	696.80
48,500.01	48,900.00	1,504.83	1,106.99	709.16
48,900.01	49,300.00	1,517.19	1,119.35	721.52
49,300.01	49,700.00	1,529.55	1,131.71	733.88
49,700.01	50,100.00	1,541.91	1,144.07	746.24
50,100.01	50,500.00	1,554.27	1,156.43	758.60
50,500.01	50,900.00	1,566.63	1,168.79	770.96
50,900.01	51,300.00	1,578.99	1,181.15	783.32

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Tables				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
51,300.01	51,700.00	1,591.35	1,193.51	795.68
51,700.01	52,100.00	1,603.71	1,205.87	808.04
52,100.01	52,500.00	1,616.07	1,218.23	820.40
52,500.01	52,900.00	1,628.43	1,230.59	832.76
52,900.01	53,300.00	1,640.79	1,242.95	845.12
53,300.01	53,700.00	1,653.15	1,255.31	857.48
53,700.01	54,100.00	1,665.51	1,267.67	869.84
54,100.01	54,500.00	1,677.87	1,280.03	882.20
54,500.01	54,900.00	1,690.23	1,292.39	894.56
54,900.01	55,300.00	1,702.59	1,304.75	906.92
55,300.01	55,700.00	1,714.95	1,317.11	919.28
55,700.01	56,100.00	1,727.31	1,329.47	931.64
56,100.01	56,500.00	1,739.67	1,341.83	944.00
56,500.01	56,900.00	1,752.03	1,354.19	956.36
56,900.01	57,300.00	1,764.39	1,366.55	968.72
57,300.01	57,700.00	1,776.75	1,378.91	981.08
57,700.01	58,100.00	1,789.11	1,391.27	993.44
58,100.01	58,500.00	1,801.47	1,403.63	1,005.80
58,500.01	58,900.00	1,813.83	1,415.99	1,018.16
58,900.01	59,300.00	1,826.19	1,428.35	1,030.52
59,300.01	59,700.00	1,838.55	1,440.71	1,042.88
59,700.01	60,100.00	1,850.91	1,453.07	1,055.24
60,100.01	60,500.00	1,863.27	1,465.43	1,067.60
60,500.01	60,900.00	1,875.63	1,477.79	1,079.96
60,900.01	61,300.00	1,887.99	1,490.15	1,092.32
61,300.01	61,700.00	1,900.35	1,502.51	1,104.68
61,700.01	62,100.00	1,912.71	1,514.87	1,117.04
62,100.01	62,500.00	1,925.07	1,527.23	1,129.40
62,500.01	62,900.00	1,937.43	1,539.59	1,141.76
62,900.01	63,300.00	1,949.79	1,551.95	1,154.12
63,300.01	63,700.00	1,962.15	1,564.31	1,166.48
63,700.01	64,100.00	1,974.51	1,576.67	1,178.84
64,100.01	64,500.00	1,986.87	1,589.03	1,191.20
64,500.01	64,900.00	1,999.23	1,601.39	1,203.56
64,900.01	65,300.00	2,011.59	1,613.75	1,215.92
65,300.01	65,700.00	2,023.95	1,626.11	1,228.28
65,700.01	66,100.00	2,036.31	1,638.47	1,240.64
66,100.01	66,500.00	2,048.67	1,650.83	1,253.00
66,500.01	66,900.00	2,061.03	1,663.19	1,265.36
66,900.01	67,300.00	2,073.39	1,675.55	1,277.72
67,300.01	67,700.00	2,085.75	1,687.91	1,290.08
67,700.01	68,100.00	2,098.11	1,700.27	1,302.44
68,100.01	68,500.00	2,110.47	1,712.63	1,314.80
68,500.01	68,900.00	2,122.83	1,724.99	1,327.16
68,900.01	69,300.00	2,135.19	1,737.35	1,339.52
69,300.01	69,700.00	2,147.55	1,749.71	1,351.88
69,700.01	70,100.00	2,159.91	1,762.07	1,364.24
70,100.01	70,500.00	2,172.27	1,774.43	1,376.60
70,500.01	70,900.00	2,184.63	1,786.79	1,388.96

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Tables				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
70,900.01	71,300.00	2,196.99	1,799.15	1,401.32
71,300.01	71,700.00	2,209.35	1,811.51	1,413.68
71,700.01	72,100.00	2,221.71	1,823.87	1,426.04
72,100.01	72,500.00	2,234.07	1,836.23	1,438.40
72,500.01	72,900.00	2,246.43	1,848.59	1,450.76
72,900.01	73,300.00	2,258.79	1,860.95	1,463.12
73,300.01	73,700.00	2,271.15	1,873.31	1,475.48
73,700.01	74,100.00	2,283.51	1,885.67	1,487.84
74,100.01	74,500.00	2,295.87	1,898.03	1,500.20
74,500.01	74,900.00	2,308.23	1,910.39	1,512.56
74,900.01	75,300.00	2,320.59	1,922.75	1,524.92
75,300.01	75,700.00	2,332.95	1,935.11	1,537.28
75,700.01	76,100.00	2,345.31	1,947.47	1,549.64
76,100.01	76,500.00	2,357.67	1,959.83	1,562.00
76,500.01	76,900.00	2,370.03	1,972.19	1,574.36
76,900.01	77,300.00	2,382.39	1,984.55	1,586.72
77,300.01	77,700.00	2,394.75	1,996.91	1,599.08
77,700.01	78,100.00	2,407.11	2,009.27	1,611.44
78,100.01	78,500.00	2,419.47	2,021.63	1,623.80
78,500.01	78,900.00	2,431.83	2,033.99	1,636.16
78,900.01	79,300.00	2,444.19	2,046.35	1,648.52
79,300.01	79,700.00	2,456.55	2,058.71	1,660.88
79,700.01	80,100.00	2,468.91	2,071.07	1,673.24
80,100.01	80,500.00	2,481.27	2,083.43	1,685.60
80,500.01	80,900.00	2,493.63	2,095.79	1,697.96
80,900.01	81,300.00	2,505.99	2,108.15	1,710.32
81,300.01	81,700.00	2,518.35	2,120.51	1,722.68
81,700.01	82,100.00	2,530.71	2,132.87	1,735.04
82,100.01	82,500.00	2,543.07	2,145.23	1,747.40
82,500.01	82,900.00	2,555.43	2,157.59	1,759.76
82,900.01	83,300.00	2,567.79	2,169.95	1,772.12
83,300.01	83,700.00	2,580.15	2,182.31	1,784.48
83,700.01	84,100.00	2,592.51	2,194.67	1,796.84
84,100.01	84,500.00	2,604.87	2,207.03	1,809.20
84,500.01	84,900.00	2,617.23	2,219.39	1,821.56
84,900.01	85,300.00	2,629.59	2,231.75	1,833.92
85,300.01	85,700.00	2,641.95	2,244.11	1,846.28
85,700.01	86,100.00	2,654.31	2,256.47	1,858.64

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Tables				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
86,100.01	86,500.00	2,666.67	2,268.83	1,871.00
86,500.01	86,900.00	2,679.03	2,281.19	1,883.36
86,900.01	87,300.00	2,691.39	2,293.55	1,895.72
87,300.01	87,700.00	2,703.75	2,305.91	1,908.08
87,700.01	88,100.00	2,716.11	2,318.27	1,920.44
88,100.01	88,500.00	2,728.47	2,330.63	1,932.80
88,500.01	88,900.00	2,740.83	2,342.99	1,945.16
88,900.01	89,300.00	2,753.19	2,355.35	1,957.52
89,300.01	89,700.00	2,765.55	2,367.71	1,969.88
89,700.01	90,100.00	2,777.91	2,380.07	1,982.24
90,100.01	90,500.00	2,790.27	2,392.43	1,994.60
90,500.01	90,900.00	2,802.63	2,404.79	2,006.96
90,900.01	91,300.00	2,814.99	2,417.15	2,019.32
91,300.01	91,700.00	2,827.35	2,429.51	2,031.68
91,700.01	92,100.00	2,839.71	2,441.87	2,044.04
92,100.01	92,500.00	2,852.07	2,454.23	2,056.40
92,500.01	92,900.00	2,864.43	2,466.59	2,068.76
92,900.01	93,300.00	2,876.79	2,478.95	2,081.12
93,300.01	93,700.00	2,889.15	2,491.31	2,093.48
93,700.01	94,100.00	2,901.51	2,503.67	2,105.84
94,100.01	94,500.00	2,913.87	2,516.03	2,118.20
94,500.01	94,900.00	2,926.23	2,528.39	2,130.56
94,900.01	95,300.00	2,938.59	2,540.75	2,142.92
95,300.01	95,700.00	2,950.95	2,553.11	2,155.28
95,700.01	96,100.00	2,963.31	2,565.47	2,167.64
96,100.01	96,500.00	2,975.67	2,577.83	2,180.00
96,500.01	96,900.00	2,988.03	2,590.19	2,192.36
96,900.01	97,300.00	3,000.39	2,602.55	2,204.72
97,300.01	97,700.00	3,012.75	2,614.91	2,217.08
97,700.01	98,100.00	3,025.11	2,627.27	2,229.44
98,100.01	98,500.00	3,037.47	2,639.63	2,241.80
98,500.01	98,900.00	3,049.83	2,651.99	2,254.16
98,900.01	99,300.00	3,062.19	2,664.35	2,266.52
99,300.01	99,700.00	3,074.55	2,676.71	2,278.88
99,700.01	100,100.00	3,086.91	2,689.07	2,291.24
100,100.01	100,500.00	3,099.27	2,701.43	2,303.60
		<i>(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$100,500)</i>		

C.3. - D. ...

1. Effective on or after January 1, 2026:

a. Withholding Formula for Taxpayers Not Claiming a Standard Deduction:

W is the withholding tax per pay period.
 S is employee's salary for the pay period.
 N is the number of pay periods.
 $W = S * .0309$

b. Withholding Formula for Single or Married-Separate Taxpayers Claiming the Standard Deduction:

W is the withholding tax per pay period.
 S is employee's salary for the pay period.

N is the number of pay periods.

$$W = (S - (12875 / N)) * .0309$$

c. Withholding Formula for Married-Joint Return, Qualified Surviving Spouse, or Head of Household Taxpayers Claiming the Standard Deduction:

W is the withholding tax per pay period.
 S is employee's salary for the pay period.
 N is the number of pay periods.
 $W = (S - (25750 / N)) * .0309$

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:32, R.S. 47:112, R.S. 47:295 and R.S. 47:1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 28:2557 (December 2002), amended LR 35:255 (February 2009), LR 35:1543 (August 2009), LR 44:1062 (June 2018), LR 48:2173 (August 2022), amended by the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 51:809 (June 2025), LR 52:

Richard Nelson
Secretary

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

**Closure of Portions of Public Oyster Seed Grounds
East of the Mississippi River**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of Revised Statutes (R.S.) 49:962, under the authority of R.S. 56:433, and under the authority of a Declaration of Emergency passed by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on September 4, 2025, which authorized the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to take emergency action if oyster resources and/or reefs are being adversely impacted, notice is hereby given that the secretary does hereby declare that the harvest of oysters from the following portions of the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River shall close at one-half hour after sunset on Monday, December 22, 2025:

1. That portion of the public oyster seed grounds within the Drum Bay area, St. Bernard Parish, north of a line of latitude at 29 degrees 51 minutes 58 seconds N, and west of a line of longitude at 89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds W.

2. That portion of public oyster seed grounds known as Shell Point (2009), St. Bernard Parish, within the following coordinates:

- 30 degrees 1 minute 15.89 seconds N
- 89 degrees 21 minutes 19.51 seconds W
- 30 degrees 1 minute 11.42 seconds N
- 89 degrees 21 minutes 12.30 seconds W
- 30 degrees 1 minute 29.77 seconds N
- 89 degrees 20 minutes 52.48 seconds W
- 30 degrees 1 minute 34.63 seconds N
- 89 degrees 20 minutes 58.81 seconds W.

Recent biological sampling by the department indicates these reefs have received concentrated harvest pressure and are experiencing elevated mortality levels. Therefore, the closure is necessary to protect the remaining oyster resource, allowing conservation of that resource for future harvest opportunities. Protection of these remaining oyster resources from injury is in the best interest of these public oyster seed grounds.

Notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of an oyster season will be provided by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action, unless such closure is ordered by the Department of Health for public health concerns.

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

Shrimp Season Closure in Portions of State Inside Waters

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been notified that recent biological sampling conducted by the department has indicated that average white shrimp size within these waters to be closed is smaller than the minimum possession count and this action is being taken to protect these small white shrimp and provide opportunity for growth to larger and more valuable sizes. R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) per pound except during the time period from October 15 through the third Monday in December.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:962 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons; R.S. 56:497 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to delegate to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the powers, duties and authority to set shrimp seasons; and in accordance with a Declaration of Emergency adopted by the commission on August 7, 2025, which authorizes the secretary of the department to close the fall inshore shrimp season when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, the secretary does hereby declare:

The remaining portion of Zone 2 from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the red Channel Buoy Line to close at official sunset on December 22, 2025.

Existing data do not currently support shrimping closures in additional state inside and outside waters. However, historic data suggest additional closures may be necessary and the department will continue monitoring shrimp populations in these waters. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season by the secretary will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

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Rules

RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of the Commissioner

Gypsum (LAC 7:XI.141 and 143)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority in R.S. 3:1424, notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, through the Office of the Commissioner, has adopted LAC 7:XI.141 and 143.

Pursuant to R.S. 3:1424, the commissioner is authorized to adopt by rule the provisions necessary to enforce the provisions of Act 94 of the 2025 Regular Session. The Rule provides requirements for the agricultural use of gypsum, including the establishment of analytical tolerances. The agency evaluated the Rule and determined it was necessary, consistent with law, and aligned with the agency's mission. The benefits of the Rule outweigh the burdens and costs. This proposed Rule is written in plain language in an effort to increase transparency. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 7

AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS

Part XI. Fertilizers

Chapter 2. Gypsum

§141. Definitions

A. The following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

Flue Gas Desulfurization Gypsum—gypsum that is produced when sulfur-containing compounds are removed from exhaust gases during the combustion of fossil fuels.

Gypsum—calcium sulfate dihydrate.

Phosphogypsum—solid waste by-product which results from the process of phosphoric acid production.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1424.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner, LR 52:24 (January 2026).

§143. Gypsum; Requirements for Agricultural Use; Analytical Tolerances

A. To use by-product gypsum (phosphogypsum and flue gas desulfurization gypsum) in accordance with R.S. 3:1424, the following shall apply:

1. The provider of the gypsum shall furnish chemical analysis documentation, from an accredited laboratory, for the product to the producer.

2. The chemical analysis documentation shall include the calcium and sulfur content and content of elements listed in Table 1 of the most recent version of the *Conservation Practice Standard, Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products, Code 333* as published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Concentrations of these elements shall not exceed maximum allowable concentrations listed in Table 1

of that publication. In addition, the radium-226 concentration in the gypsum-containing product shall not exceed 10 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) and chloride content shall not exceed one-half of one percent (0.5 percent).

B. The agricultural producer shall use gypsum only on his land or with written authorization from the landowner once the gypsum is analyzed and passes all analytical tolerances established by the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1424.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner, LR 52:24 (January 2026).

Mike Strain, DVM
Commissioner

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RULE

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Child Safety and Welfare
(LAC 28:CLXI.Chapters 1-21;
LAC 28:CLXV.103, 310, 503, and 507)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has amended LAC 28:CLXI in *Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* and LAC 28:CLXV in *Bulletin 139—Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*. Act 409 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session established child safety and welfare minimum standards that require revisions to BESE policy regarding early childhood care and education centers and programs. Additionally, Act 351(2025) mandates eligibility criteria for public funding. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CLXI. Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§103. Definitions

* * *

Early Learning Center—any child day care center, early head start center, head start center, nonpublic school prekindergarten program, or stand-alone prekindergarten program that is not attached to a school. The definition does not include Montessori schools, camps, and registered family day care homes.

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State Central Registry—repository within the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) that identifies any individual reported to have a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect of a child or children by DCFS.

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Student Mentor—a student in fifth grade or above who is enrolled at the school that is associated with the center and is present in the center in a mentoring role. A student mentor shall not be left alone with children outside of supervision of licensed center staff and shall not be counted in the child to staff ratio.

Student Trainee—a student who is at least age 16 and present in the center as an educational course requirement. A student trainee shall not be left alone with children and shall not be counted in the child to staff ratio.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.31 et seq.

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Chapter 3. Licensure

§301. Requirement of Licensure

A. - B. ...

C. A prekindergarten program operated by a nonpublic school serving children in grades kindergarten and above, and in which all children have not reached age five by September 30 of the current school year, shall be licensed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.34 and R.S. 17:24.8.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:619 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 52:25 (January 2026).

§303. Exemptions from Licensure

A. A public day school serving children in grades kindergarten and above, including any pre-kindergarten attached thereto, except as provided in §301.B, is exempt from the provisions of this bulletin. A nonpublic day school serving only children in grades kindergarten and above is exempt from the provisions of this Part.

B. - C. ...

D. Nothing in this bulletin shall apply to children in programs licensed or operated by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or the United States Department of Defense.

E. A school in which the prekindergarten program is accredited or provisionally accredited by the Louisiana Montessori Association and all children have reached age three by September 30 of the current school year is exempt from the provisions of this Part.

F. A registered family day care home is exempt from the provisions of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.35.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:619 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 47:1275 (September 2021), LR 52:25 (January 2026).

§305. Operating Without a License; Registry; Penalties

A. - B. ...

C. Upon receipt of a court order enjoining an individual or entity from operating an early learning center without a valid, current early learning center license, the department shall notify local law enforcement, the local superintendent, and the early childhood community network lead agency, if different, in the parish in which the unlicensed care was provided, and in the parish in which the individual resides, if known and different from the parish in which the unlicensed care was provided, of the existence of such a court order.

D. The department shall publish on its website in a statewide registry the names of individuals or entities that have an existing court order prohibiting them from operating an early learning center without a current, valid early learning center license and that do not currently operate a center with a current valid license. The registry shall at a minimum include the name of the individual, the name of the center under which the unlicensed care was provided, and the parish in which the unlicensed care was provided.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:619 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2104 (October 2015), LR 44:1859 (October 2018), LR 45:525 (April 2019), LR 49:1710 (October 2023), LR 52:25 (January 2026).

Chapter 5. Ownership of Early Learning Centers

§501. Definitions

* * *

Juridical Entity—a corporation, partnership, limited-liability company, church, university, or governmental entity, or other non-natural person.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.31 et seq., R.S. 17:407.41, and R.S. 17:407.42.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:620 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 52:25 (January 2026).

Chapter 7. Licensing Process and Procedures

§701. Initial Application Process

A. - E.8. ...

9. written documentation establishing direct or indirect ownership of the center, as defined in §501 of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.39.

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§705. Access

A. - B.5. ...

C. Each early learning center shall maintain a secured point of entry into the licensed space or school to provide for supervision of ingress and egress during operating hours or when children are present.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.43.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:623 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:248 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1860 (October 2018), LR 52:25 (January 2026).

§711. Renewal Applications

A. Repealed.

B. An application for renewal of a license shall be submitted using the department's online electronic system, prior to the first day of the month in which the current license expires.

C. ...

D. Repealed.

E. Failure to submit a complete renewal application in accordance with this Section, including the total annual licensure fee and all required documentation, may result in nonrenewal and expiration of the license.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, 17:407.40, and 17:407.43.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:624 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:1861 (October 2018), LR 52:26 (January 2026).

Chapter 9. Changes Requiring a New License

§901. Change in Location

A. Change in Location. When a center changes location, it is considered a new operation, and the center must submit a change in location application and fee for licensure, have verification of substantial compliance with the applicable licensing regulations, and have obtained approval from LDOE of the change in location application prior to opening at the new location.

B. - B.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.39 and R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:625 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:1861 (October 2018), LR 50:967 (July 2024), LR 52:26 (January 2026).

Chapter 11. Operating Violations and Incidents; Fines; Appeals

§1103. Critical Incidents and Required Notifications

A. - E. ...

F. Child Safety and Minimum Standards Information. The LDOE shall provide information about child safety and minimum standards to each licensed center, no later than August first of each year. Each center shall distribute the document to the parents of all children enrolled in the center at the beginning of each school year. The document may be distributed electronically.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40.

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Chapter 13. Denial, Revocation or Non-Renewal of License

§1305. Posting of Notice of Revocation, Suspension, or Refusal to Renew

A. The LDOE shall prominently post notice of a revocation or refusal to renew action at each public entrance of the center within one business day of such action. Notice of suspension may also be posted at each public entrance of the center.

B. Such notice of revocation or refusal to renew shall remain posted and visible to parents of children at the center throughout the pendency of any appeals of the revocation. Such notice of suspension, if posted, shall remain posted and visible to parents of children at the center throughout the pendency of the suspension.

C. The center shall not permit the destruction or removal of a notice of revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew action and shall ensure that the notice continues to be visible to any person entering the center throughout the pendency of any appeals or through the suspension period.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.44.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:627 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:1863 (October 2018), LR 47:1276 (September 2021), LR 52:26 (January 2026).

Chapter 15. Minimum General Requirements and Standards

§1503. General Liability Insurance Policy

A. A center shall maintain in force at all times current commercial liability insurance for the operation of the center to ensure medical coverage for children in the event of accident or injury or other such liability insurance as verified by the owner of the center to ensure medical coverage for the children in the event of accident or injury for which the center may be liable.

B. Documentation of sufficient liability insurance shall consist of the insurance policy or current binder that includes the name of the early learning center, physical address of the center, name of the insurance company, policy number, period of coverage, and explanation of the coverage. If the center is self-insured, or if more than one insurance type is combined to comprise the required coverage, a notarized affidavit certifying the arrangement must be included with the insurance documentation submitted to LDOE.

C. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:629 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 49:1712 (October 2023), LR 52:26 (January 2026).

§1507. Daily Attendance Records

A. - C. ...

D. Student Trainees and Student Mentors. A daily attendance record shall be maintained for all student trainees and student mentors to include the student's first and last name, school affiliation, date, and arrival and departure times.

E. - F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40.

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Chapter 17. Minimum Staffing Requirements and Standards

§1709. Director Qualifications

A. - B.1. ...

2. a national administrator credential and one year of experience in teaching or care in a licensed early learning center, or comparable setting, plus 6 credit hours or 90 clock hours of training in child care, child development, early childhood, or management/administration, subject to approval by the department;

3. three years of experience as a director or staff in a licensed early learning center, or comparable setting, subject to approval by the department plus 6 credit hours or 90 clock hours of training in child care, child development, early childhood, or management/administration approved by the department, or

4. current or prior employment at a school as a principal, assistant principal, or headmaster and either a graduate degree in any area from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602, principalship on a valid Louisiana teaching certificate, or a valid Louisiana EDL certificate.

C. ...

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§1711. Child-to-Staff Minimum Ratios

A. - B.1. ...

2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios. The same staff members shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of children at the same time.

C. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be visibly posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity. The form shall include a phone number to file complaints regarding supervision.

D. - L.7. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:633 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 43:638 (April 2017), LR 44:250 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1865 (October 2018), LR 45:525 (April 2019), LR 47:1276 (September 2021), LR 49:1712 (October 2023), LR 50:968 (July 2024), LR 52:27 (January 2026).

§1713. Supervision

A. ...

B. Children shall not be left alone in any room, (except the restroom as indicated in Subsection G of this), outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present (except when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, or when the child is in custody of a parent or legal guardian as defined in §103 of this Part).

C. - G.1. ...

a. a staff member is in proximity to and can see the children to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm or to assist with an accident while in the restroom;

b. individuals who are not staff members or therapeutic professionals may not enter the center restroom area while in use by any child other than their own child,

c. if a prekindergarten program or early learning center is part of a school with children in kindergarten or older, staff shall ensure that the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center are not unsupervised when in the restroom at the same time as any older children who are using the restroom; and

d. for any facility constructed after January 1, 2026, there shall be designated separate restrooms for the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center.

2. A child age five and older may be permitted to go and return from the restroom without staff.

H. - J.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:634 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2107 (October 2015), LR 42:554 (April 2016), LR 44:250 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 52:27 (January 2026).

§1719. Orientation Training

A. - A.10. ...

11. closing policy;

12. transportation policy and vehicle inspection procedures; and

13. notification that parents' written consent to release as required by §1515.B. of this Part shall not be applicable to staff members' personal communication devices or accounts and shall only provide for the release of information, recordings, or photographs by the center. Documentation, signed by each staff member, confirming receipt of the policy shall be maintained.

B. - D.5. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40(A)(1) and (3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:635 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 42:555 (April 2016), LR 44:1866 (October 2018), LR 47:1277 (September 2021), LR 49:1712 (October 2023), LR 52:27 (January 2026).

§1727. Child Neglect and Abuse Mandatory Reporter Training

A. - B. ...

C. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and not later than September thirtieth of each year thereafter and in a manner prescribed by LDOE, each owner or operator of an early learning center shall submit a list to LDOE of all teaching and child care providers employed by the entity and identify the employees who have complied with the training requirements in accordance with this Section and those employees who have not complied.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, Article 603.1, and 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 47:1278 (September 2021), amended LR 52:27 (January 2026).

Chapter 18. Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBC)

§1805. Persons Ineligible for Child Care Purposes

A. - A.4. ...

B. A person shall also be ineligible for child care purposes if upon the department's written request to DCFS after March 1, 2018, for information as to whether a person's name is on the state central registry within DCFS, the department receives written notice from DCFS that the person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect.

1. Until the required written notice is received from DCFS indicating that a person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect, the department shall not withhold a determination that a person is eligible for child care purposes, unless the results of some other component of the CCCBC require a determination of ineligibility.

C. - D.1. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 45 CFR 98.43 and R.S. 15:587.1, 17:6, and R.S. 17:407.42.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 44:252 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, amended LR 44:1866 (October 2018), amended LR 45:224 (February 2019), LR 47:1278 (September 2021), LR 51:523 (April 2025), LR 52:27 (January 2026).

Chapter 19. Minimum Health, Safety, and Environment Requirements and Standards

§1901. General Safety Requirements

A. - A.2. ...

3. Centers located in schools and churches shall have a staff-dedicated phone or two-way communication system within the licensed area.

A.4. - S.5. ...

T. Water beads or Orbeez shall be prohibited from the premises.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:636 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 42:555 (April 2016), LR 44:1867 (October 2018), LR 47:1278 (September 2021), LR 49:1207 (July 2023), LR 50:969 (July 2024), LR 52:28 (January 2026).

§1903. Physical Environment

A. - D.1. ...

a. A center may request approval from the Office of State Fire Marshal and the LDOE, that starting August 1 each academic year, for children who are ages four and above by September 30 of the same year, a minimum of 25 square feet of usable indoor space shall be available per child in the specified space for four year old and above use only.

D.1.b. - E.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(2).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:637 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2108 (October 2015), LR 44:256 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, effective March 1, 2018, LR 47:1278 (September 2021), LR 48:2549 (October 2022), LR 52:28 (January 2026).

§1919. Food Service and Nutrition

A. All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), 7 CFR 226.20, and LAC 51:XXIII. If the center is located within a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program

(NSLP) and the children are enrolled in that school, the center may follow applicable USDA NSLP meal pattern requirements and service guidelines in lieu of CACFP requirements per 7 CFR 210 and 220.

B. - I. ...

J. Bottled formula/breast milk for children shall be labeled with the child's name.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40(A)(4).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:640 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:257 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1867 (October 2018), LR 47:1279 (September 2021), LR 49:1714 (October 2023), LR 52:28 (January 2026).

Chapter 21. Minimum Transportation Requirements and Standards

§2103. Daily Transportation (Contract or Center Provided)

A. - D.1. ...

D.2. A contracted driver shall be considered a staff member for purposes of this Subsection if the driver is in compliance with the transportation regulations in accordance with this Chapter and §1719 of this Part, including but not limited to maintaining a daily passenger log in compliance with §2103.F, and completing and documenting a visual passenger check of the vehicle at the end of each route in compliance with §2107.A.

D.3. - F.3.g. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:642 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 42:556 (April 2016), LR 44:257 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 52:28 (January 2026).

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CLXV. Bulletin 139—Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs

Chapter 1. Child Care Assistance Program

§103. Definitions

Early Learning Center—any child day care center, early head start center, head start center, nonpublic school prekindergarten program, or stand-alone prekindergarten program that is not attached to a school. The definition does not include Montessori schools, camps, and registered family day care homes.

Head of Household—an individual who is over the age of 18 or under the age of 18 and emancipated by law with whom the child customarily resides more than half the time, and is a U.S. citizen or has satisfactory immigration status in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1641(b). The head of household is either the child's parent or an adult household member with primary responsibility for the child's financial support and care, if the parent is not living in the home or is living in the home but is under age 18 and not emancipated by law, or is disabled and is unable to care for himself and his child(ren).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 45 CFR part 98 and R.S. 17:407.28.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:2109 (October 2015), amended LR

42:42 (January 2016), LR 42:1870 (November 2016), LR 43:1279 (July 2017), LR 44:257 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:800 (April 2018), LR 47:1279 (September 2021), LR 48:30 (January 2022), LR 48:1006 (April 2022), LR 49:1208 (July 2023), LR 50:969 (July 2024), LR 51:524 (April 2025), LR 52:28 (January 2026).

Chapter 3. CCAP Provider Certification

§310. Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBCs) for Family Child Care Providers and In-Home Child Care Providers

A. - B.1.d. ...

2. A person shall also be ineligible for child care purposes if upon the department's written request to DCFS after March 1, 2018, for information as to whether a person's name is on the state central registry within DCFS, the department receives written notice from DCFS that the person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect.

a. Until the required written notice is received from DCFS indicating that a person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect, the department shall not withhold a determination that a person is eligible for child care purposes, unless the results of some other component of the person's CCCBC require a determination of ineligibility.

B.3. - G.5.b. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 45 CFR Part 98.43, R.S. 15:587.1, and R.S. 17:407.71.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 44:258 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, amended LR 48:31 (January 2022), LR 52:29 (January 2026).

Chapter 5. CCAP Household Eligibility

§503. Children Eligible for CCAP

A. - A.2. ...

3. customarily resides more than half the time with the person (head of household) who is applying for CCAP. The applicant shall verify U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1641(b). A child is still considered to be residing with the head of household for up to six weeks of scheduled absences from the home or early learning center, if there are definite plans for the child to return to the home or early learning center;

A.4. - B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99, and R.S. 17:407.28.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 42:43 (January 2016), amended LR 52:29 (January 2026).

§507. Certification Requirements for Categorically Eligible Households

A. - A.4.b. ...

5. verify U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1641(b).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99, and R.S. 17:407.28.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 42:43 (January 2016), amended LR 50:971 (July 2024), LR 52:29 (January 2026).

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RULE

Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs Division

Exclusion of Wastes for The Dow Chemical Company Plaquemine Plant (LAC 33:V.4999)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary has amended the Hazardous Waste regulations, LAC 33:V.4999.Appendix E (HW139).

The Rule delists Solvents/Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) Process Wastewater Effluent and Solvents East Ditch Sediment from certain EPA hazardous waste number categories and establish monitoring conditions to maintain the delisting status. This rulemaking acknowledges LDEQ's acceptance of The Dow Chemical Company's delisting exclusion petition submitted to fulfill a requirement in a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) with the Environmental Protection Agency issued per Docket No. RCRA-06-2010-0933.

Prior to October 5, 2015, The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) owned and operated the hazardous waste incinerator (F-700) in the Solvents/EDC production unit, now owned and operated by Blue Cube Operations, LLC. In accordance with the CAFO, Dow chose to pursue a waste exclusion delisting option under LDEQ oversight for both the Solvents/EDC Process Wastewater Effluent and Solvents East Ditch Sediment (in situ). The basis and rationale for this Rule are based on an evaluation of the information provided by the petitioner, including the analytical data, and the department's analysis of the information, including results of the Delisting Risk Assessment Software assessment. LDEQ found this initial petition to be deficient for determining delisting eligibility for all requested waste codes affecting the solvents east ditch sediment. After further sampling and analysis, Dow submitted a petition addendum on February 21, 2018, which satisfactorily demonstrated that both waste streams were eligible for delisting. This Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part V. Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality— Hazardous Waste

Chapter 49. Lists of Hazardous Wastes

[Editor's Note: Chapter 49 is divided into two Sections: category I hazardous wastes, which consist of hazardous wastes from nonspecific and specific sources (F and K wastes), acute hazardous wastes (P wastes), and toxic wastes (U wastes) (LAC 33:V.4901); and category II hazardous wastes, which consist of wastes that are ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic (LAC 33:V.4903).]

§4999. Appendices—Appendix A, B, C, D, and E

Appendix A. - Appendix D. ...

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Appendix E. Wastes Excluded under LAC 33:V.105.M

A. - B.3.b. ...

Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
BFI Waste Systems of Louisiana LLC, Colonial Landfill, Sorrento, LA
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Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
Denka Performance Elastomer LLC, LaPlace, LA
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Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
Lyondell Chemical Company, Lake Charles, LA
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Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
Marathon Oil Co., Garyville, LA
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Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
Motiva Enterprises LLC, Norco, LA
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Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., St. Gabriel, LA
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Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine, LA
<p>The solvents/EDC production unit, formerly owned and operated by The Dow Chemical Company, but currently owned and operated by Blue Cube Operations LLC since October 5, 2015, generates process wastewater effluent from an air pollution control system (wet scrubbing) that treats combustion gas produced from RCRA-permitted F-700 thermal treatment unit (incinerator), which combusts chlorinated organic waste feed streams carrying EPA listed hazardous waste numbers K016, K019, U044, U077, U080, U083, U210, U211, and U227. The specific hazardous waste streams combusted and their related EPA hazardous waste numbers are: Solvent Heavies (Tank D-700) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D032, D033, D034, D035, D039, and D040; EDC Heavies (Tank T-107) – D001, D018, D019, D022, D028, D032, D033, D035, D039, D040, K019, U077, and U227; Hexes (Tanks D-13/D-15) – D019, D032, D033, D034, D039, K016, U210, and U211; Chlorine Taffy (from chlorine unit) – D019, D022, D032, D033, D034, and D039; General Waste (Tank D-42) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D032, D033, D034, D039, K016, K019, U044, U077, U080, U083, U210, and U211; VRU Waste (Tank D-930) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D033, D039, U044, U077, U080, U210, and U211; Glycol Ethers/PDC (from Dow’s glycol unit) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D032, D035, and D039. The solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent is discharged through LPDES-permitted Internal Outfall 201 into the Solvents East Ditch. The Dow Chemical Company shall implement a sampling and analysis monitoring program that meets the following conditions for this hazardous waste number delisting exclusion to remain in effect.</p> <p>(1). Testing Sample collections and analyses, including quality control procedures, shall be performed according to methodologies described in <i>Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods</i>, EPA Publication SW-846, as incorporated by reference in LAC 33:V.110. All samples shall be taken while the F-700 thermal treatment unit is operating between 2,000 - 4,800 lb/hr. All sampling and analytical results including quality control information shall be reported to the Office of Environmental Services, Waste Permits Division.</p>

Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine, LA
<p>(1)(A). Initial Organic Verification Testing of Solvents/EDC Process Wastewater Effluent During the first six months after promulgation of this delisting exclusion, The Dow Chemical Company shall collect and analyze a monthly grab sample of solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent for Condition (3)(A) – (organic constituents). If the analytical results obtained during the six monthly test events are significantly below Condition (3)(A) – (delisting exclusion levels), as determined by the department in writing, then The Dow Chemical Company may replace Condition (1)(A) – (organic testing) with Condition (1)(B). Condition (1)(A) shall remain in effect indefinitely until the department makes this determination.</p> <p>(1)(B). Subsequent Organic Verification Testing of Solvents/EDC Process Wastewater Effluent Following satisfactory completion of Condition (1)(A) and written concurrence by the department, The Dow Chemical Company shall continue to collect and analyze grab samples annually thereafter for Condition (3)(A) – (organic constituents) on a randomly chosen operating day during the same operating month as the previous year’s sampling event. If the department determines, in writing, that the analytical results obtained during the annual test events are significantly below delisting exclusion levels in Condition (3)(A), then The Dow Chemical Company may discontinue further organic testing of solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent. Condition (1)(B) shall remain in effect indefinitely until the department makes this determination.</p> <p>(1)(C). Polychlorinated Dibenzodioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans (Dioxins and Furans) Testing During the first 30 days after promulgation of this delisting exclusion, The Dow Chemical Company shall collect and analyze a grab sample of Solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent for Condition (3)(B) – (dioxins and furans). The Dow Chemical Company shall sample and analyze for Condition (3)(B) – (dioxins and furans) once every three years beginning three years after the initial sampling event and during the same operating month as the previous year’s sampling event. If the department determines, in writing, that analytical results are insignificant, then The Dow Chemical Company may discontinue dioxins and furans testing. Condition (1)(C) shall remain in effect indefinitely, until the department makes this determination.</p> <p>(2). Waste Holding and Handling Subject to conditions of this delisting exclusion, the solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent becomes nonhazardous industrial solid waste. This newly delisted waste shall always be managed and/or disposed in accordance with all applicable solid waste regulations. If constituent levels in any representative sample equal or exceed any Condition (3) - Delisting Exclusion Levels, the solvents/EDC process water effluent shall be immediately resampled and reanalyzed for constituents that exceeded delisting exclusion levels. If the repeat analysis is less than delisting exclusion levels, then The Dow Chemical Company shall resume Condition (1) – (sampling and analysis). If reanalysis results equal or exceed any delisting exclusion levels, then within 45 days The Dow Chemical Company shall submit a report to the department describing probable causes for exceeding the constituent level and proposing corrective action measures. The department shall determine the necessary corrective action and shall notify The Dow Chemical Company, in writing, of the corrective action needed. The Dow Chemical Company shall implement the corrective action and reinitiate sampling and analysis for the constituent(s) per Condition (1). Within 30 days after receiving written notification, The Dow Chemical Company may appeal the corrective action determined by the department. During the full period of corrective action determination and implementation this delisting exclusion of solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent shall remain in effect unless the department notifies The Dow Chemical Company, in writing, of a suspension or rescission of all or part of this delisting exclusion. Sampling and analysis shall continue through this period as long as this delisting exclusion remains in effect.</p> <p>(3). Delisting Exclusion Levels The following delisting exclusion levels have been determined safe by taking into account health-based criteria and analytical method detection limits. Condition (3) concentrations shall be measured in the extract from samples by the appropriate method(s) specified in LAC 33:V. 4903.E, and shall be less than the following levels:</p> <p>(3)(A). Organic Constituents in Solvents/EDC Process Wastewater Effluent Carbon Tetrachloride—0.057 mg/L; Methylene Chloride—0.089 mg/L.</p>

Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine, LA
<p>(3)(B). Dioxins and Furans in Solvents/EDC Process Wastewater Effluent The 15 congeners listed in Section 1.1 of EPA Publication SW-846 Method 8290—(monitor only).</p>
<p>(4). Changes in F-700 Thermal Treatment Unit Operating Conditions or Waste Feed Streams If Blue Cube Operations LLC significantly changes operating conditions of the solvents/EDC production unit F-700 thermal treatment unit (incinerator) specified in the RCRA permit or delisting exclusion petition submitted by The Dow Chemical Company, adds any previously unpermitted waste feed streams to the incinerator, or significantly changes any waste feed profile described in the delisting exclusion petition, and any of these actions would justify a Class 3 modification to Blue Cube Operations LLC’s RCRA permit pertaining to this combustion unit, Blue Cube Operations, LLC shall notify the department, in writing. Following receipt of written acknowledgement by the department and after Blue Cube Operations LLC has implemented the changes, Blue Cube Operations, LLC shall collect and analyze a grab sample of solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent for the full listing of constituents found in 40 CFR part 264, appendix IX—Groundwater Monitoring List (LAC 33:V.3325). If appendix IX analysis results identify any hazardous constituent above delisting exclusion levels, or above universal treatment standards at 40 CFR 268.48, then Blue Cube Operations, LLC shall reinstitute Condition (1) testing for a minimum of six months, or until the department determines, in writing, that no more monitoring is required. This conditional delisting exclusion of solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent shall remain in effect until the department deems circumstances warrant suspending, amending, or terminating this delisting exclusion. Blue Cube Operations LLC may eliminate feeding any waste stream to the incinerator at any time without affecting this delisting exclusion of the solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent or any monitoring schedule.</p>

Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine, LA
<p>The Solvents East Ditch (owned by The Dow Chemical Company) historically receives process wastewater effluent from the solvents/EDC production unit, formerly owned and operated by The Dow Chemical Company, but currently owned and operated by Blue Cube Operations LLC since October 5, 2015. Blue Cube Operations LLC generates solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent from an air pollution control system (wet scrubbing) that treats combustion gas produced from RCRA-permitted F-700 thermal treatment unit (incinerator), which burns chlorinated organic wastes carrying EPA listed hazardous waste numbers K016, K019, U044, U045, U077, U080, U083, U210, U211, U227, and F024. The specific hazardous wastes combusted and their EPA hazardous waste numbers are: Solvent Heavies (Tank D-700) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D032, D033, D034, D035, D039, and D040; EDC Heavies (Tank T-107) – D001, D018, D019, D022, D028, D032, D033, D035, D039, D040, K019, U077, and U227; Hexes (Tanks D-13/D-15) – D019, D032, D033, D034, D039, K016, U210, and U211; Chlorine Taffy (from chlorine unit) – D019, D022, D032, D033, D034, and D039; General Waste (Tank D-42) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D032, D033, D034, D039, K016, K019, U044, U077, U080, U083, U210, and U211; VRU Waste (Tank D-930) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D033, D039, U044, U077, U080, U210, and U211; Glycol Ethers/PDC (from Dow’s glycol unit) – D001, D019, D022, D028, D032, D035, and D039. The Solvents East Ditch sediment also carries the same aforementioned waste numbers (including U045 and F024, associated with past operations only). The Dow Chemical Company shall implement a sampling and analysis monitoring program that meets the following conditions for this hazardous waste number delisting exclusion to remain in effect.</p>
<p>(1). Testing For monitoring purposes, Solvents East Ditch sediment samples for analysis shall either be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) in-situ ditch sediment collected according to an LDEQ-approved sampling and analysis plan; or b) solids filtered from solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent before it comesling with any other waste stream or process area stormwater runoff. Sample collections and analyses, including quality control procedures, shall be performed according to methodologies described in <i>Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods</i>, EPA Publication SW-846, as incorporated by reference in LAC 33:V.110. All samples shall be taken while the F-700 thermal treatment unit is operating between 2,000 – 4,800 lb/hr. All results, including quality control information, shall be reported to the department.

Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine, LA
<p>(1)(A). Initial Organic Verification Testing of Solvents East Ditch Sediment During the first six months after promulgation of this delisting exclusion, The Dow Chemical Company shall collect and analyze a sample of Solvents East Ditch sediment for Condition (3)(A) – (organic constituents). After completing this initial test event, The Dow Chemical Company shall sample and analyze for Condition (3)(A) – (organic constituents) annually for up to three years afterward during the same operating period as the previous year’s sampling event. If the analytical results are significantly below Condition (3)(A) – (delisting exclusion levels), as determined by the department in writing, then The Dow Chemical Company may discontinue further organic monitoring of Solvents East Ditch sediment. Condition (1)(A) shall remain in effect on an annual basis indefinitely until the department makes this determination.</p>
<p>(1)(B). Polychlorinated Dibenzodioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans (Dioxins and Furans) Monitoring During the first 30 days after promulgation of this delisting exclusion, The Dow Chemical Company shall collect and analyze a Solvents East Ditch sediment sample for Condition (3)(B) – (dioxins and furans). The Dow Chemical Company shall sample and analyze for Condition (3)(B) – (dioxins and furans) once every three years beginning three years after the initial sampling event and during the same operating month as the previous year’s sampling event. If the department determines, in writing, that analytical results are significantly below universal treatment standards, then The Dow Chemical Company may discontinue further monitoring of Solvents East Ditch sediment for dioxins and furans. Condition (1)(B) shall remain in effect indefinitely, until the department makes this determination.</p>
<p>(2). Waste Holding and Handling Subject to conditions of this delisting exclusion, Solvents East Ditch sediment becomes nonhazardous industrial solid waste. This newly delisted waste shall always be managed and/or disposed in accordance with all applicable solid waste regulations. If constituent levels in any representative sample equal or exceed any Condition (3) – Delisting Exclusion Levels, the Solvents East Ditch sediment shall be immediately resampled and reanalyzed for constituents that exceed delisting exclusion levels. If the repeat analysis is less than delisting exclusion levels, then The Dow Chemical Company shall resume Condition (1) – (sampling and analysis). If reanalysis results equal or exceed any delisting exclusion levels, then within 45 days The Dow Chemical Company shall submit a report to the department describing probable cause(s) for exceeding the constituent level and proposing corrective action measures. The department shall determine the necessary corrective action and shall notify The Dow Chemical Company of the corrective action needed. The Dow Chemical Company shall implement the corrective action and reinstate sampling and analysis for the constituent(s) per Condition (1). Within 30 days after receiving written notification, The Dow Chemical Company may appeal the corrective action determined by the department. During the full period of corrective action determination and implementation, this delisting exclusion of Solvents East Ditch sediment shall remain in effect unless the department notifies The Dow Chemical Company, in writing, of a suspension or rescission of all or part of this delisting exclusion. Sampling and analysis shall continue through this period, as long as this delisting exclusion remains in effect.</p>
<p>(3). Delisting Exclusion Levels The following delisting exclusion levels have been determined safe by taking into account health-based criteria and analytical method detection limits. Condition (3) concentrations shall be measured in the extract from samples by the appropriate method(s) specified in LAC 33:V. 4903.E. Concentrations in the extract shall be less than the following levels:</p>
<p>(3)(A). Organic Constituents in Solvents East Ditch Sediment Methylene Chloride—30.0 mg/kg.</p>
<p>(3)(B). Dioxins and Furans in Solvents East Ditch Sediment The 15 congeners listed in Section 1.1 of EPA Publication Number SW-846 Method 8290—monitor only, ug/kg.</p>
<p>(4). Changes in F-700 Thermal Treatment Unit Operating Conditions or Waste Feed Streams If Blue Cube Operations LLC significantly changes operating conditions of the solvents/EDC production unit F-700 thermal treatment unit (incinerator) specified in the delisting exclusion petition submitted by The Dow Chemical Company, adds any previously unpermitted waste feed streams to the incinerator, or significantly changes any waste feed profile described in the delisting exclusion petition, and any of these actions would justify a Class 3 modification to Blue Cube Operations LLC’s RCRA permit, Blue Cube Operations, LLC shall notify the department, in writing. Following receipt of written acknowledgement by the department and after Blue Cube Operations</p>

Table 1 – Wastes Excluded
The Dow Chemical Company, Plaquemine, LA
LLC has implemented the changes, Blue Cube Operations, LLC shall collect and analyze a Solvents East Ditch sediment sample for the full listing of constituents found in 40 CFR part 264, appendix IX—Groundwater Monitoring List (LAC 33:V.3325). If appendix IX analysis results identify any hazardous constituent above delisting exclusion levels, or above universal treatment standards at 40 CFR 268.48, then Blue Cube Operations, LLC shall reinstitute Condition (1) testing for a minimum of two six-month operating periods, or until the department determines, in writing, that no more monitoring is required. This conditional delisting exclusion of Solvents East Ditch sediment shall remain in effect until the department deems circumstances warrant suspending, amending, or terminating this delisting exclusion. Blue Cube Operations LLC may eliminate feeding any waste stream to the incinerator at any time without affecting the delisting exclusion of Solvents East Ditch sediment or any monitoring schedule.
(5). Changes in Analytical Profile of Solvents East Ditch Sediment. Solvents East Ditch sediment in-situ is excluded from certain EPA waste number categories presumptive upon the initial analysis for hazardous constituents in solids filtered from continuously generated solvents/EDC process wastewater effluent, as presented in the delisting exclusion petition submitted to LDEQ. This delisting exclusion does not extend to any additional hazardous waste numbers determined applicable subsequent to actual analysis of Solvents East Ditch sediment in-situ, nor absolve Blue Cube Operations, LLC from any management or corrective action that might be required.

Table 2 – One-Time Wastes Excluded
Murphy Exploration and Production Company, Amelia, LA

Table 2 – One-Time Wastes Excluded
Conrad Industries, Inc. (Conrad), Morgan City, LA

Table 2 – One-Time Wastes Excluded
Marine Shale Processors, Inc., Amelia LA

Table 2 – One-Time Wastes Excluded
Chevron Oronite Company LLC – Oak Point Plant, Belle Chasse, LA

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2180 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, LR 20:1000 (September 1994), amended by the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 21:944 (September 1995), LR 22:830 (September 1996), amended by the Office of Waste Services, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 23:952 (August 1997), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 25:2397 (December 1999), LR 26:2509 (November 2000), LR 29:1084 (July 2003), promulgated LR 29:1475 (August 2003), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 30:2464 (November 2004), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:445 (March 2007), LR 33:825 (May 2007), LR 33:1016 (June 2007), LR 34:73 (January 2008), LR 34:1021 (June 2008), LR 34:1613 (August 2008), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 38:2757 (November 2012), LR 40:1692 (September 2014), LR 42:2179 (December 2016), LR 43:1149 (June 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 43:2139

(November 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 49:59 (January 2023), LR 51:1134 (August 2025), LR 52:30 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Environmental Quality
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Expedited Penalty Maximums (LAC 33:I.805)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary has amended the Office of the Secretary regulations, LAC 33:I.805.A (OS105).

The Rule expands the increase XP Program maximums for a specific violation from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and for a case involving two or more violations from \$5,000 to \$10,000, thereby allowing the Enforcement Division to resolve penalty components of more cases utilizing the XP Program. The former maximums often posed a barrier to the use of the XP Program to resolve cases that otherwise meet all qualifying XP Program criteria. The basis and rationale for this Rule are to revise LAC 33:I.805.A to mirror the expedited penalty maximums specified in R.S. 30:2025(D)(1) which was amended by Act No. 492 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, which became effective on August 1, 2025. This Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Chapter 8. Expedited Penalty Agreement

§805. Applicability

A. **Limit of Penalty Amount.** The total penalty assessed for the expedited penalty agreement shall not exceed \$5,000 for one violation or \$10,000 for two or more violations.

B. - L. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular R.S. 30:2025(D).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 32:2242 (December 2006), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 42:236 (February 2016), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 48:1790 (July 2022), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:32 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division**

**Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Regulations
(LAC 33:I.7005, 7007, 7009, 7011, and 7013)**

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary has amended the Office of the Secretary regulations, LAC 33:I.Chapter 70 (OS104).

The Rule amends and clarify sections of LAC 33:I.Chapter 70 -Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Regulations. The Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Program was established to enhance protection of human health and the environment and increase environmental compliance at regulated entities. The Voluntary Self-Audit Regulations were promulgated on December 20, 2023. Based on implementation of the program and feedback from participants, the department has determined that revisions were necessary to aid in further implementation of the program. The Rule also addresses comments received during the rulemaking process, public hearing, and comment period, for the original Rule. The basis and rationale for this Rule are to aid the department in continued implementation of the self-audit program. This Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 33
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart 5. Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Program

Chapter 70. Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Regulations

§7005. Definitions

A. The following terms used in this Chapter shall have the meanings listed below, unless the context otherwise requires, or unless specifically redefined in a particular Section.

Date of Discovery or Discovery—when the owner or operator of a facility has an objectively reasonable basis for believing a violation has, or may have occurred.

Disclosure of Violation or Disclosure—written notification via the department’s approved form by the owner or operator related to violations discovered during the course of an audit.

Pattern—a series of violations that are due to separate and distinct events within a three year period at the same facility or unit/process.

Regulated Entity—Repealed.

Same or Closely Related Violation—a violation that is part of a pattern of noncompliance.

Systematic Discovery—the detection of a potential violation through an environmental audit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2044(A).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 49:2100 (December 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:33 (January 2026).

§7007. Exclusions

A. Violations that are not eligible for relief under this program shall include, but not be limited to violations:

1. that result in serious actual harm to the environment including those reported in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 39;

2. that may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the environment or public health including those reported in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 39;

A.3. - B. ...

C. The department reserves the right to take enforcement action with respect to a violation that:

1. is excluded under LAC 33:I.7007.A;

2. is not properly or adequately disclosed and/or corrected in accordance with this Chapter; or

3. is determined to not be eligible for penalty mitigation.

D. Participation in the environmental voluntary self-audit program shall not prohibit the department from conducting any inspections and/or investigations authorized by environmental statutes, regulations, or other obligations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2044(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 49:2100 (December 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:33 (January 2026).

§7009. Program Scope

A. - A.1.c. ...

d. The department shall acknowledge receipt of the notice of audit in writing. The owner or operator may initiate an audit prior to receiving the acknowledgement in writing.

e. The department may request additional information to satisfy any incomplete notice of audit forms.

f. The owner or operator shall notify the department in writing if an approved audit will not be conducted or completed.

A.2. ...

a. The disclosure of violation(s) shall be submitted by the owner or operator no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the audit period. The violation(s) shall be properly disclosed and reported to the department by certified mail, or other means approved by the department, in order to qualify for penalty mitigation.

b. - c. ...

d. The department shall acknowledge receipt of the disclosure of violation in writing.

3. An environmental audit shall be completed within a reasonable time, not to exceed six months from the audit commencement date reported in the notice of audit form, unless the department grants an extension of time.

4. The department shall document the official end of audit period in writing to the owner or operator.

B. Requests for Extension of Time

1. Requirements for Request for Extension of Time

a. If an audit cannot be completed within six months after the audit commencement date, a request for extension of time shall be submitted in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the audit period with sufficient information to justify an extension. The department shall review the request for extension and grant or deny the request in writing. An approved extension shall only apply to the time/duration of the audit.

b. The department may grant an extension up to 180 calendar days. The owner or operator shall include the amount of additional time being requested in the written request. Extensions shall not be utilized as uninterrupted or continuous environmental audits.

C. Corrective Actions

1. Corrective actions shall be completed within 90 calendar days from the date of discovery of the violation unless a specific period is required by statute, regulation, permit requirement or as provided in 7009.C.1.b.

a. Corrective actions shall include detailed actions implemented, or to be implemented, to prevent recurrence of the violation and a scheduled date of completion. All completed corrective actions shall be evaluated by the department. The owner or operator shall submit a revised disclosure of violation if the proposed corrective actions change.

b. Monthly progress reports documenting implementation of corrective actions that will take longer than 90 calendar days to complete shall be submitted to the department until completion of the corrective actions. The progress report shall be postmarked by the 15 day following the completion of the preceding calendar quarter.

c. A final written report shall be submitted to the department within 30 calendar days after completion of the audit or completion of all corrective actions, whichever is later. The final written report shall include, but not be limited, to:

- i. notice of audit;
- ii. disclosure of violation(s); and
- iii. certification of completion of all corrective actions, which shall also include any actions implemented to prevent recurrence of the violation.

d. Failure to notify, implement, and/or complete all corrective actions shall be considered a violation and may be subject to the appropriate enforcement action.

D. Retention of Environmental Audit Report

1. The complete environmental audit report should not be submitted to the department unless specifically requested by the department in writing.

2. The complete environmental audit report shall be maintained on-site or in an accessible location for a period of five years after completion of the audit.

E. Penalty Mitigation

1. The owner or operator shall receive a 100 percent reduction in civil penalties for each disclosed violation that meets the following nine conditions:

- a. ...
- b. The violation was voluntarily discovered. The violation was not discovered through a federal, state, or local

requirement prescribed by statute, regulation, permit, judicial or administrative order, or a consent agreement.

c. The violation was disclosed to the department in writing no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the audit period, unless an existing law or regulation requires disclosure sooner or as provided in 7009.E.1.d.

d. The violation was independently discovered. Discovery of a violation will be presumed to be independent if such discovery occurs prior to, and is disclosed to the department within 72 hours following any of the circumstances below.

i. notice to the owner or operator of an inspection by the department.

ii. notice to the owner or operator of a threatened citizen suit, third party complaint, or whistleblower complaint filed with the department and relating to the alleged violation.

iii. receipt by the owner or operator of a written information request by the department relating to the subject matter of the violation.

e. The violation was corrected as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 90 calendar days from the date of discovery, or as allowed under 7009.C.1.b.

f. - i. ...

2. The owner or operator shall receive a 75 percent reduction in civil penalties for any disclosed violation if all of the conditions in LAC 33:I.7009.E.1 are met except systematic discovery.

3. Failure to meet the required conditions in LAC 33:I.7009.E shall result in ineligibility for penalty reduction and may be subject to the appropriate enforcement action.

4. LAC 33:7009.E.1.d shall not prohibit the department from conducting any inspections and/or investigations as provided in LAC 33:I.7007.D.

5. The department reserves the right to collect any monetary benefits realized through noncompliance.

6. The department shall issue a written determination for penalty mitigation.

F. - F.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2044(C)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 49:21000 (December 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:33 (January 2026).

§7011. New Owner

A. Definitions

1. The following terms used in this Chapter shall have the meanings listed below, unless the context otherwise requires, or unless specifically redefined in a particular Section.

New Owner—any person not responsible for the environmental compliance at the time the violation(s) occurred at the facility that is the subject of the environmental audit, did not cause the violation being disclosed, and could not have prevented the occurrence.

B. - B.1. ...

2. An audit shall be completed within six months after the acquisition closing date, if the new owner continues an audit that was initiated by the previous owner.

3. An audit initiated by a new owner shall be completed within a reasonable time, not to exceed nine months from the audit commencement date reported in the Notice of Audit form, unless the department grants an extension of time.

4. Failure to request and receive written approval from the department for an extension of time to complete an audit may forfeit any penalty mitigation.

5. The new owner making the disclosure must certify in the disclosure that all of the following conditions were true before the acquisition closing date of the facility that is the subject of the audit.

a. The new owner was not responsible for the environmental compliance at the time the violation(s) occurred at the facility or the operation that is the subject of the audit.

b. The new owner did not have the largest ownership share of the seller.

c. The seller did not have the largest ownership share of the new owner.

d. The new owner and seller did not have a common corporate parent or a common majority interest owner.

6. A new owner is eligible for penalty mitigation if the following are met.

a. Prompt disclosure of the violations to the department.

b. The conditions outlined in LAC 33:1.7011.B.5.

7. The new owner shall receive a 100 percent reduction in civil penalties for each disclosed violation that meets the following nine conditions.

a. The violation was systematically discovered through an environmental audit.

b. The violation was voluntarily discovered. The violation was not discovered through a federal, state, or local requirement prescribed by statute, regulation, permit, judicial or administrative order, or a consent agreement.

c. The violation was disclosed to the department in writing no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the audit period, unless an existing law or regulation requires disclosure sooner, or as provided in 7009.E.1.d.

d. The violation was independently discovered. Discovery of a violation will be presumed to be independent if such discovery occurs prior to, and is disclosed to the department within 72 hours following any of the circumstances below.

i. Notice to the owner or operator of an inspection by the department.

ii. Notice to the owner or operator of a third party complaint or whistleblower complaint filed with the department and related to the alleged violation.

iii. Receipt by the owner or operator of a written information request by the department relating to the subject matter of the violation.

e. The violation was corrected as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 90 calendar days from the date of discovery or as allowed under 7009.C.1.b.

f. The appropriate measures to prevent a recurrence of the violation were implemented after the violation was disclosed to the department.

g. The same or closely related violation has not occurred at the same facility within the past three years.

h. The violation is not excluded as listed in LAC 33:1.7007.A.

i. The owner or operator has cooperated by providing information as necessary and required by the department to determine eligibility.

8. Penalty mitigation will not apply if any of the following are met.

a. The new owner who made the disclosure willingly or knowingly committed the violation or was responsible for the commission of the violation.

b. The new owner who made the disclosure recklessly committed the violation or was responsible for the commission of the disclosed violation and the violation resulted in substantial injury or harm to one or more persons, property, or the environment on-site or off-site.

c. The violation was committed willfully or knowingly by a member of the new owner's management, or an agent of the new owner, and the new owner's policies or lack of prevention systems contributed materially to the occurrence of the violation.

d. The violation was recklessly committed by a member of the new owner's management, by an agent of the new owner, or if the new owner's policies or lack of prevention systems contributed materially to the occurrence of the violation resulting in substantial injury or harm to one or more persons, property, or the environment on-site or off-site.

e. The violation has resulted in substantial economic benefit that gives the new owner a clear advantage over its business competitors.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2044(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 49:2101 (December 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:34 (January 2026).

§7013. Fees

A. - B.1. ...

C. Failure to pay the initial fee or the additional fee by the due date specified on the invoice will constitute a violation of these regulations and shall subject the person requesting the review to appropriate enforcement action under the subtitle.

D. - E.3.c. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2044(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 49:2102 (December 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Division, LR 52:35 (January 2026).

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RULE
Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Office of State Procurement

Procurement Protest Bonds (LAC 34:V.Chapter 16)

In accordance with provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement, has created Chapter 16 of LAC 34:V. Procurement. The rules will be added to implement, in part, Act 5 of the 2025 Regular Session. The Act created a protest bond to stay procurement proceedings during protests, for which this rulemaking will provide forms and procedures. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 34

**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENT,
AND PROPERTY CONTROL**

Part V. Procurement

Chapter 16. Procurement Protest Bonds

§1601. Purpose

A. This Chapter implements the system of procurement protest bonds and related provisions set forth in R.S. 39:1671(F), particularly as amended by Act 5 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.

B. These rules implement and prescribe the form of the protest bond or security to be used when seeking a stay of a contract award.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 39:1581 and 39:1671.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement, LR 52:36 (January 2026).

§1603. Procedures

A. A protestor who has timely protested an award in accordance with R.S. 39:1671(A) may apply for a stay of such award in strict accordance with the following procedures:

1. The protestor must apply for the stay of an award during the protest period provided in R.S. 39:1671(A).

2.a. The protestor must present during the protest period provided in R.S. 39:1671(A) a surety bond, cashier's check, or certified check to the Office of State Procurement as security. In no circumstance will cash, EFT, credit card, other valuables, or a personal or similar business check be accepted.

b. If the protestor elects to present a bond, the bond must be posted with a good and solvent surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to 10 percent of policyholders' surplus.

c. If the protestor elects to present a cashier's check or certified check as security, such check must be drawn on a bank, credit union, or savings institution which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration, payable at sight or unconditionally assigned.

3.a. The bond or security shall be presented to the Office of State Procurement in a form approved by the Office of

State Procurement, as detailed in Section 1605 of this Chapter.

b. For delivery in person, by package service, or USPS:

Office of State Procurement
Attn: OSP Director / State CPO
Suite 2-160, Claiborne Bldg.
1201 N Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802

4. The amount of the bond or other security submitted shall be in accordance with R.S. 39:1671(F)(2).

5. Any surety bond, cashier's check, or certified check presented must be valid on its face for a period of at least 6 months from the date of issuance. In the event the surety bond, cashier's check, or certified check contains an expiration date or otherwise expires or lapses prior to final resolution of the protest, it shall be the responsibility of the protestor to immediately provide a replacement, working with the surety if applicable, without prompting by the Office of the State Procurement. Expiration or lapsing of a surety bond, cashier's check, or certified check without timely remedy may be grounds for lifting of the stay of award without relieving the protestor of any liability it may have for claims against the amount of the bond, cashier's check or certified check initially pledged, in the event the protest is eventually rejected.

6. The Office of State Procurement shall be the obligee and custodian of the bond, cashier's check, or certified check until the protest and stay have been finally resolved. The Office of State Procurement shall not deposit or access such funds or draw interest on them.

7. Any protestor may request at any time to irrevocably cancel or lift their own stay, and request the return of the bond or security without penalty. The Office of State Procurement may approve or deny such a request.

8. If the protest is upheld and the award is cancelled, or if the award or solicitation is cancelled prior to final resolution of the protest, or if the protestor succeeds in an administrative or judicial appeal of an adverse protest decision, the bond or security shall be returned to the person who submitted same without penalty or delay, or securely destroyed after a period of 90 days thereafter if return is not practicable.

9. If the protest is rejected, and the award is upheld, a claim may be made against the bond or security by the using agency in an amount equal to the expenses incurred and other monetary losses suffered by the state resulting from the unsuccessful protest.

10. The State Chief Procurement Officer shall hold an informal hearing on the claim and may elect to use a briefing process to enable all parties to address the claim amount(s).

11. Upon proof presented at the informal hearing, the State Chief Procurement Officer shall determine the amount of expenses incurred and other monetary losses suffered by the state resulting from the unsuccessful protest. The state may allow the protestor to choose to satisfy payment of the amount by other means (for example, by remitting funds directly by wire in lieu of a claim against the surety bond, or providing a new cashier's check for the net amount as a substitute of the original security's face amount), but the original bond or security shall not be released until the amount owed has been satisfied entirely.

12. If there has been no specific claim amount determined by the state chief procurement officer against the bond or security within 90 days after the final disposition of the protest (that is, 90 days after the protest decision if not appealed, or 90 days after the final appeal decision if appealed), the protestor may request the return or secure destruction of the bond or security without penalty, such permission not to be unreasonably withheld.

13. Failure by the protestor and/or the surety to comply with the provisions of this Chapter may be evaluated as an indicator of responsibility for the protestor and/or the surety, and accordingly may also constitute a cause for debarment of the protestor and/or surety in accordance with R.S. 39:1672(C).

14. Any value remaining in the bond or security after resolving and paying out the determined amount(s) shall be returned to the person who posted the bond or security without delay.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 39:1581 and 39:1671.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement, LR 52:36 (January 2026).

§1605. Forms

A. The Procurement Protest Surety Bond form indicated in this Section, or its successor published by the Office of State Procurement, shall be completed in full and submitted to the Office of State Procurement in accordance with this Chapter, in lieu of the Procurement Protest Security Collateral form.

B. The Procurement Protest Security Collateral form indicated in this Section, or its successor published by the Office of State Procurement, shall be completed in full and submitted to the Office of State Procurement to accompany any security collateral check presented in accordance with this Chapter, in lieu of the Procurement Protest Surety Bond form.

STATE OF LOUISIANA - PROCUREMENT PROTEST SURETY BOND (“Surety Bond”)

- 1. Using Agency/Dept.: _____
- 2. Solicitation Title/No.: _____ (“Solicitation”)
- 3. Protestor Legal Name: _____ (“Protestor”)
- 4. Protestor Contact Person: _____
- 5. Protestor Legal Domicile: _____
- 6. Protestor Entity Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor
<input type="checkbox"/> LLC / LLP	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> JV / Other
- 7. Surety Legal Name: _____ (“Surety”)
- 8. Surety Contact Person: _____
- 9. Surety Mailing Address: _____
- 10. “Bond Amount”: _____
- 11. Bond Reference ID/No.: _____
- 12. “Obligee”: State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

The above-named Protestor and Surety, each duly authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana, are held and firmly and securely bound unto the Obligee in the Bond Amount indicated in Dollars, good and lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum we, as Protestor and Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

The Protestor has initiated an administrative protest with the Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Louisiana, regarding an award issued in the above-named and numbered Solicitation. This Surety Bond is intended to comply with the requirements of R.S. 39:1671(F), as amended by Act 5 of 2025, and LAC 34:V.16, to grant the Protestor a stay of the award issued in the above-named and numbered solicitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this Surety Bond is that if the Protestor, after conclusion or termination of the administrative and (if applicable) the judicial review process regarding the protest, does not prevail and the award is upheld, this Surety Bond shall be forfeited to the State of Louisiana to the extent of the amount equal to the expenses incurred and other monetary losses suffered by the State of Louisiana resulting from the unsuccessful protest. In the event the Protestor prevails, then the obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

Upon official written notification to the Surety by the State of Louisiana that the Protestor has not prevailed, and that a specific final claim amount has been determined by the State Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with R.S. 39:1671(F) and LAC 34:V.16, the Surety Bond shall be forfeited and the Surety agrees to immediately remit the specified amount to the Obligee or as directed by the State Chief Procurement Officer, equal to the expenses incurred and other monetary losses suffered by the State of Louisiana resulting from the Protestor's unsuccessful protest to the award of the Solicitation. In the event the Surety fails to pay the Obligee in accordance with this paragraph, the Obligee may bring an action to enforce this Surety Bond in accordance with its terms. The Surety Bond, any dispute, claim or controversy relating to the Surety Bond, and all rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed under the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551-1755).

The Protestor and Surety certify that the Surety is a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the *Federal Register*, or a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the *A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide* to write individual bonds up to 10 percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide.

By signing, each signatory attests that all information presented is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that the signatory has been duly authorized to bind and present this Surety Bond to the State of Louisiana on behalf of the entity they represent. Power of Attorney or other signature authority is attached hereto.

Notarized Execution by Protestor

Protestor Legal Name: _____

Protestor Signature: _____

Signatory Name, Title: _____

(Corporate Seal)

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

On this day of _____, 20____, before me appeared _____, known or identified to me to be the person(s) described, and who being duly sworn, did say they are the _____ of the Protestor named in the Procurement Protest Surety Bond, that they are authorized to bind and present the Surety Bond on behalf of the Protestor to the State of Louisiana, and that the presentation of this Surety Bond is the free act and deed of the Protestor.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Notary Public Name: _____

Notary in the State of: _____

Commission Expires: _____

(Notarial Seal)

NOTE: The Notarized Execution by Surety is required along with this Notarized Execution by Protestor.

Notarized Execution by Surety

Surety Legal Name: _____

Surety Signature: _____

Signatory Name, Title: _____

(Corporate Seal)

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

On this day of _____, 20____, before me appeared _____, known or identified to me to be the person(s) described, and who being duly sworn, did depose and say that they are the _____ of the Surety named in the Procurement Protest Surety Bond, and which executed said Surety Bond; that they know the corporate seal of the Surety; that the seal affixed to said Surety Bond is such corporate seal; and that the seal was so affixed properly and with full authorization on behalf of the Surety, thereby representing a valid act and deed of the Surety.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Notary Public Name: _____

Notary in the State of: _____

Commission Expires: _____

(Notarial Seal)

STATE OF LOUISIANA - PROCUREMENT PROTEST SECURITY COLLATERAL (“Security Collateral”)

1. Using Agency/Dept.: _____
2. Solicitation Title/No.: _____ (“Solicitation”)
3. Protestor Legal Name: _____ (“Protestor”)
4. Protestor Contact Person: _____
5. Protestor Legal Domicile: _____
6. Protestor Entity Type: Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietor
 LLC / LLP Non-Profit JV / Other
7. Legal Name of Bank / Credit Union: _____ (“Bank”)
8. Bank Contact Person: _____
9. Bank Mailing Address: _____
10. “Security Amount”: _____
11. Security Type: Cashier’s Check Certified Check
12. Check Reference ID/No.: _____
13. “Obligee” or Payee: State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

The above-named Protestor, duly authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana, is held and firmly and securely bound unto the Obligee in the Security Amount indicated in Dollars, good and lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment to the Obligee of which sum Protestor binds itself, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, by these presents. Said Security Amount is evidenced by a Check of the Security Type indicated above, drawn on the Bank, Credit Union, or Savings Institution (collectively “Bank”) indicated above, which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration, payable at sight or unconditionally assigned to the Obligee.

The Protestor has initiated an administrative protest with the Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Louisiana, regarding an award issued in the above-named and numbered Solicitation. This Security Collateral is intended to comply with the requirements of R.S. 39:1671(F), as amended by Act 5 of 2025, and LAC 34:V.16, to grant the Protestor a stay of the award issued in the above-named and numbered solicitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this Security Collateral is that if the Protestor, after conclusion or termination of the administrative and (if applicable) the judicial review process regarding the protest, does not prevail and the award is upheld, this Security Collateral shall be forfeited to the State of Louisiana to the extent of the amount equal to the expenses incurred and other monetary losses suffered by the State of Louisiana resulting from the unsuccessful protest. In the event the Protestor prevails, then the obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

Upon official written notification to the Protestor by the State of Louisiana that the Protestor has not prevailed, and that a specific final claim amount has been determined by the State Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with R.S. 39:1671(F), as amended by Act 5 of 2025, and LAC 34:V.16, the Security Collateral shall be forfeited and the Protestor agrees to immediately remit the specified amount to the Obligee or as directed by the State Chief Procurement Officer, equal to the expenses incurred and other monetary losses suffered by the State of Louisiana resulting from the Protestor’s unsuccessful protest to the award of the Solicitation. In the event the Protestor fails to pay the Obligee in accordance with this paragraph, the Obligee may bring a claim to enforce this Security Collateral in accordance with its terms. The Security Collateral, any dispute, claim or controversy relating to the Security Collateral, and all rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed under the Louisiana Procurement Code (La R.S. 39:1551-1755).

By signing, the signatory attests that all information presented is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that the signatory has been duly authorized to bind and present this Security Collateral to the State of Louisiana on behalf of the Protestor.

Notarized Execution by Protestor

Protestor Legal Name: _____

Protestor Signature: _____

Signatory Name, Title: _____

(Corporate Seal)

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

On this day of _____, 20____, before me appeared _____, known or identified to me to be the person(s) described, and who being duly sworn, did say they are the _____ of the Protestor named in the Procurement Protest Security Collateral, that they are authorized to bind and present the Security Collateral on behalf of the Protestor to the State of Louisiana, and that the presentation of this Security Collateral is the free act and deed of the Protestor.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Notary Public Name: _____

Notary in the State of: _____

Commission Expires: _____

(Notarial Seal)

C. The Office of State Procurement shall make technical corrections and improvements as needed to its forms, especially in response to user feedback, and shall freely make available on its website the current versions in an accessible format. The Office of State Procurement shall concurrently accept use of the formats set forth in the LAC.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 39:1581 and 39:1671.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement, LR 52:37 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Health
Board of Dentistry**

Licensure Examination
(LAC 46:XXXIII.1709, 1711, and 1713)

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., the Dental Practice Act, R.S. 37:751, et seq., and particularly R.S. 37:760 (8), notice is hereby given that the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry has amended LAC 46:XXXIII.1709, 1711, and 1713. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS
Part XXXIII. Dental Health Profession
Chapter 17. Licensure Examination
§1709. Examination of Dentists
A. - B.2. ...**

C. Examination scores are valid for initial licensure for five years following the candidate's successful completion of an accepted licensing examination. The examination accepted by the Board of Dentistry for initial licensure by examination is the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) dental examination.

D. - F.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(1) and (8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 24:1119 (June 1998), amended LR 28:2513 (December 2002), LR 33:2654 (December 2007), LR 37:1407 (May 2011), LR 37:2151 (July 2011), LR 37:3516 (December 2011), repromulgated LR 38:356 (February 2012), amended LR 38:1959 (August 2012), LR 39:86 (January 2013), LR 39:1282 (May 2013), LR 40:783 (April 2014), amended by the Board of Dentistry, LR 42:1622 (October 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 44:48 (January 2018), LR 49:1383 (August 2023), LR 51:788 (June 2025), LR 52:41 (January 2026).

§1711. Examination of Dental Hygienists

A. - B.2. ...

C. Examination scores are valid for initial licensure for three years following the candidate's successful completion of an accepted licensing examination. The examination accepted by the Louisiana state Board of Dentistry for initial licensure by examination is the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) dental hygiene examination.

D. - F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(1) and (8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 24:1119 (June 1998), amended LR 28:1779 (August 2002), LR 33:2654 (December 2007), LR 37:1407 (May 2011), LR 37:2151 (July 2011), LR 37:3516 (December 2011), repromulgated LR 38:356 (February 2012), amended LR 38:1960 (August 2012). amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 42:1662 (October 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 44:48 (January 2018), LR 51:788 (June 2025), LR 52:42 (January 2026).

§1713. Board Approved Regional or National Independent Third-Party Clinical Examinations

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 36:63 (January 2010), amended LR 36:2039 (September 2010), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 52:42 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Medicaid Eligibility
Federally-Facilitated Marketplace Determinations
(LAC 50:III.505)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing has repealed LAC 50:III.505 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part III. Eligibility

Subpart I. General Administration

Chapter 5. Application Processing

§505. Federally-Facilitated Marketplace Determinations

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1489 (August 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 42:1091 (July 2016), repealed LR 52:42 (January 2026).

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

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RULE

**Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Professional Services Program—Doula Services
(LAC 50:IX.Chapter 15 and Chapter 151)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted LAC 50:IX.Chapter 15 and Chapter 151 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part IX. Professional Services Program
Subpart 1. General Provisions

Chapter 15. Doula Services

§1501. General Provisions

A. Effective for dates of service on or after [day of promulgation], the Medicaid Program shall provide reimbursement for maternal healthcare services before, during, and after childbirth provided by a registered doula in Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254, R.S. 46:977.41-43 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 52:43 (January 2026).

§1503. Provider Qualifications

A. A qualified doula is an individual who:

1. has been trained to provide physical, emotional, and educational support to pregnant and birthing women and their families;

2. has approved registration with the Doula Registry Board; and

3. enrolled as a Louisiana Medicaid provider.

B. A qualified doula shall not provide medical or midwifery care.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254, R.S. 46:977.41-43 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 52:43 (January 2026).

§1505. Scope of Services

A. Covered doula services may include, but are not limited to:

1. assistance and attendance during labor and after childbirth, including cesarean deliveries;

2. prenatal and postpartum support and education;

3. breastfeeding assistance and lactation support;

4. parenting education; and

5. support for birthing women after the loss of a pregnancy.

B. Coverage limitations:

1. five prenatal visits for up to 90 minutes each; and

2. three postpartum visits for up to 90 minutes each.

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Subpart 15. Reimbursement

Chapter 151. Reimbursement Methodology

Subchapter H: Doula Services

§15171. General Provisions

A. Reimbursement for doula services shall be made according to the established fee schedule or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount.

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§15173. Reimbursement Methodology

A. Effective for dates of service on or after [day of promulgation], reimbursement for doula services shall be a

flat fee per service based on the appropriate current procedural terminology (CPT) code.

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Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

2601#052

RULE

**Department of Health
Health Standards Section**

Ambulatory Surgical Center
Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.4587)

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), has amended LAC 48:I.4587 as authorized by R.S. 36:254. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 45. Ambulatory Surgical Center

Subchapter G. Physical Environment

§4587. General Requirements

A. - C. ...

D. All new construction, additions, and renovations other than minor alterations, shall be in accordance with the specific requirements of the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the department, or its designee, who shall be responsible for the review and approval of architectural plans. Plans and specifications submitted to these offices shall be prepared by or under the direction of a licensed architect and/or a qualified licensed engineer and shall include scaled architectural plans stamped by an architect.

1. For all new construction, additions, and renovations, ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) shall follow the 2014 Edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute, Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities, as adopted by the OSFM for building and construction.

2. The department's secretary may, within his/her sole discretion, grant waivers to building and construction guidelines or requirements, and to provisions of the licensing rules involving the clinical operation of the ASC. The facility shall submit a waiver request in writing to the department's licensing section on forms prescribed by the department.

a. In the waiver request, the facility shall demonstrate the following:

- i. how patient health, safety, and welfare will not be compromised if such waiver is granted;
- ii. how the quality of care offered will not be compromised if such waiver is granted; and
- iii. the ability of the facility to completely fulfill all other requirements of the service, condition, or regulation.

b. The department’s licensing section shall have each waiver request reviewed by an internal waiver review committee (WRC). In conducting such internal waiver review, the following shall apply:

- i. the WRC may consult subject matter experts, including the OSFM; and
- ii. the WRC may require the facility to submit risk assessments or other documentation to the department.

c. The director of the department’s licensing section shall submit the WRC’s recommendation on each waiver to the secretary or the secretary’s designee for final determination.

d. The department shall issue a written decision of the waiver request to the facility. The granting of any waiver may be for a specific length of time.

e. The written decision of the waiver request is final. There is no right to an appeal of the decision of the waiver request.

f. If any waiver is granted, it is not transferrable in an ownership change or change of location.

g. Waivers are subject to review and revocation upon any change of circumstance related to the waiver or upon a finding that the health, safety, or welfare of a patient may be compromised.

h. Any waivers granted by the department prior to February 15, 2026, shall remain in place subject to any time limitations on such waivers. Further, such waivers shall be subject to the following:

- i. review or revocation upon any change in circumstance related to the waiver or upon a finding that the health, safety, or welfare of a patient may be compromised; and

- ii. are not transferrable in an ownership change or change of location.

E. - F.3. ...

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Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

2601#042

RULE

**Department of Health
Health Standards Section**

**Behavioral Health Service Providers
Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.Chapters 56 and 57)**

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), has amended LAC 48:I.Chapters 56 and 57 and adopted §5706 as authorized by R.S. 36:254, R.S. 40:2151-

2161. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 56. Behavioral Health Service Providers

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§5601. Introduction

A. - C.3 ...

D. Repealed.

NOTE: Repealed.

E. - E.18. ...

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§5603. Definitions

Addiction Outpatient Treatment [American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 1.5]—an outpatient program that offers comprehensive, coordinated, professionally directed and defined addiction treatment services that may vary in level of intensity and may be delivered in a wide variety of settings. Services are provided in regularly scheduled sessions of fewer than nine contact hours a week.

Addiction Specialist—a licensed physician who is either of the following:

1. ...

2. certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine or the American Osteopathic Association.

Addictive Disorder—the repeated pathological use of substances including but not limited to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or repeated pathological compulsive behaviors, including but not limited to gambling, which cause physical, psychological, emotional, economic, legal, social, or other harms to the individual afflicted with the addiction or to others affected by the individual’s affliction. Addictive disorder includes instances where withdrawal from or tolerance to the substance or behaviors are present, and also instances involving use and abuse of substances.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)—a licensed registered nurse who meets the criteria for an *advanced practice registered nurse* as established by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and is licensed as an *APRN* and in good standing with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Medically Managed Intensive Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 2.7)—an organized outpatient addiction treatment service that may be delivered in an office setting or health care or behavioral health services provider by trained clinicians who provide medically supervised evaluation, withdrawal management and referral services. The services are designed to treat the client’s level of clinical severity to achieve safe and comfortable withdrawal from mood-altering

chemicals and to effectively facilitate the client's entry into ongoing treatment and recovery.

Campus—for purposes of this Chapter, a location where BHS services are provided that is within the geographic service area as the licensed BHS provider. A campus may have multiple buildings or addresses as long as those buildings are contiguous and not separated by public streets, and are within the same geographic service area as the licensed BHS provider.

Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.5)—a residential program for adults that offers continuous observation, monitoring, and treatment by clinical staff designed to treat clients experiencing substance-related disorders who have clinically-relevant social and psychological problems, such as criminal activity, impaired functioning and disaffiliation from mainstream values, with the goal of promoting abstinence from substance use and antisocial behavior and affecting a global change in clients' lifestyles, attitudes and values.

Clinically Managed Low Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.1)—a residential program that offers at least five hours a week of a combination of low-intensity clinical and recovery-focused services for substance-related disorders. Services may include individual, group and family therapy, medication management and medication education, and treatment is directed toward applying recovery skills, preventing relapse, improving emotional functioning, promoting personal responsibility and reintegrating the client into the worlds of work, education, and family life.

Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.5)—a residential program for adolescents that offers continuous observation, monitoring, and treatment by clinical staff designed to treat clients experiencing substance-related disorders who have clinically-relevant social and psychological problems, such as criminal activity, impaired functioning and disaffiliation from mainstream values, with the goal of promoting abstinence from substance use and antisocial behavior and affecting a global change in clients' lifestyles, attitudes and values.

Clinically Managed Population Specific High-Intensity Residential Treatment Services (ASAM Level 3.3)—Repealed.

Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management (Social) (ASAM LEVEL 3.2-WM)—Repealed.

Facility Need Review Approval—the letter of approval from the Facility Need Review (FNR) Committee within the department, which is required for licensure applicants in accordance with R.S. 40:2116, or current law, and the rules published thereto for psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR), Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST), and Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services prior to applying for a BHS provider license.

High Intensity Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 2.5)—an organized outpatient service that delivers treatment to adolescents and adults. This level encompasses services that meet the multidimensional instability and complex needs of people with addiction and co-occurring conditions which do not require 24-hour care.

Human Services District or Authority—an existing or newly created local governing entity with local accountability and management of behavioral health and developmental disabilities services as well as any public health or other services contracted to the district by the department.

Human Services Field—an academic program with a curriculum content in which at least 70 percent of the required courses are in the study of behavioral health or human behavior.

Intensive Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 2.1)—professionally directed assessment, diagnosis, treatment and recovery services provided in an organized non-residential treatment setting, including individual, group, family counseling and psycho-education on recovery as well as monitoring of drug use, medication management, medical and psychiatric examinations, crisis mitigation coverage and orientation to community-based support groups. Services may be offered during the day, before or after work or school, in the evening or on a weekend, and the program shall provide nine or more hours of structured programming per week for adults and six or more hours of structured programming per week for children/adolescents.

Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP)—pursuant to R.S. 40:2153, or current law, an individual who is currently licensed and in good standing in the state of Louisiana to practice within the scope of all applicable state laws, practice acts and the individual's professional license, as one of the following:

1. - 8. ...

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)—any person who holds himself out to the public for a fee or other personal gain, by any title or description of services incorporating the words "licensed professional counselor" or any similar term, and who offers to render professional mental health counseling services denoting a client-counselor relationship in which the counselor assumes responsibility for knowledge, skill and ethical considerations needed to assist individuals, groups, organizations, or the general public, and who implies that he is licensed to practice mental health counseling pursuant to R.S. 37:1103 et seq., or current law.

Medically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management (ASAM Level 3.7-WM)—a residential program for adults that provides 24-hour observation, monitoring and treatment delivered by medical and nursing professionals to clients whose withdrawal signs and symptoms are moderate to severe and thus require residential care, but do not need the full resources of an acute care hospital.

Medically Managed Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.7)—a residential program for adults that provides a planned regimen of 24-hour professionally directed evaluation, observation, medical monitoring and addiction treatment to clients with co-occurring psychiatric and substance disorders whose disorders are so severe that they require a residential level of care but do not need the full resources of an acute care hospital. The program provides 24 hours of structured treatment activities per week, including, but not limited to, psychiatric and substance use assessments, diagnosis treatment, and habilitative and rehabilitation services.

Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Program—a program that is designed to provide substance use/addiction treatment to pregnant women and mothers with dependent children who remain with the parent while the parent is in treatment.

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On-site or Onsite—the physical location of the licensed facility.

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OSFM—the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (LDPSC), Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

OTP Practitioner—a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant (PA) who is currently licensed and in good standing to prescribe and dispense medications for opioid use disorders, and who is acting within the scope of all applicable state and federal laws and the individual’s professional license.

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Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)—Repealed.

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State Opioid Authority (SOA)—Repealed.

State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA)—the agency or other appropriate officials designated by the governor or his/her designee, to exercise the responsibility and authority within the state for governing the treatment of opioid use disorder with an opioid drug. The SOTA for the state of Louisiana is OBH.

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Substance Use Disorder Facilities/Addiction Treatment Service—a service related to the screening, diagnosis, management, or treatment for the use of or addiction to controlled dangerous substances, drugs or inhalants, alcohol, gambling, or a combination thereof; may also be referred to as substance use disorder service.

Take-Home Dose(s)—a dose of opioid agonist treatment medication dispensed by a dispensing physician or pharmacist to a client for unsupervised use.

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Subchapter B. Licensing

§5606. License Restrictions and Exceptions

A. - E.2. ...

F. Exceptions during a Gubernatorial Declared State of Emergency or Disaster

1. To ensure the health and safety of clients, and the coordination and continuation of services to clients, during a gubernatorial declared state of emergency or disaster in Louisiana, the department, through written notice sent electronically to licensed behavioral health service (BHS) providers, may allow a licensed BHS provider to operate and

provide services to existing clients who are receiving outpatient BHS services and who have evacuated or temporarily relocated to another location in the state when the following apply:

a. ...

b. the client shall have been an active client of the BHS provider as of the declared state of emergency or disaster, with an approved treatment plan;

1.c. - 4....

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§5607. Initial Licensure Application Process

A. ...

B. The completed initial licensing application packet shall include:

1. - 11. ...

12. any other documentation or information required by the department for licensure including, but not limited to, a copy of the facility need review (FNR) approval letter, if applicable;

a. - b. Repealed;

B.13. - J.5....

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§5611. Types of Licenses

A. The department has the authority to issue the following types of licenses.

1. - 3. ...

4. Provisional License. The department may issue a provisional license to a licensed BHS provider for a period not to exceed six months.

a. - f.ii. ...

g. If the provisional license expires, the provider shall be required to begin the initial licensing process by submitting the following:

i. - ii. ...

iii. facility need review approval, if applicable.

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Subchapter D. Provider Operations

§5637. Client Records

A. - A.15. ...

B. Contents. The provider shall ensure that a client record, at a minimum, contains the following:

1. - 2. ...

3. all pertinent medical, psychological, social and other therapeutic information, including:

- a. - l. ...
- m. physicians', advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs'), physician assistants', or LMHPs' orders;

3.n. - 4.c. ...

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Subchapter F. Admission, Transfer and Discharge

§5647. Admission Requirements

A. - B. ...

C. Pre-Admission Requirements

1. - 3. ...

4. The initial admission assessment shall contain the following:

a. - b.xiii. ...

c. physical examination or appropriate referral within 72 hours if indicated by the physician, nursing assessment, or screening process, unless indicated to occur sooner than 72 hours in specific levels of care;

C.4.d. - D.2.l. ...

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§5649. Transfer and Discharge Requirements

A. - D.6....

E. Discharge Summary. The BHS provider shall ensure that each client record contains a written discharge summary. The discharge summary shall be completed within 14 calendar days of the client leaving the program, and shall include:

E.1. - I.2. ...

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Subchapter G. Services

§5651. Treatment Protocols

A. - B. ...

C. Assessments shall be performed any time there is a significant change to the client's circumstances.

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§5653. Treatment Plan

A. Each client of the BHS provider shall have a treatment plan based on the assessment that contains:

1. - 7. ...

B. The BHS provider shall ensure that the treatment plan is in writing and is:

1. - 3. ...

4. signed by the LMHP or physician responsible for reviewing and approving the treatment plan; and

5. ...

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Subchapter I. Physical Environment

§5669. Interior Space for Residential Facilities

A. - D.11.e. ...

E. The provider shall:

1. ...

2. require separate bedrooms and bathrooms for adults, and children/adolescents, except in the Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Program, and for males and females;

3. prohibit adults and children/adolescents from sharing the same space, except in the PPW Program;

4. - 7. ...

8. prohibit bunk beds in the following programs:

a. clinically managed medium-intensity residential treatment (ASAM level 3.5) for adolescents;

b. clinically managed high intensity residential treatment (ASAM level 3.5) for adults;

c. medically managed residential treatment (ASAM level 3.7); and

d. medically managed residential withdrawal management (ASAM level 3.7-WM).

F. - L. ...

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Subchapter K. Additional Requirements for Children/Adolescent Programs

§5679. General Provisions

A. - A.7....

B. Staffing

1. All direct care employees shall have training in child and adolescent development, family systems, child and adolescent psycho-pathology and mental health, substance use in children and adolescents, and child and adolescent socialization issues.

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Subchapter L. Additional Requirements for Mental Health Programs

§5689. Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment

A. - A.5....

B. Staffing Requirements

1. - b.ii. ...

2. Licensed Mental Health Professionals

a. The LMHP is responsible for providing clinical supervision of the CPST staff.

b. The LMHP is responsible for rendering the assessment and treatment planning components of CPST.

3. - 3.b....

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Subchapter M. Additional Requirements for Substance Use/Addiction Treatment Services

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§5693. General Requirements

A. - A.3....

B. Staffing

1. Medical Director

a. The provider shall ensure that its medical director is a licensed physician, with a current, unrestricted license to practice in the state of Louisiana, who:

i. is an addiction specialist; or

ii. meets all of the following:

(a). - (b). ...

(c). maintains a consulting relationship with an addiction specialist.

1.b. - c. Repealed.

2. - 3.d....

4. Optional Staff. An APRN providing addiction treatment services shall have a collaborative practice agreement. The agreement shall meet the requirements of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, and any requirements of the licensed facility.

C. ...

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§5695. Addiction Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 1.5)

A. The BHS provider shall:

1. only admit clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 1.5 into this program;

2. ...

3. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 90 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly.

B. Staffing. The provider shall ensure that:

1. ...

a. Repealed.

2. - 4.

5. ...

a. Repealed.

C. The BHS provider may provide long-term remission monitoring as a step-down from ASAM Level 1.5. The client shall have sustained remission of at least one year from a substance use disorder.

1. Long-term remission monitoring includes:

a. remission monitoring;

b. mental health screenings; and

c. re-intervention as indicated.

2. Frequency of visits shall be based on clinical need, including at least quarterly recovery management checkups.

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§5697. Intensive Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 2.1)

A. The provider shall:

1. - 2. ...

3. maintain a minimum of 6 hours per week for children/adolescents, at a minimum of three days per week, with a maximum of 19 hours per week;

4. complete an initial treatment plan within the first three visits; and

5. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly.

B. - B.5. ...

a. Repealed.

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§5698. High Intensity Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 2.5)

A. The provider shall:

1. - 3.b....

4. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly.

B. - B.5. ...

a. Repealed.

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§5699. Medically Managed Intensive Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 2.7) (Adults Only)

A. The BHS provider shall:

1. only admit clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 2.7 into this program;

2. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly;

3. provide a minimum of 20 hours of services per week, comprised of medical and psychosocial services; and

4. have access onsite to perform biomedical capabilities.

B. - B.5. ...

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§5701. Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.1)

- A. The BHS provider shall:
1. only admit clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 3.1 into its program;
 2. offer a combination of low-intensity clinical and recovery focused services, including:
 - a. - d. ...
 3. for adolescents, offer at least five hours of services per week;
 4. for adults, offer nine to 19 hours of services seven days per week;
 5. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly; and
 6. provide case management that is:
 - a. provided by a care coordinator who is on duty as needed; or
 - b. assumed by the clinical staff.
- B. - B.4.c. ...
- C. The BHS provider may operate a PPW program.
1. A provider's PPW program shall:
 - a. meet the requirements of ASAM level 3.1;
 - b. provide weekly parenting classes where attendance is required;
 - c. address the specialized needs of the parent;
 - d. provide education, counseling, and rehabilitation services for the parent that further addresses:
 - i. the effects of chemical dependency on a woman's health and pregnancy;
 - ii. parenting skills; and
 - iii. health and nutrition;
 - e. regularly assess parent-child interactions and address any identified needs in treatment; and
 - f. provide access to family planning services.
 2. Child Supervision
 - a. When the mother is not available, the provider shall provide age-appropriate child supervision.
 - b. The provider shall ensure that its child supervision is provided by either:
 - i. the provider's on-site program with all staff members who:
 - (a). are at least 18 years old;
 - (b). have infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification; and
 - (c). have at least eight hours of training in the following areas prior to supervising children independently:
 - (i). chemical dependency and its impact on the family;
 - (ii). child development and age-appropriate activities;
 - (iii). child health and safety;
 - (iv). universal precautions;
 - (v). appropriate child supervision techniques; and

- (vi). signs of child abuse; or
 - ii. a licensed day care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the provider.
 - c. The provider shall maintain a staff-to-child ratio that does not exceed:
 - i. 1:3 for infants (18 months and younger); and
 - ii. 1:6 for toddlers and children.
 - d. Child Specialist. The provider shall have a child specialist who:
 - i. is available to:
 - (a). provide staff training;
 - (b). evaluate effectiveness of direct care staff; and
 - (c). plan activities for at least one hour per week per child;
 - ii. has 90 clock hours of education and training in child development and/or early childhood education; and
 - iii. has one year of documented experience providing services to children.
 - e. Clients shall not supervise another parent's child or children without written consent from the legal guardian and staff approval.
 - f. Staff shall check all diapers frequently and change as needed. Staff shall dispose of the diapers in a sealed container and sanitize the changing area.
 3. Clinical Care for Children. The provider shall:
 - a. address the specialized and therapeutic needs and care for the dependent children;
 - b. develop an individualized treatment plan to include goals, objectives, and target dates;
 - c. provide age-appropriate education, counseling, and rehabilitation services for children that address or include:
 - i. the emotional and social effects of living with a chemically dependent care-giver;
 - ii. early screening and intervention of high risk behavior and referrals for appropriate services when indicated;
 - iii. screening for developmental delays; and
 - iv. health and nutrition;
 - d. ensure that all children have access to medical care when needed;
 - e. ensure that children are administered medication according to the label by the parent or licensed staff qualified to administer medications;
 - f. ensure that if licensed staff administer medications, the provider:
 - i. obtains written consent from the parent to administer the prescribed and over the counter medications;
 - (a). written consent shall include information relative to dosage, route, etc.;
 - ii. assumes full responsibility for the proper administration and documentation of the medications; and
 - iii. ensures original labeled medication containers with name, dosage, route, etc. are obtained prior to medication administration;
 - g. maintain current immunization records and allergy records for each child at the program site; and
 - h. obtain consent for emergency medical care for each child at admission.
 4. Child Services

a. The children's daily activity schedule shall include a variety of structured and unstructured age-appropriate activities.

b. School age children shall have access to school.

c. The health, safety, and welfare of the children shall be protected at all times.

d. Behavior management shall be fair, reasonable, consistent, and related to the child's behavior. Physical discipline is prohibited.

e. The children shall be well-groomed and dressed weather-appropriate.

f. An adequate diet for childhood growth and development, including two snacks per day, shall be provided to each child.

5. The program shall develop, implement, and comply with written policies and procedures that:

a. address abuse and/or neglect of a child;

b. prohibit children under the age of 18 months from sleeping in bed with their mothers;

c. require a current schedule showing who is responsible for the children at all times;

d. address isolating parents and children who have communicable diseases and providing them with appropriate care and supervision; and

e. identify those persons authorized to remove a child from the facility other than legal guardian or parent.

6. Safety and Emergency Preparedness (SEP)

a. The program shall develop and implement an SEP plan with provisions and services for the clients and children.

b. All toys and equipment shall be:

i. age appropriate;

ii. in good order and safe condition; and

iii. operated in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

c. Staff, volunteers, and parents shall use universal precautions at all times.

d. The provider shall ensure that only the legal guardian or a person authorized by the legal guardian may remove a child from the provider.

e. If an individual shows documentation of legal custody, staff shall record the person's identification before releasing the child.

7. Physical Environment

a. The program shall provide potty chairs for small children and sanitize them after each use.

b. The program shall provide age-appropriate bathing facilities. Infants shall not be bathed in sinks.

c. Each child shall be provided with his/her own bed.

d. Infants up to 18 months shall sleep in either a bassinet or cribs appropriate to the size of the child.

e. The provider shall provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment, toys, and learning materials for the children/adolescents.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

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§5703. Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal (Social) (ASAM Level 3.2-WM)

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1715 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 48:1286 (May 2022), repealed by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:50 (January 2026).

§5705. Clinically Managed Population Specific High-Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.3) (Adult Only)

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1716 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 48:1286 (May 2022) repealed by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:50 (January 2026).

§5706. Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM 3.5) (Adolescents Only)

A. The provider shall:

1. admit only adolescent clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 3.5 into its program;

2. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly;

3. provide case management that is:

a. provided by a care coordinator who is on duty as needed; or

b. assumed by the clinical staff.

B. Staffing. The provider shall ensure that:

1. a physician is on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and reports on duty as needed for management of psychiatric and medical needs of the clients;

2. a clinical supervisor is available for clinical supervision when needed and by telephone for consultation;

3. one licensed registered nurse is on call 24/7 to perform nursing duties for the provider;

4. at least one LMHP or UP shall be on duty at least 40 hours per week;

a. Each LMHP/UP's caseload shall not exceed 1:8.

5. at least two direct care aides shall be on duty during all shifts with additional as needed;

a. The ratio of aides to clients shall not exceed 1:8.

On therapy outings, the ratio shall be at least 1:5;

6. a psychologist shall be available when needed; and

7. a licensed nurse shall be on duty to meet the nursing needs of the clients.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:50 (January 2026).

§5707. Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.5) (Adults Only)

A. The provider shall:

1. admit only adult clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 3.5 into its Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Treatment;

2. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly;

3. provide case management that is:

a. ...

b. assumed by the clinical staff; and

4. provide a minimum of 20 hours per week of services.

B. Staffing. The provider shall ensure that:

1. - 3. ...

4. there shall be at least one LMHP or UP on duty at least 40 hours per week. Each LMHP/UP's caseload shall not exceed 1:12;

5. there shall be at least one direct care aide on duty on all shifts, with additional as needed; and

a. - c. Repealed;

6. there shall be licensed nurses on duty to meet the needs of the clients:

a. at least two licensed nurses during weekday shifts; and

b. at least one and a half full-time equivalent licensed nurses during night and weekend shifts.

c. - d.i. Repealed.

C. The BHS provider may operate a PPW program.

1. A provider's PPW program shall:

a. meet the requirements of ASAM level 3.5;

b. provide weekly parenting classes where attendance is required;

c. address the specialized needs of the parent;

d. provide education, counseling, and rehabilitation services for the parent that further addresses:

i. the effects of chemical dependency on a woman's health and pregnancy;

ii. parenting skills; and

iii. health and nutrition;

e. regularly assess parent-child interactions and address any identified needs in treatment; and

f. provide access to family planning services.

2. Child Supervision

a. When the mother is not available, the provider shall provide age appropriate child supervision.

b. The provider shall ensure that its child supervision is provided by either:

i. the provider's on-site program with all staff members who:

(a). are at least 18 years old;

(b). have infant CPR certification; and

(c). have at least eight hours of training in the following areas prior to supervising children independently:

(i). chemical dependency and its impact on the family;

(ii). child development and age-appropriate activities;

(iii). child health and safety;

(iv). universal precautions;

(v). appropriate child supervision techniques; and

(vi). signs of child abuse; or

ii. a licensed day care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the provider.

c. The provider shall maintain a staff-to-child ratio that does not exceed:

i. 1:3 for infants (18 months and younger); and

ii. 1:6 for toddlers and children.

d. Child Specialist. The provider shall have a child specialist who:

i. is available to:

(a). provide staff training;

(b). evaluate effectiveness of direct care staff; and

(c). plan activities for at least one hour per week per child;

ii. has 90 clock hours of education and training in child development and/or early childhood education; and

iii. has one year of documented experience providing services to children.

e. Clients shall not supervise another parent's child or children without written consent from the legal guardian and staff approval.

f. Staff shall check all diapers frequently and change as needed. Staff shall dispose of the diapers in a sealed container and sanitize the changing area.

3. Clinical Care for Children. The provider shall:

a. address the specialized and therapeutic needs and care for the dependent children;

b. develop an individualized treatment plan to include goals, objectives, and target dates;

c. provide age-appropriate education, counseling, and rehabilitation services for children that address or include:

i. the emotional and social effects of living with a chemically dependent care-giver;

ii. early screening and intervention of high risk behavior and referrals for appropriate services when indicated;

iii. screening for developmental delays; and

iv. health and nutrition;

d. ensure that all children have access to medical care when needed;

e. ensure that children are administered medication according to the label by the parent or licensed staff qualified to administer medications;

f. ensure that if licensed staff administer medications, the provider:

i. obtains written consent from the parent to administer the prescribed and over the counter medications;

(a). Written consent shall include information relative to dosage, route, etc.;

ii. assumes full responsibility for the proper administration and documentation of the medications; and

iii. ensures original labeled medication containers with name, dosage, route, etc. are obtained prior to medication administration;

g. maintain current immunization records and allergy records for each child at the program site; and

h. obtain consent for emergency medical care for each child at admission.

4. Child Services

a. The children's daily activity schedule shall include a variety of structured and unstructured age-appropriate activities.

b. School age children shall have access to school.

c. The health, safety, and welfare of the children shall be protected at all times.

d. Behavior management shall be fair, reasonable, consistent, and related to the child's behavior. Physical discipline is prohibited.

e. The children shall be well-groomed and dressed weather-appropriate.

f. An adequate diet for childhood growth and development, including two snacks per day, shall be provided to each child.

5. The program shall develop, implement, and comply with written policies and procedures that:

a. address abuse and/or neglect of a child;

b. prohibit children under the age of 18 months from sleeping in bed with their mothers;

c. require a current schedule showing who is responsible for the children at all times;

d. address isolating parents and children who have communicable diseases and providing them with appropriate care and supervision; and

e. identify those persons authorized to remove a child from the facility other than legal guardian or parent.

6. Safety and Emergency Preparedness (SEP)

a. The program shall develop and implement an SEP plan with provisions and services for the clients and children.

b. All toys and equipment shall be:

i. age appropriate;

ii. in good order and safe condition; and

iii. operated in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

c. Staff, volunteers, and parents shall use universal precautions at all times.

d. The provider shall ensure that only the legal guardian or a person authorized by the legal guardian may remove a child from the provider.

e. If an individual shows documentation of legal custody, staff shall record the person's identification before releasing the child.

7. Physical Environment

a. The program shall provide potty chairs for small children and sanitize them after each use.

b. The program shall provide age-appropriate bathing facilities. Infants shall not be bathed in sinks.

c. Each child shall be provided with his/her own bed.

d. Infants up to 18 months shall sleep in either a bassinet or cribs appropriate to the size of the child.

e. The provider shall provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment, toys, and learning materials for the children/adolescents.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

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§5709. Medically Managed Residential Treatment (ASAM Level 3.7) (Adults Only)

A. The provider shall:

1. admit only clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 3.7 into its program;

2. ensure that:

a. a physical examination is conducted by a physician, PA, or APRN within 24 hours of admission; or

b. the provider's admitting physician reviews and approves a physical examination conducted by a physician, PA, or APRN within 24 hours prior to admission;

3. review the treatment plan in collaboration with the client a minimum of every 30 days or more frequently as needed, and document accordingly;

4. provide case management that is:

a. provided by a care coordinator who is on duty as needed; or

b. assumed by the clinical staff.

5. provide a minimum 20 hours of clinical services per week;

6. have onsite access to perform biomedical capabilities.

B. - B.8. ...

C. The BHS provider may provide ASAM level 3.7-WM as an optional service. If provided, the provider must meet all requirements under LAC I.5711.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1718 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 48:1287 (May 2022), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:52 (January 2026).

§5711. Medically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management (ASAM Level 3.7-WM) (Adults Only)

A. The provider shall:

1. admit only clients clinically appropriate for ASAM level 3.7-WM into its program;

A.2. - B.2. ...

C. Staffing

1. ...

2. Nursing

a. - c. ...

d. The provider shall ensure that its on-site nursing staff is solely responsible for 3.7-WM program and does not provide services for other levels of care at the same time.

2.e. - 5....

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1718 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 48:1287 (May 2022), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:52 (January 2026).

Subchapter N. Additional Requirement for Substance Use/Addiction Residential Treatment Programs* * *

§5712. Onsite Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

A. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 48:1287 (May 2022), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:52 (January 2026).

§5719. Staffing

- A. ...
- B. House Manager
 - 1. ...
 - 2. The house manager shall:
 - a. ...
 - b. have at least two years qualifying experience working for a provider that treats clients with mental illness and/or addictive disorders;
 - c. - g. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1720 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:53 (January 2026).

Subchapter O. Additional Requirements for Opioid Treatment Programs* * *

§5723. General Provisions

- A. - A.4....
- B. OTPs shall have established operational hours for a minimum of six days per week, including one weekend day. Operational hours shall be approved by SOTA and indicated on the license application or change notification.

1. OTP closures are permissible on Sundays and the following holidays:

- a. New Year’s Day;
- b. National Memorial Day;
- c. Juneteenth National Independence Day;
- d. Independence Day;
- e. Labor Day;
- f. Veterans Day;
- g. Thanksgiving Day; and
- h. Christmas Day.

2. Any modification to hours due to circumstances such as emergencies or Mardi Gras schedules shall be coordinated with the SOTA.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1720 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:1388 (July 2017), LR 48:1287 (May 2022), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:53 (January 2026).

§5727. Additional Staffing Requirements

- A. - A.7.b.viii.
- B. - B.5 Repealed.
- B. - B.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:1721 (September 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 48:1288 (May 2022), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:535 (April 2025), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:53 (January 2026).

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Secretary

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RULE

**Department of Health
Office of Public Health**

Plans and Permits Review Fees (LAC 51:I.119)

Under the authority of R.S. 40:4 and 40:5, 40:31.40, and 40:1046, and in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the surgeon general, acting through the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH), has amended LAC 51:I.119 in compliance with the provisions of Act 513 and Act 514 of the 2025 Regular Session. Specifically, the department is adding a provision to the General Provisions of the *Sanitary Code* requiring the collection of a plan-review fee for any set of plans issued to the department pursuant to the receipt of a Permit-to-Operate from the Bureau of Sanitarian Services. The fee will be \$100 for a 10-day review process or \$1,000 for a 5-day (expedited) review process. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 51

PUBLIC HEALTH—SANITARY CODE

Part I. General Provisions

Chapter 1. General

§119. Plans and Permits

- A. - B. ...

1. The department shall charge and collect in advance a fee in the amount set forth in R.S. 40:31.40, or any successor statute, for the standard review of any plans required to be submitted in connection with a permit application for a new facility, operation or establishment or a plan required to be submitted in connection with a substantial renovation to an existing permitted facility, operation, or establishment. The department may collect an alternative fee as set forth in said statute for the expedited review (to be completed within five business days of the original submission) of plans required to be submitted in connection with a permit for a new facility, operation, or establishment or one undergoing substantial renovations as defined in §101 of this Code.

- C. - C.1. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4, R.S. 40:31.40, and R.S. 40:5(3)(7)(17)(19)(20)(21).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 27:1695 (October 2001), amended LR 28:1211 (June 2002), LR 34:753 (April 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 52:53 (January 2026).

Bruce D. Greenstein
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RULE

**Department of Health
Office of Public Health**

**Registration of Foods, Drugs, Cosmetics and
Prophylactic Devices (LAC 49:I.Chapter 5)**

Under the authority granted by R.S. 40:4 and R.S. 3:1483(L), and in accordance with the R.S. 49: 950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, has amended provisions of Title 49 of the *Louisiana Administrative Code* (also known as “Public Health—Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics”) to address the requirements to register consumable hemp products as specified by Act 752 of the 2024 Regular Legislature.

This Rule amends §501 to provide for additional definitions, to amend existing definitions, and to repeal certain existing definitions; adds a new §516 to provide for the issuance of permits to in-state and out-of-state processing facilities; amends §§517-519; adds a new §521 to provide for distillate potency testing, batch testing, and certificate of analysis; repeals §§527-531 in accordance with Act 752 of the 2024 Regular Session; amends §533 and §535; adds a new §534 regarding variances in package contents; and adds §539 regarding additional enforcement provisions. New language will be adopted in §516, §§517-521, §533, §535, and §539, including disclosure of ownership information of hemp firms, allowing for the revocation of the registration of a hemp product for the cause of failure to provide a certificate of analysis meeting regulatory requirements, and allowing for exemptions to provisions triggering automatic revocation of all productions from a firm when multiple registrations are revoked within a two-year period when those revocations are the direct result of regulatory changes implemented by the department. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 49

**PUBLIC HEALTH—FOOD, DRUGS, AND
COSMETICS**

Part I. Regulations

**Chapter 5. Registration of Foods, Drugs, Cosmetics
and Prophylactic Devices**

§501. Definitions

[Formerly 49:2.2100]

A. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, the following words and terms used in this Chapter of Title 49, and all other Chapters of Title 49, which are adopted or may be adopted, are defined for the purposes thereof as follows.

Adult-Use Consumable Hemp Product—Repealed.

Consumable Hemp Product—any product derived from industrial hemp that contains any cannabinoid, including cannabidiol or THC, and is intended for consumption or topical use. This special class of products includes, but is not limited to, the following: food, animal foods or feed, and pet products.

Consumable Hemp Products Database—repository of information on products and firms that are registered with the

Cannabis Program of LDH/OPH that fall into the category of consumable hemp products.

Department—for the purposes of this Chapter, the Office of Public Health, Louisiana Department of Health.

Distillate—the product of condensation of an evaporated substance to produce a highly-concentrated solution.

Industrial Hemp-Derived Cannabidiol Products (IHDCP)—Repealed.

Industrial Hemp-Derived Cannabidiol Products Database—Repealed.

Liquid Concentrate—concentrated water-soluble liquid containing THC components derived from consumable hemp that can be consumed directly or added to a food or beverage.

Manufacturer—the person, whether permitted or not by the department as a consumable hemp processor, who manufactures a consumable hemp product into the final form in which it will be distributed or offered for sale.

Package—container or wrapping in which any consumer commodity is enclosed for the purposes of display or delivery to retail purchasers; in the context of consumable hemp products, this term refers to a group of individual servings offered together as a single unit.

Related Entity—an entity that shares at least 50 percent direct or indirect common ownership with another entity.

Serving—total quantity of discrete units or of liquid in a package a processor recommends for consumption at one time; in the context of consumable hemp products, this term refers to discrete (i.e., separate and completely unattached to other servings) pieces of a solid substance, containers of a beverage, or one milliliter of a tincture, extract or distillate designed for oral or sublingual use.

THC—any combination of tetrahydrocannabinol, THC components, and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

THC Components—any isomer, analog or derivative of the tetrahydrocannabinol molecule.

Tincture—an extract of plant material produced using an organic solvent, frequently mixed with a carrier oil and optional flavorants to generate a finished product; this category does not include liquid concentrates.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1483(L), R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 40:5(A)(8)(17) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the State Board of Health, September 1968, amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 46:358 (March 2020), LR 47:479 (April 2021), LR 48:1290 (May 2022), LR 48:2982 (December 2022), LR 49:1940 (November 2023), LR 52:54 (January 2026).

§516. Consumable Hemp Processors; Permits

A. Any person seeking to manufacture or process consumable hemp products in Louisiana must first obtain from the department a separate annual consumable hemp processor permit for each facility in which such manufacturing or processing will occur. No person shall process or manufacture any consumable hemp product in

Louisiana at a facility for which a current valid annual consumable hemp processor permit has not been issued by the department.

B. The department shall issue an annual consumable hemp processor permit, or renewal thereof, for a processing or manufacturing facility located in Louisiana if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant and facility comply with all applicable requirements of LAC Title 51, Part VI, §103.

2. The applicant pays the annual permit fee as required by R.S. 3:1483(A)(1) or successor statute.

3. The applicant discloses the legal name and ownership interest of each person owning more than a 5 percent interest in the applicant.

4. The applicant submits the online or physical application form prescribed by the department.

5. The applicant and facility comply with all applicable requirements of Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3, this Section, and this Chapter.

C. The department shall issue an annual consumable hemp processor permit, or renewal thereof, by endorsement for a processing or manufacturing facility located in another state if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant demonstrates that it holds a current valid permit for the facility issued by the state's health department, or equivalent agency, pursuant to a regulatory scheme under which an inspection of the facility is conducted prior to initial permit issuance to ensure compliance with compulsory sanitary and manufacturing requirements substantially equivalent to those set forth in LAC 51, Part VI and the issuing agency has authority to conduct additional inspections as it deems necessary to ensure continuing compliance therewith.

2. The applicant pays the annual permit fee as required by R.S. 3:1483(A)(1) or successor statute.

3. The applicant discloses the legal name and ownership interest of each person owning more than a 5 percent interest in the applicant.

4. The applicant submits the online or physical application form prescribed by the department.

5. The applicant and facility comply with all applicable requirements of Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3, this Section, and this Chapter.

6. The applicant consents to the personal jurisdiction of Louisiana courts and administrative tribunals for matters related to denial, issuance, revocation, or suspension of a permit, license, or registration under this Chapter.

D. Annual consumable hemp processor permits shall be issued on a fiscal year basis, expiring on June 30 of the fiscal year of issuance. The department shall prorate the annual fee for permits applied for and issued subsequent to July 1 of a fiscal year. Permit renewal applications, together with the required fee, must be submitted to the department no later than 30 days prior to permit expiration. The provisions of R.S. 49:977.3(B) shall apply to a timely-submitted renewal application.

E. Individuals seeking an annual consumable hemp processor permit shall provide to the department proof of being at least 21 years of age and a notarized attestation, given under penalty of perjury, stating that the individual has not been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United

States, the state of Louisiana, or any other state or country, or been convicted in this or in any other state or by the United States of soliciting for prostitution, pandering, letting premises for prostitution, contributing to the delinquency of juveniles, keeping a disorderly place, letting a disorderly place, or illegally dealing in controlled dangerous substances.

F. Juridical entities (e.g. corporations or limited liability companies) seeking an annual consumable hemp processor permit shall provide to the department a notarized attestation, given under penalty of perjury and executed by the secretary, managing member, or other authorized individual, stating that no officer or shareholder/member owning more than 5 percent of the entity has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any other state or country, or been convicted in this or in any other state or by the United States of soliciting for prostitution, pandering, letting premises for prostitution, contributing to the delinquency of juveniles, keeping a disorderly place, letting a disorderly place, or illegally dealing in controlled dangerous substances.

G. Notice of final denial of a requested facility permit shall state the specific reason(s) for the denial and shall include notice of right to an administrative hearing concerning same, which right shall expire unless the applicant files, in the manner specified therein, a written request for an administrative hearing with the department within 20 calendar days of receipt of the notice. Any such request timely received shall be forwarded by the department to the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law. In addition to any method of service authorized by this Title, service of the notice on the applicant may be effected through any means authorized by LAC 51:I.109. Additionally, service may be made by electronic mail sent to any email address provided by the registrant to the department as part of or subsequent to the permitting or registration process, and shall be deemed effective even if returned as undeliverable.

H. The department may revoke or suspend a consumable hemp processor permit if the permit holder, or the facility for which the permit was issued, no longer complies with the prerequisites and conditions for obtaining or holding such permit set forth in this Chapter. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection I of this Section, revocation or suspension shall occur by issuance of an Order Revoking/Suspending Permit, the issuance, format, service, and administrative appeal of which shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements set forth in §518.B-C of this Chapter. If the state health officer determines, in his sole discretion, that immediate implementation of the order is necessary to abate a potential danger to the public life, health, or safety, and includes that finding in the order, the order shall be deemed an emergency order and shall not be stayed pending the decision of the Division of Administrative Law.

I. A permit issued by endorsement pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall be automatically suspended or revoked if the out-of-state permit upon which it is based lapses, expires, or is suspended or revoked by the issuing agency. It shall be the affirmative duty of the holder of a permit issued by endorsement to inform the department of any such lapse, expiration, suspension, or revocation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1483(L), R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 40:5(A)(8)(17) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:54 (January 2026).

§517. Registration of Consumable Hemp Products

A. Each separate and distinct consumable hemp product must be registered with the department— annually and initially within 90 days of the effective date of these regulations or prior to marketing the products in the state of Louisiana, whichever comes first.

B. ...

C. In lieu of the annual examination and administration charge normally collected under R.S. 40:628(B), the applicant for a consumable hemp product registration must provide (both initially and on or before January 1 of each subsequent year) the department with a packet that includes:

1. - 6. ...

7. for each separate and distinct product, photographs or renderings of the product that accurately depict the Title 49, Part I entirety of the product, including all accessories or physical items included or sold with the product, whether attached or not. The department may require the submission of a specimen of the actual product and all included accessories if it determines in its sole discretion that submitted renderings or photographs do not allow a sufficient determination that the product meets all applicable requirements of this Chapter;

8. for each separate and distinct product, a detailed written description of how individual servings will be packaged and marketed for sale. A product whose label fails to comply with §533 of this Chapter will not be registered. A product packaged, labeled, or marketed in a manner that physically or functionally combines individual servings, resulting in a functional or suggested product serving size that exceeds 5 milligrams of total THC per serving, shall not be registered and shall be subject to revocation of registration pursuant to §518 of this Chapter;

9. the address and identifying information of any facility in which the product will be manufactured or processed, together with an indication of whether a current valid annual consumable hemp processor permit has been issued by the department for the facility; and

10. the legal name of the manufacturer of the product, together with the legal name and ownership interest of each person owning more than a 5 percent interest in the manufacturer.

D. ...

E. No person is authorized to distribute any consumable hemp product in the state of Louisiana unless such product is currently registered and entered into the consumable hemp products database by the department, except that if a firm submits product labeling and supporting documentation for review to the department and does not receive a written response within 60 business days of that initial submission, the product may be sold after the sixtieth business day by any permitted wholesaler or retailer until the submitting party receives notice in writing from the department that the product in question is accepted or rejected for registration. Upon the expiration of the 60 business days, the department will send written notice, via electronic mail only, confirming the “pending” status of any application and, if known, a date by which a final determination will be made.

F. Any firm may apply with the department for the designation of its products as “Louisiana Hemp Products,” provided that those products are produced from hemp grown in Louisiana and are processed at a Louisiana-based manufacturer. These items will be designated with a special mark on the department’s list of registered products once they have been registered with the department.

G. No consumable hemp product shall be registered if one or more of the following conditions concerning dosage vehicles apply:

1. it is explicitly or clearly intended or characterized as being for inhalation, or to facilitate same;

2. it is explicitly or clearly intended or characterized as being for subcutaneous or transdermal use, or to facilitate same;

3. it is explicitly or clearly intended or characterized as being for intravenous or intramuscular infusion or injection, or to facilitate same;

4. it is explicitly or clearly intended or characterized as being for rectal or vaginal insertion, including, but not limited to, vaginal or anal suppositories; this prohibition shall not apply to products that are topical personal lubricants; or

5. it includes floral hemp material, or constitutes a vape cartridge, vape pen, e-cigarette or a substantially similar item designed to facilitate inhalation; or

6. it is an alcoholic beverage as defined in R.S. 26:2.

H. ...

I. The department shall not register any consumable hemp product whose sale in Louisiana is prohibited under Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3, particularly 3:1484(A)(3), 3:1484(B)(1)(b)(iii), and 3:1484(B)(4), or any rules of the department promulgated thereunder. Except as provided in Subsection J of this Section, the department shall only register consumable hemp products manufactured in a facility for which a consumable hemp processor permit has been issued by the department; any existing registration of consumable hemp products manufactured in a facility for which a consumable hemp processor permit has been not been issued by the department shall be deemed to meet the criteria for revocation under an Emergency Order pursuant to §518.D of this Chapter. This Subsection shall take effect on July 15, 2025.

J. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, a consumable hemp product manufactured in a facility for which a consumable hemp processor permit has not been issued by the department may be registered only by a person holding a consumable hemp processing permit issued by the department for a facility located in Louisiana, who shall ensure that the manufacturer meets all applicable requirements of §516 of this Chapter, that the facility meets applicable sanitary and manufacturing requirements substantially equivalent to those set forth in LAC 51, Part VI, and that such product meets all applicable requirements of this Chapter and of Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3. Such person must have access to and retain for at least three years the records required by §521 of this Chapter, and shall make such records available to the department upon request.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483(L) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 46:359 (March 2020), amended, LR 47:479 (April 2021), LR 48:1290 (May 2022), LR 48:2982 (December 2022), LR 49:1940 (November 2023), LR 52:56 (January 2026).

§518. Revocation of a Consumable Hemp Product Registration

A. The department may revoke the registration of a consumable hemp product if:

1. - 2. ...
3. the product, including any accessories or physical items included therewith, is materially modified in a way that makes the photographs, renderings, or specimen submitted in connection with the registration no longer an accurate depiction thereof;
4. the product, product label, product packaging, or product marketing no longer complies with the prerequisites for registration set forth in, or otherwise violates any applicable provision or requirement of, this Chapter or Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3;
5. The manufacturer of the product fails to comply with any requirement of this Chapter concerning the product, including §521; or
6. The sale of the product in Louisiana is prohibited under Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3, particularly 3:1484(A)(3), 3:1484(B)(1)(b)(iii), and 3:1484(B)(4), or any rules of the department promulgated thereunder.

B. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483(L) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 49:1941 (November 2023), amended LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§519. Consumable Hemp Products Labeling Requirements: Certificate of Analysis

A. Consumable hemp products must bear labeling that includes a scannable bar code, QR code, or a web address linked to a document or website containing the certificate of analysis for that product.

B. - C.4. ...

5. a cannabinoid profile for the finished product listing all major cannabinoid constituents by percentage of dry weight;

6. - 9. ...

10. the amount of any detected heavy metal traces in the product in parts per million; detections may not meet or exceed the following amounts:

- a. arsenic (As)—10 ppm;
- b. cadmium (Cd)—4.1 ppm;
- c. lead (Pb)—10 ppm;
- d. mercury (Hg)—2 ppm;

11. a cannabinoid profile for the “active ingredient” (cannabinoid-containing distillate or isolate used in formulating the finished product) listing all major cannabinoid constituents by percentage of dry weight.

D. Repealed.

E. ...

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483(L) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 46:359 (March 2020), amended LR 47:480 (April 2021), LR 48:1291 (May 2022), amended LR

48:2982 (December 2022), amended LR 50:395 (March 2024), LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§521. Distillate Potency Test; Batch Testing; Certificates of Analysis

A. A consumable hemp processor or manufacturer shall obtain a certificate of analysis (COA) of the distillate or concentrate used to produce any consumable hemp product. The COA shall include the information required by §519.C.5 of this Chapter.

B. A manufacturer shall obtain a COA of each batch of consumable hemp product that it manufactures. The COA shall include the information required by §519.C.1-10 of this Chapter.

C. A consumable hemp processor or manufacturer shall not sell or distribute in Louisiana any consumable hemp product from a batch whose COA indicates an exceedance of any of the maximum contaminant limits set forth in §519.C.1-10 of this Chapter or indicates that the product otherwise violates any requirements of this Chapter or Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3.

D. The COAs required by this Section shall be retained for at least three years and shall be made available to the department upon request.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483(L) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§527. Consumable Hemp Products Labeling Requirements: Marketing for Inhalation Prohibited

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1482(J) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 47:480 (April 2021), amended LR 48:1291 (May 2022), repealed LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§529. Consumable Hemp Products Packaging Requirements: Hemp Flower Packaging

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1483(J) and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:1291 (May 2022), repealed LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§531. Consumable Hemp Products Labeling Requirements: Adult-Use Products

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483 and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2983 (December 2022), repealed LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§533. Consumable Hemp Products Labeling and Packaging Requirements: Serving Sizes, Packaging Limits, and THC Content

A. Labeling must clearly indicate the amount of THC per serving in a product, the serving size, and the number of servings per package.

B. Consumable hemp beverages must meet the following requirements:

1. a serving must be 12 fluid ounces or greater;
2. a serving must not include more than 5 mg THC;
3. a container may not contain more than one serving;

4. a container must be tamper-evident;
5. a package may not include more than four containers.

C. Consumable hemp tinctures must meet the following requirements:

1. a serving must be one milliliter and may not contain more than one milligram of THC;
2. a container may not exceed 30 mL;
3. containers must include a dropper that readily dispenses precisely one serving.
4. tinctures must be oil-based and may not include any concentrated water-soluble liquid that can be consumed directly or added to any food or beverage
5. packaging must be child-resistant by design.

D. Products other than beverages and tinctures must meet the following requirements:

1. an individual serving must not include more than 5 mg THC;
2. a package must not contain more than 40 mg THC;
3. packaging must be child-resistant by design;
4. each serving must be a discrete unit.

E. Packaging of consumable hemp products may not be designed explicitly to appeal to children by means of the employment of naming, branding, or use of a logo bearing a substantial similarity to that of conventional food or beverage products already on the market.

F. Labeling on THC-containing products must bear a disclaimer that consumption of such products may cause the user to fail a pre-employment or routine drug screen.

G. Nonedible topical consumable hemp products shall not be subject to the requirements of this Section.

H. Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483 and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2982 (December 2022), amended LR 49:1940 (November 2023), LR 52:57 (January 2026).

§534 Consumable Hemp Products Labeling Requirements; THC Content

A. Labels on consumable hemp products must accurately reflect the contents of the packaging with a variation of no greater than fifteen percent. This fifteen percent variance allowance shall not be construed to allow a product to exceed the THC content maximum limits, including the per serving maximums, set forth in Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3 and §533 of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483 and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:58 (January 2026).

§535. Penalties for Violations of Requirements to Register Consumable Hemp Products [Formerly §531]

A. Any person who violates the provisions requiring registration of consumable hemp products is subject to the penalties provided for by R.S. 3:1482 and other sanctions as provided for by the State Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483 and R.S. 40:604.

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§539. Additional Enforcement Provisions

A. The department may, randomly or based upon a complaint, procure a COA on a specimen of any registered consumable hemp product offered for sale in Louisiana to determine compliance with applicable requirements of this Chapter and Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3. An appropriate Chain of Custody document shall be utilized for such purpose.

B. If a COA obtained in accordance with Subsection A of this Section shows that the product does not meet the requirements of this Chapter or Part VI of Chapter 10-a of R.S. Title 3, the registration of such product may be revoked by order issued pursuant to §518 of this Chapter, which order shall note the costs paid to procure the COA, including laboratory and shipping costs. Such product shall not thereafter be registered by any person for two years.

C. If the department revokes a product registration pursuant to Subsection B of this Section, the registration holder shall reimburse the department for the costs paid to procure the COA within 30 days of the revocation becoming final (i.e. not subject to further appeal or review). If such reimbursement is not received within 30 days, the registration holder shall additionally owe the department a civil penalty equal to three times the costs paid to procure the COA. If such additional civil penalty is not paid within 30 days of demand, the department may revoke all other product registrations held by the registration holder.

D. The department may revoke all other consumable hemp product registrations held by a person who has more than two consumable hemp products registrations revoked by the department within a two-year period. For three years thereafter, the department shall not accept any product registrations from such person or related entity, nor register any product manufactured by such person or related entity.

E. The department may revoke all consumable hemp processor permits held by a person who has more than two consumable hemp products registrations revoked by the department within a two-year period. For three years thereafter, the department shall not issue a consumable hemp processor permit to such person or to any related entity.

F. If the department revokes within a two-year period the registration of more than two consumable hemp products produced by a manufacturer, then the registration of all other consumable hemp products produced by such manufacturer may also be revoked. For three years thereafter, the department shall not register any products produced by such manufacturer or related entity.

G. A revocation of a consumable hemp product registration that occurs solely due to a change in law shall not be considered a revocation for the purposes of Subsections D, E, and F of this Section.

H. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the extent that they are more specific than any conflicting general enforcement provisions set forth in this Chapter or Title.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:4(A)(13), R.S. 3:1483 and R.S. 40:604.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:58 (January 2026).

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**Department of Health
Office of Public Health**

Regulation of Medical Marijuana

(LAC 51:XXIX.Chapter 1, Chapter 5, Chapter 7, Chapter 9,
Chapter 21, Chapter 23, and Chapter 25)

The Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH/OPH), pursuant to the rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4(A)(12) and R.S. 3:1483(L), has amended the following Rule for the protection of public health. This Rule will be effective on January 20, 2026, and is adopted in accordance with R.S. 49:962 of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950, et seq.).

This Rule will reenact and amend certain sections of Part XXIX of Title 51 of the *Louisiana Administrative Code* (also known as the “*Public Health—Sanitary Code*”) and will enact a new Subpart as a consequence of changes made to medical marijuana regulations under Act No. 150 and Act No. 693 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature. The following changes update the language in Part XXIX to address terminology changes and alter the pesticide-testing schedule to streamline product testing and approval. The new Subpart 2. Marijuana Retailers authorizes the LDH/OPH to transition to conducting oversight of the retail distribution of medical marijuana products through the network of approved retailers. Chapter 21 provides for general requirements and definitions. Chapter 23 provides for the transfer of new LDH-issued permits for retailers that currently hold marijuana-pharmacy permits through the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy as of November 2024 and application requirements for new applicants should a current permit-holder neglect to renew its existing permit. Chapter 25 provides for general operational requirements for marijuana retailers, including distribution requirements, recommendations, home-delivery services, disposal procedures for waste products, inventory control, point-of-sale tracking systems, and general design, construction, and sanitary requirements. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 51

PUBLIC HEALTH—SANITARY CODE

Part XXIX. Medical Marijuana

Subpart 1. Marijuana Manufacturers

Chapter 1. General Requirements

§101. Definitions

A. Except as may be otherwise defined in any provision of this Part, and unless the context or use thereof clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms used in this Part of the *Sanitary Code* are defined for the purposes thereof, and for purposes of any other Parts which are adopted or may hereafter be adopted, as follows.

Licensee—as defined in R.S. 40:1046(H)(1)(a), an entity authorized by the Louisiana Department of Health to cultivate, extract, process, produce and transport therapeutic marijuana.

Permittee—Repealed.

Therapeutic Marijuana—see Medical Marijuana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2976 (December 2022), amended LR 52:59 (January 2026).

Chapter 5. Licensure

§501. Licensure of Authorized Entities

A. The department shall issue a nontransferable license to the licensees successfully completing the application process referenced in §505 of this Chapter to produce medical marijuana. Such license shall be renewable annually on July 1.

B. Only a total of two licenses may be issued for the production of medical marijuana.

C. Licensees shall comply with all applicable requirements of R.S. Title 40, Chapter 4, Part X-E (R.S. 40:1046 et seq.), including payment of all fees, allowance of all inspections, and provision of all information required thereunder. Each license is subject to an annual administration fee of \$100,000.00.

D. New licenses may be issued only under the following circumstances:

1. A current licensee surrenders its active license voluntarily; or

2. A current licensee fails to renew its active license in a timely fashion. A license may only be revoked in this circumstance if the licensee fails to respond to a written notification by the department with the necessary documentation and fees within a thirty-day timeframe.

E. New licenses shall be awarded by means of a competitive bid process in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551 et seq.).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2976 (December 2022), amended LR 52:59 (January 2026).

§503. Permitting

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2976 (December 2022), repealed LR 52:59 (January 2026).

§505. Application Process

A. Applications for licensure shall be made using documents supplied by the department for this purpose.

B. - B.5. ...

6. a recall plan; and

7. any other information or plans required to be provided under R.S. Title 40, Chapter 4, Part X-E (R.S. 40:1046 et seq.).

C. As a condition of renewal of a license, the licensee shall supply the following additional information in writing to the department by January 10 of the renewal year:

1. - 3. ...

4. the total quantity of medical marijuana generated as a finished product within that year and the quantity distributed to each licensed marijuana retailer;

5. Repealed.

6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2976 (December 2022), amended LR 52:59 (January 2026).

Chapter 7. Inspections and Operational Requirements

§701. Inspections

A. Licensed facilities require a preoperational or initial inspection and this shall follow review and acceptance of the plans required in §505. Inspections are designed to ensure the following:

1. - 9. ...

B. As a condition of its license, the licensee shall allow the State Health Officer or his/her designee(s) to review all records relevant to the operations and management of the licensed facility.

C. Routine inspections of licensed facilities to assess continued compliance shall occur no less frequently than twice per fiscal year. Complaint-based inspections may be conducted at any time during business hours and without prior notice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2978 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§703. Product and Site Security

A. Licensed facilities shall maintain an onsite security system that includes, at a minimum, the following components:

A.1. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2978 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§705. Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System

A. Licensed facilities shall possess and maintain required hardware and software to connect to the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System (LMMTS).

B. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2978 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§707. Inventory Control

A. Licensed facilities shall maintain an inventory of medical marijuana, including medical marijuana waste, on their premises and update these records no less frequently than once per week.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2979 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§709. Toxic Chemical Use and Storage

A. Licensed facilities shall handle and store any chemicals for direct or indirect contact with medical marijuana in accordance with its written operations plan and the manufacturer's directions.

B. ...

C. Licensees shall maintain records of material safety data sheets (MSDS) for all chemicals currently in use at the facility.

D.1. - 4 ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2979 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§711. Transportation of Medical Marijuana

A. Licensed facilities shall generate an inventory manifest prior to transporting any medical marijuana to a licensed marijuana retailer, laboratory, contractor or disposal site. The manifest shall include the following items:

A.1. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2979 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§713. Sampling Requirements

A. Licensees shall sample every batch of product to ensure compliance with the standards of quality outlined below. Licensees shall not release any batch of product for sale until the representative sample has been verified as compliant. Batches may be tested prior to portioning or packaging.

B. Sample verification shall be by means of the issuance of a certificate of analysis from the approved laboratory conducting the sample analysis issued to the Department of Health and the originating facility no later than 24 hours after testing is complete.

C. Any batch with a sample failing one or more of the tests (by exceeding allowable limits for contaminants or residues) shall be remediated or destroyed, at the option of the licensee. A batch shall only be remediated once, and if subsequent sampling fails to correct the exceedance, the affected batch shall be destroyed.

D. - E. ...

F. Medical marijuana samples shall be required to meet the following standards of quality:

1. microbiological contaminants:

a. mold/yeast <100,000 CFU/g;

1.b. - 6. ...

G. Table 1. Pesticide Residue Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) in parts per million (ppm) by dosage form

Name	Ingested	Inhaled
Abamectin	0.5	0.5
Acephate	0.4	0.4
Acetamiprid	0.2	0.2
Acequinocyl	2	2
Azoxystrobin	0.2	0.2
Bifentzate	0.2	0.2
Bifenthrin	0.2	0.2
Boscalid	0.4	0.4
Carbaryl	0.2	0.2
Carbofuran	0.2	0.2

Name	Ingested	Inhaled
Chlorantraniliprole	0.2	0.2
Chlorfenapyr	1	1
Chlorpyrifos	0.2	0.2
Clofentezine	0.2	0.2
Cyfluthrin	1	1
Cypermethrin	1	1
Daminozide	1	1
DDVP (Dichlorvos)	0.1	0.1
Diazinon	0.2	0.2
Dimethoate	0.2	0.2
Ethoprophos	0.2	0.2
Etofenprox	0.4	0.4
Etoxazole	0.2	0.2
Fenoxycarb	0.2	0.2
Fenpyroximate	0.4	0.4
Fipronil	0.4	0.4
Flonicamid	1	1
Fludioxonil	0.4	0.4
Hexythiazox	1	1
Imazalil	0.2	0.2
Imidacloprid	0.4	0.4
Kresoxim-methyl	0.4	0.4
Malathion	0.2	0.2
Metalaxyl	0.2	0.2
Methiocarb	0.2	0.2
Methomyl	0.4	0.4
Methyl parathion	0.2	0.2
MGK-264	0.2	0.2
Myclobutanil	0.2	0.2
Naled	0.5	0.5
Oxamyl	1	1
Paclobutrazol	0.4	0.4
Permethrins*	0.2	0.2
Phosmet	0.2	0.2
Piperonylbutoxide	2	2
Prallethrin	0.2	0.2
Propiconazole	0.4	0.4
Propoxur	0.2	0.2
Pyrethrins**	1	1
Pyradiben	0.2	0.2
Spinosad	0.2	0.2
Spiromesifen	0.2	0.2
Spirotetramat	0.2	0.2
Spiroxamine	0.4	0.4
Tebuconazole	0.4	0.4
Thiacloprid	0.2	0.2
Thiamethoxam	0.2	0.2
Trifloxystrobin	0.2	0.2

*Permethrins should be measured as cumulative residue of *cis*- and *trans*-permethrin isomers.

**Pyrethrins should be measured as the cumulative residue of pyrethrin 1, cinerin 1, and jasmolin 1.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2979 (December 2022), amended LR 52:60 (January 2026).

§715. Basic Facility Requirements

A. Licensed facilities shall provide finishes to floors, walls, and ceilings that are durable, light in color, and easily cleanable.

B. - I. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2980 (December 2022), amended LR 52:61 (January 2026).

Chapter 9. Approved Laboratories for Testing Medical Marijuana

§901. General Requirements

A. Licensed facilities shall only utilize approved laboratories, as defined in this Section, for testing of medical marijuana.

B. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 48:2976 (December 2022), amended LR 52:61 (January 2026).

Subpart 2. Marijuana Retailers

Chapter 21. General Requirements

§2101. Definitions

A. Except as may be otherwise defined in any provision of this Part, and unless the context or use thereof clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms used in this Part of the *Sanitary Code* are defined for the purposes thereof, and for purposes of any other Parts which are adopted or may hereafter be adopted, as follows:

Authorized Clinician—licensed health professional authorized to recommend therapeutic marijuana as defined in R.S. 40: 1046.

CFR—Code of Federal Regulations

Department—herein, unless otherwise indicated, the Louisiana Department of Health.

Marijuana Product—any product containing marijuana, including raw plant material, that requires no further processing

Pharmacist—a natural person holding an active license to practice as a pharmacist issued by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Retailer—retail facility meeting the requirements of this Subpart that sells therapeutic marijuana to patients or caregivers.

Recommendation—a written or electronic communication from an authorized clinician to a retailer indicating that in the clinician's professional judgment a patient would benefit from therapeutic marijuana.

Use—to assimilate therapeutic marijuana into the body by ingestion, inhalation, topical application or any other route of administration by the patient, whether aided or unaided.

Usable Marijuana—the dried leaves and flowers of the marijuana plant, and any mixtures or preparations of such leaves and flowers that are appropriate for the therapeutic use of marijuana, but does not include the seeds, stalks, and roots of the marijuana plant.

Visiting Qualifying Patient—non-resident of the state of Louisiana or person who has been a resident for fewer than 30 days who provides a Louisiana retailer with a copy of a medical-marijuana registry card or similar credential indicating that the patient currently receives medical marijuana in another state under that jurisdiction's medical-marijuana laws and rules.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40: 1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:61 (January 2026).

§2103. Marijuana Product Requirements

A. Retailers may only stock marijuana products obtained from in-state licensed medical marijuana manufacturing facilities. No other sources may be utilized for the supply of marijuana products to patients.

B. Retailers may distribute only the following acceptable dosage forms of formulated therapeutic marijuana to patients:

1. oils, extracts, tincture or sprays;
2. solid oral dosage forms (e.g., pills, capsules, tablets);
3. liquid oral dosage forms (e.g., solutions or suspensions);
4. gelatin- or pectin-based chewables;
5. topical creams, unguents, or lotions;
6. transdermal patches;
7. suppositories;
8. metered-dose inhalers; or
9. other forms approved by the department.

C. Retailers may also distribute edible products (intended for ingestion) and combustible forms (intended for inhalation) made from marijuana flower.

D. No therapeutic marijuana product of any kind may include or be incorporated into the following:

1. an alcoholic beverage;
2. a dietary supplement; or
3. a drug other than marijuana, cannabis extracts, or cannabis derivatives.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:62 (January 2026).

Chapter 23. Permits

§2303. Application Requirements

A. In accordance with the statutory limits provided for in R.S. 40:1046(G), the department may issue no more than thirty permits for therapeutic marijuana retailers and their approved satellite locations.

B. Permits are not transferable to other locations or owners.

C. In the circumstance that one of the existing permit-holders for a primary retailer location or its satellite chooses to surrender that permit or the facility undergoes a change-of-ownership, an applicant may submit a packet for review to include the following.

1. a completed application form provided by the department;
2. detailed plans of the facility, including a site plan and plumbing, electrical, mechanical, HVAC, and drainage schedules as well as a schedule of finishes for floors, walls, and ceilings in all areas; plans should include measures to secure the area where marijuana product is being held to prevent the entry of unauthorized personnel;
3. proposed hours of operation, anticipated staffing levels, and a list of other goods and services to be provided on the premises;
4. the name and contact telephone number and email address of the registered pharmacist designated to be available to the retailer; and
5. a notarized, sworn affidavit that the proposed location meets the separation distance requirements stipulated in R.S. 40:1040(G)(6) and that any applicable zoning requirements have been met.

D. Any plans packet that is incomplete or lacks the required supporting documentation will be returned without processing.

E. To comply with statutory population-survey requirements and as a condition of permitting, each permitted facility must supply the department with registered patient counts based on the previous 24-month period on a quarterly basis.

F. Per the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(F), each permitted facility must designate at least one registered pharmacist to be available to the primary site and its satellite locations by virtue of the pharmacist's physical presence or availability by telephone or videoconference during its hours of operation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:62 (January 2026).

§2305. Renewal, Suspension, and Revocation

A. A marijuana retailer permit shall be subject to renewal on a calendar-year basis utilizing a form supplied by the Louisiana Department of Health.

B. Renewal packets (to include ancillary documentation required by the renewal form) must be submitted to LDH no later than December 1 to renew for the following year.

C. Permits that are not renewed by December 31 are subject to suspension until such time as the proper packet has been submitted, reviewed, and accepted by LDH.

D. Permits that have not been renewed by March 1 of the subsequent calendar year or whose holders have been documented to be in violation of any provisions of this Subpart may be subject to revocation in accordance with the applicable provisions of LAC 51:I.113.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:62 (January 2026).

§2307. Renovations

A. Any permitted marijuana retailer that is undergoing substantial renovations (per LAC 51.I:101) must submit plans for review and approval to the Louisiana Department of Health. The department must approve the plans prior to the onset of construction/substantial renovations to the existing facility.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:62 (January 2026).

Chapter 25. Inspections and Operational Requirements

§2501. Inspections

A. Permitted facilities are required to be inspected at least once annually. Inspections are intended to verify compliance with the provisions of this Subpart, including §2511.

B. As a condition of its permit, the permittee shall allow the surgeon general or his/her designee(s) to review all records relevant to the operations and management of the permitted facility.

C. Complaint-based inspections may be conducted at any time during business hours and without prior notice to the firm.

D. Permits are required to be displayed on the premises in a prominent location.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:62 (January 2026).

§2503. Product and Site Security

A. Permitted facilities shall maintain an onsite security system that includes, at a minimum, the following components:

1. secured locks on doors throughout the facility;
2. audible alarms and a system of audio and video surveillance cameras that cover points of entry and egress as well as restricted-access areas;
3. restricted-access areas denoted by suitable signage and protected by means of secured-access locks where marijuana products are held and provided to patients or caregivers. Access to areas where marijuana inventory is stored and orders are fulfilled shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. be restricted to authorized personnel and not allowed to the general public;
 - b. be secured by suitable physical barriers and monitored by the facility's security system;
 - c. be inaccessible to any non-employee unless that person remains under the constant supervision of an employee authorized to be in the secure area.

B. The security system shall be documented in detail in the firm's security plan and subject to review during inspection by the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:63 (January 2026).

§2505. Inventory Control and Required POS (Point-of-Sale) System

A. Permitted facilities shall be required to maintain a point-of-sale software system that will interface with the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System to allow for seed-to-sale tracking of all medical marijuana transactions (including deliveries and waste disposal) conducted at the facility.

B. The system shall be capable of documenting the amount of marijuana, dosage form, and amount provided under the active recommendation for each patient registered at the retailer.

C. Additionally, the system shall allow the agent or pharmacist to cross-reference the patient's sales history in the LMMTS. A retailer shall perform such cross-reference prior to sale, and shall refuse a sale if necessary to ensure that no patient receives more than 71 g of raw marijuana in a 14-day period or any amount of another dosage form in excess of the authorized clinician's recommendation.

D. Retailer staff must maintain a perpetual inventory of marijuana products received, held, sold, and disposed of by the facility. Inventory reconciliations shall be conducted on at least a semi-annual (every six months) basis and documents related to reconciliations shall be maintained on the premises for at least two calendar years.

E. Retailer staff must enter information into the LMMTS for new patients within 24 hours of receipt of a recommendation from an authorized clinician. The patient

profile information provided must include the following elements:

1. unique patient identification number that will attach to all relevant records;
2. status of the recommendation (active or inactive);
3. recommendation start date; and
4. data on purchase limits or restrictions other than those referenced in Subsection C above, if applicable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:63 (January 2026).

§2507. Deliveries, Fulfillment and Labeling/Packaging Requirements

A. Retailers may refuse delivery from a manufacturing facility of marijuana products if it is determined at receiving that the product is misbranded, adulterated, expired, or otherwise in a non-saleable condition. Such refusals shall be recorded in the POS system and the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System.

B. Marijuana products may be issued by appropriate retailer staff to a patient or the patient's caregiver on the premises or by delivery to the patient's or caregiver's address.

1. Patients or caregivers must have an authorized clinician send a paper or electronic recommendation bearing the clinician's signature directly to the retailer prior to fulfillment.

2. Recommendations must include the following information, at a minimum:

- a. the name, address, and telephone number of the authorized clinician;
- b. name, address and date-of-birth of the patient;
- c. the name of the debilitating medical condition listed in R.S. 40:1046 for which the therapeutic marijuana will act as a treatment;
- d. if applicable, a list of any dosage forms of marijuana that may be contraindicated by the patient's debilitating condition or co-morbidities;
- e. date of recommendation and an expiration date not to exceed 12 months from the date of the recommendation; and
- f. self-certification that the authorized clinician is in good standing with the relevant licensing board as specified in R.S. 40:1046(B). For nurse practitioners, the self-certification shall affirmatively state that the recommender has prescriptive authority conferred by the State Board of Nursing.

3. The retailer shall provide laboratory test results for any marijuana product available for sale to the patient upon request.

C. Deliveries must be made available upon request at least once per month per ZIP code serviced by the retailer; however, no delivery may be made outside the state of Louisiana.

D. Any marijuana product that is part of a delivery that is not completed must be returned to the retailer of origin, and if the packaging integrity cannot be verified by retailer staff, it must be disposed of by a department-approved method and that disposal documented in the firm's POS system.

E. Marijuana products, whether provided on- or off-premises, must be packaged in tightly-sealed and light-impermeable packaging.

F. Retailers may utilize a recommendation issued by an authorized clinician to supply a patient on multiple occasions with marijuana products, provided that the fulfillment is consistent with the requirements of §2505.C and that the fulfillment does not exceed the amount indicated on the recommendation or consist of a dosage form not specified under §2103.B of this Subpart.

G. As long as no marijuana product is provided to an out-of-state address, retailer staff may provide marijuana products to a visiting qualifying patient in compliance with the provisions of this Section and R.S. 40:1046.1. A retailer shall retain all documents required by R.S. 40:1046.1(C)(2) for at least three years.

H. No marijuana product may be sold by the retailer unless it bears a label including the following information:

1. the name, address, and telephone number of the retail firm;
2. the name of the authorized clinician recommending the product;
3. the name of the patient;
4. date of fulfillment;
5. transaction identification number, which shall be a unique identifier;
6. the identity of the product;
7. quantity of product in the package;
8. directions for use; and
9. expiration date, as provided by the manufacturing facility.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:63 (January 2026).

§2509. Disposal of Marijuana Product Waste

A. Marijuana product in inventory that is no longer suitable for sale due to deterioration, expiration or other conditions rendering the product unsaleable shall be stored in a temporary morgue area pending disposal. Waste products may not be held on the premises longer than thirty days.

B. Waste products must be rendered into a non-usable state by grinding and mixing with non-marijuana waste products such that the end product is at least 50% non-marijuana waste by volume, and this end product may then be transported from the premises and disposed of by means of the following processes:

1. composting;
2. incineration; or
3. compaction and subsurface burial.

C. Acceptable materials for mixing include yard waste; paper or cardboard waste; plastic waste; or soil.

D. Retailer personnel must document every disposal activity in the facility's POS system, including the identifying characteristics of the waste, the quantity of waste, and the method of its disposal.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:64 (January 2026).

§2511. Basic Facility Requirements

A. Retailers shall provide and maintain finishes to floors, walls, and ceilings in all public areas that are smooth, light-in-color, durable, and easy-to-clean.

B. Retailers shall be sufficient in size to allow space for the following:

1. orderly placement of equipment and materials to minimize the possibility of contamination;
2. holding of waste products in secure storage while pending disposal;
3. storage of packages, containers, and labeling;
4. packaging and labeling operations;
5. fulfillment operations; and
6. secure storage of marijuana products pending order fulfillment.

C. Retailers shall provide lighting, ventilation, and screening (if applicable) as needed to do the following:

1. prevent contamination of products in storage with extraneous adulterants; and
2. minimize dissemination of microorganisms from one area to another.

D. Retailers shall provide locker rooms adequate for the storage of employee personal belongings.

E. Retailers shall provide a plumbing system designed and installed to meet the requirements of the Uniform Construction Code. Additionally the system shall include the following:

1. no cross-connections between any potable and non-potable water supply;
2. at least one hand lavatory in the storage/fulfillment areas equipped with hot-and-cold running water by means of a mixer-type faucet as well as adequate supplies of hand soap and paper towels and a suitable waste-receptacle located nearby.
3. at least one utility sink for the disposal of mop wastes; and
4. adequate means of sanitary disposal of wastewater.

F. Retailers shall provide adequate means of conveyance, storage, and disposal of refuse and non-medical marijuana waste products so as to minimize the development of odors, prevent waste products from becoming an attractant to and harborage for vermin, and prevent contamination of marijuana products, other products, facility surfaces, grounds, or water supplies.

G. Retailers shall provide toilet rooms as required by the Uniform Construction Code. Additionally toilet rooms shall be maintained in proper working order and in a sanitary condition. Adequate security measures shall be put into place to prevent the use of marijuana products in toilet rooms and signage shall be provided advising that such use is prohibited by law. Toilet rooms shall be equipped with self-closing doors and shall provide signage advising employees to wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet.

H. Retailers shall be located on premises that are maintained free from the following:

1. disused equipment, waste, debris or other materials that may serve as harborage for or attractants to vermin;
2. overgrowth of vegetation;
3. poorly-drained areas; and
4. excessively-dusty areas.

I. Facilities must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free of the presence of insects, rodents, and other vermin.

J. Toxic chemicals used in cleaning and maintenance operations must be properly labelled, used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, and stored securely in such a

manner as to prevent them from becoming a source of contamination to marijuana products. Toxic chemicals not used in the firm's routine operations may not be stored on the premises.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:64 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Gaming Control Board**

Gaming Control Board
(LAC 42:III.2325 and 2723)

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Gaming Control Board, in accordance with R.S. 27:15, R.S. 27:24, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby amends LAC 42:III.2325 and LAC 42:III.2723. The rule change allows for LAC 42:III.2325 and LAC 42:III.2723 to comply with newly enacted federal law One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act (Public Law 119-21) and allow the reporting threshold to conform to the federal reporting requirement. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 42
LOUISIANA GAMING**

Part III. Gaming Control Board

Chapter 23. Compliance, Inspections and Investigations

§2325. Administrative Actions and Penalty Schedule

- A. - G. ...
- H. Penalty Schedule

Section Reference	Description	Base Penalty	Proscriptive Period (Months)

Chapter 33. Surveillance			

Chapter 34. Security			

Chapter 35. Patron Disputes			

Chapter 40. Designated Check Cashing Representatives			

Chapter 42. Electronic Gaming Devices			

Chapter 43. Specifications for Gaming Devices and Equipment			

Revised Statues, Title 27. Louisiana Gaming Control Law			
Chapter 2. Louisiana Gaming Control Board			

Chapter 4. The Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act			
Part III. Gaming Enforcement Division			

Part V. Conducting of Gaming Operations			

Part VIII. Issuance of Permits to Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Others			

Chapter 5. The Louisiana Economic Development And Gaming Corporation Law			
Part V. General Corporation Gaming Operations			

Part VI. Land-Based Casino Operating Contract			

Part VII. Licenses, Fees, and Registration			

Part IX. Prohibitions, Exclusions, and Gaming Offenses			

Chapter 7. Pari-Mutuel Live Racing Facility Economic Redevelopment and Gaming Control Act			
Part II. O Conduct of Slot Machine Gaming Activity			

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 27:15 and 24.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Gaming Control Board, LR 38:1620 (July 2012), amended LR 40:1381 (July 2014), LR 45:582 (April 2019), LR 52:65 (January 2026).

Chapter 27. Accounting Regulations

§2723. Internal Controls; Slots

A. - D.i.i. ...

j. verification and witness by an additional permitted gaming employee if the jackpot is less than the amount required for the filing of a W2-G or similar federal tax withholding form. This signature is not required if the jackpot is paid in accordance with § 2723.C.9. If the jackpot requires federal reporting, the additional permitted gaming employee shall be an employee from a department independent of the department performing the payout.

2. - 6. ...

E. If a jackpot requires federal reporting, the following shall be obtained by the slot attendant prior to payout and for preparation of a Form W-2G:

E.1. - R.11. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 27:15 and 24.

Section Reference	Description	Base Penalty	Proscriptive Period (Months)
Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 42, Part III			
Chapter 21. Licenses and Permits			

Chapter 23. Compliance, Inspections, and Investigations			

Chapter 25. Transfers of Interest in Licensees and Permittees; Loans and Restrictions			

Chapter 27. Accounting Regulation			

2723.E	Jackpot Payout Slips greater than the amount required to file a W2-G (\$2,000 as of 1/1/26. After 2026, the amount grows with inflation.)	\$1,000	12

Chapter 29. Operating Standards			

Chapter 31. Rules of Play			

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Gaming Control Board, LR 38:1641 (July 2012), amended LR 44:1449 (August 2018), LR 44:2014 (November 2018), LR 52:65 (January 2026).

Christopher B. Hebert
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RULE

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of Motor Vehicles

Application Process and Fees for Private Driving Schools and Instructors (LAC 55:III.146)

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1) and R.S. 40:1461, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has amended Part III, Chapter 1 (Driver's License), Subchapter A (General Requirements) Section 146 (Application Process and Fees for Private Driving Schools and Instructors) of the *Louisiana Administrative Code*. Specifically, this Rule updates the rule to allow a driving school owner to apply to open an additional location if they have not received a fine or suspension for at least one year. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day promulgation.

Title 55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Part III. Motor Vehicles

Chapter 1. Driver's License

Subchapter A. General Requirements

§146. Application Process and Fees for Private Driving Schools and Instructors

A. - J.4. ...

K. Additional Location of Driving School

1. A school owner may apply to open an additional location if they have operated their most recent location for at least one year without receiving a fine or suspension of their license.

K.2 - L.14. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1), R.S. 40:1461 and R.S. 40:1462. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 38:1976 (August 2012), amended LR 40:2603 (December 2014), LR 41:2665 (December 2015), LR 43:1762 (September 2017), LR 50:1006 (July 2024), LR 52:66 (January 2026).

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Commissioner

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RULE

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information

Criminal History Background Checks on Licensed Ambulance Personnel and Nonlicensed Persons (LAC 55:I.Chapter 2)

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information in accordance with R.S. 15:575, R.S. 40:1203.1 and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has adopted Title 55, Part I, Chapter 2 (Criminal History Background Checks on Licensed Ambulance Personnel and Nonlicensed Persons), Sections 201, 203, 205, 207, and 209. This Rule expands eligibility for approval as an authorized agency to include individuals employed by a business entity domiciled in Louisiana, registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State at the time of application, and whose primary business is conducting background screenings. Further, it clarifies that a technology fee of \$5 shall be assessed for each civil background check conducted, regardless of the entity, to be distributed to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association for the enhancement of criminal history data collection. Finally, the Rule adds language requiring that any criminal history check containing possible arrest information be resubmitted to the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information for a fingerprint-based background check to obtain positive verification and updates statutory citations to reference the correct and current revised statutes. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Part I. State Police

Chapter 2. Criminal History Background Checks on Licensed Ambulance Personnel and Nonlicensed Persons

§201. Statement of Department Policy

A. The rules contained herein are promulgated by the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, in order to set forth the policies and procedures applicable to requesting and receiving criminal history background checks on licensed ambulance personnel and nonlicensed persons, pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq., by employers and authorized agencies.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 15:575 et seq. and R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 25:876 (May 1999), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:66 (January 2026).

§203. Definitions

A. For the purposes of these rules, the following words and phrases shall mean:

Applicant—a person who has submitted a request to the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information in accordance with these rules to be approved as an authorized agency.

Authorized Agency—an individual who meets the qualification requirements and has been approved by the bureau to receive criminal history information to conduct employment screening pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq.

Bureau—the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police as provided for in R.S. 15:576.

Criminal History Record—shall have the same meaning as provided for in R.S. 15:576.

Employer—shall have the same meaning as provided for in R.S. 40:1203.1(6).

Licensed Ambulance Personnel—shall have the same meaning as provided for in R.S. 40:1203.1(5).

Nonlicensed Person—shall have the same meaning as provided for in R.S. 40:1203.1(3).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 15:575 et seq. and R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 25:876 (May 1999), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:67 (January 2026).

§205. Application to be Approved by Authorized Agency

A. An individual wishing to be approved as an authorized agency must submit an application to the bureau along with the following documents to prove the individual's qualifications.

1. The applicant must be currently licensed in the state of Louisiana as a private investigator or detective by the Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners as evidenced by current and valid licensure issued by the board, or an individual employed by a business entity domiciled in the state of Louisiana and registered and in good standing with the secretary of state at the time of application whose primary source of business is background screenings.

2. The applicant must not currently be charged by bill of information or under indictment for, or have been convicted of, any felony offense in this state or any other jurisdiction, and submit to a background investigation to determine such.

3. Proof of qualification to do business within the state of Louisiana as evidenced by a valid certificate of authority issued by the Secretary of State, and designation of an agent for service of process as required by law. If the applicant is operating as a sole proprietorship, a current valid occupational license will be accepted.

4. The applicant must execute a written agreement whereby she/he agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any and all information provided to it by the bureau pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq., abide by all applicable laws, rules and regulations pertaining to receipt and use of criminal history information, cooperate in any auditing procedure conducted by the bureau, and inform the bureau in writing of any known

violations regarding the use of criminal history information she/he receives.

B. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 15:575 et seq. and R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 25:876 (May 1999), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:67 (January 2026).

§207. Request for Criminal History Information

A. A request for the bureau to conduct a criminal history check authorized by R.S. 40:1203.2 shall be made on a form provided by the bureau and submitted to it by an employer or authorized agency.

B. Each request for a criminal history check authorized by R.S. 40:1203.2 submitted to the bureau shall be accompanied by the fee of \$26 as established by R.S. 40:1203.2(B)(2) and LAC 55:I.101.A and a \$5 technology fee as established by R.S. 15:587(D).

C. Each request for a criminal history check submitted to the bureau by an authorized agency shall be accompanied by a letter of engagement or contract with the employer as proof that the authorized agency may request and receive criminal history information on behalf of the employer. The results of each criminal history check submitted by an authorized agency on behalf of an employer will be reported to the authorized agency.

D. Any criminal history check that contains possible arrest information, shall be resubmitted to the Bureau for a fingerprint based background check for positive verification.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 15:575 et seq., and R.S. 40:1203.2 et seq.

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§209. Receipt and Use of Criminal History Information

A. Any authorized agency or employer which receives criminal history information pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.7 shall maintain the confidentiality of the records obtained.

B. The criminal history information received by an employer or authorized agency shall be used for the sole purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for employment with the stated employer.

C. Any authorized agency who fails to maintain the confidentiality of criminal history information obtained pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.7, or who uses such information for any purpose other than determining the applicant's eligibility for employment with the stated employer, shall have its approval as an authorized agency canceled and be ineligible to receive criminal history information pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.7.

D. Any authorized agency or employer who fails to maintain the confidentiality of criminal history information obtained pursuant to R.S. 40:1203.1 et seq., or uses such information for any purpose other than determining the applicant's eligibility for employment with the stated employer shall be subject to all other penalties provided by law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 15:575 et seq. and R.S. 40:1203.1 and 40:1203.7 et seq.

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RULE

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information

Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits (LAC 55.I.Chapter 13)

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, in accordance with R.S. 40:1379.1, 40:1379.3, 40:1381, and 40:1382, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has adopted Part I, Chapter 13 (Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits), Sections 1301, 1305, 1307, 1309, and 1313 of the Louisiana Administrative Code. Specifically, this Rule replaces mentions of "Louisiana citizens" with "persons" to include all qualifying individuals, clarifying that a concealed handgun permit grants authority to all who qualify, not just citizens of Louisiana. It further removes the definition of "citizen" and adds definitions for "non-resident" and "person." The Rule updates the residency requirement to allow identification from the applicant's state or territory of residence, rather than limiting it to Louisiana-issued IDs. The Rule also establishes a \$250 fee for five-year non-resident concealed handgun permit and a \$1,000 fee for a lifetime non-resident permit. Finally, the Rule eliminates the automatic invalidation and mandatory return of concealed handgun permits when a permittee leaves the state. Additionally, permit holders will also no longer need to submit a new application upon returning as residents, ensuring that individuals who maintain lawful status retain continuous permit validity even if they temporarily reside outside the state. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Part I. State Police

Chapter 13. Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits

§1301. Application and Permits

A. The rules contained herein are promulgated by the Concealed Handgun Permit Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, in order to set forth the policies and procedures applicable to the issuance of concealed handgun permits to persons who qualify for such permits pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1 and 40:1379.3; to provide statewide uniform standards for issuing permits to carry concealed handguns; and to

maintain the health, welfare, and safety of the public. These considerations shall control the application and interpretation of these rules. Any subsequent restatement, repeal, or amendment of these rules shall be in accordance with the aforementioned considerations.

B. *Applicability.* The policies and procedures provided herein shall be applicable to all persons who are eligible for a statewide concealed handgun permit.

C. *Duties and Responsibilities.* Persons issued concealed handgun permits have the authority only to carry a concealed weapon and are regarded as private persons in all matters of law with no special powers or authority accruing by virtue of the concealed handgun permit.

D. - F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1379.1, 40:1379.3, 40:1381, and 40:1382.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police, LR 1:495 (November 1975), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 22:845 (September 1996), LR 38:1279 (May 2012), repromulgated LR 38:1415 (June 2012), amended LR 43:671 (April 2017), LR 45:582 (April 2019), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:68 (January 2026).

§1305. Definitions

A. For the purposes of these rules, the following words and phrases shall be defined as:

Addiction—the habitual use of alcoholic beverages or any controlled dangerous substance as defined in R.S. 40:961 and 40:964. Title 55, Part I 21 Louisiana Administrative Code July 2025

Applicant—a person who has completed and submitted an application to the department seeking a concealed handgun permit.

Application—the forms and schedules prescribed by the department upon which an applicant seeks a permit or the renewal thereof. Application also includes information, disclosure statements, releases, certificates or any other form required by the department in the application process.

Concealed Handgun—any handgun as defined in R.S. 40:1379.3(J)(3) which is carried on a person in such a manner as to hide or obscure the handgun from plain view.

Department—Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police.

Deputy Secretary—the deputy secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections who serves as the superintendent of the Office of State Police.

Fixed-Case Marking Projectile—any non-lethal simulated ammunition commonly referred to as 'simunition.'

Fugitive from Justice—a person who flees, evades, or escapes from any jurisdiction to avoid arrest, prosecution, or imprisonment for any criminal offense, which shall include outstanding traffic attachments or warrants, or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding.

Illegal Alien—any person without legal authority to enter or remain in the United States and who is not legally residing within the United States or any territory or possession of the United States.

Law Enforcement Officer—any individual who is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the

incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and has statutory powers of arrest. For the purposes of this Section, this definition shall apply to the term “peace officer” and “police officer.”

Machine Gun—any firearm which shoots or is designed to shoot more than one round without reloading and by a single function of the trigger.

Non-resident—a person who is domiciled in any state or territory of the United States other than Louisiana.

N.R.A.—National Rifle Association.

Permit—the authorization issued by the deputy secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.3 and these rules, which shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance for a five-year permittee, or for the lifetime of a permit holder for a lifetime permittee, unless revoked, suspended, or otherwise invalidated, and shall contain a permit number, date of expiration, and the name, address, date of birth, physical description, and photograph of the permittee.

Permittee—an individual who meets the qualifications as described in R.S. 40:1379.3 and these rules and to whom a concealed handgun permit has been issued.

Person—any individual who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in this Section for obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

Pistol—a handgun that has a short barrel and can be held, aimed, and fired with one hand and is capable of only firing a single round each time the trigger is pulled, which includes semi-automatic handguns.

P.O.S.T.—Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training. *Resident*—a person who is legally domiciled in Louisiana.

Revolver—a pistol that has a rotating cylinder containing a number of firing chambers. The action of the trigger or hammer will line up a chamber with the barrel and firing pin.

Veteran—any honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States including reserved components of the Armed Forces, the Army National Guard, the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and any other category of persons designated by the president in time of war or emergency.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1379.1, 40:1379.3, 40:1381, and 40:1382.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 22:846 (September 1996), amended LR 28:1483 (June 2002), LR 38:1280 (May 2012), LR 43:672 (April 2017), LR 45:583 (April 2019), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:68 (January 2026).

§1307. Applications and Permits

A. Application materials may be obtained by accessing the Louisiana State Police website at www.lsp.org.

B. Initial Applications

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4.a. A person applying for a permit shall submit a photocopy of a valid driver’s license or identification card issued by their state or territory of residence within the United States with the application.

i. The person shall possess a valid driver's license or identification card from their state or territory of residence within the United States.

ii. If the a driver's license or identification card from their state or territory of residence has been issued within six months of the application, proof of residency shall be established by any one of the following documents:

(a). United States passport;

(b). Voter registration card from their state or territory of residence;

(c). any other documentation, which adequately satisfies proof of compliance with residency qualifications.

b. - c. ...

5. For purposes of proof that the applicant is at least 21 years of age, a photocopy of his valid driver's license or valid identification card which contains the applicant's date of birth shall suffice.

6. - 13. ...

14. All applicants shall submit with the application a non-refundable fee in the form of a certified check, money order or any other means of payment as approved by the department. The applicable fees are as follows:

a. For a five-year resident concealed handgun permit, the fee shall be \$125;

b. For a lifetime resident concealed handgun permit, the fee shall be \$500;

c. For a five-year non-resident concealed handgun permit, the fee shall be \$250;

d. For a lifetime non-resident concealed handgun permit, the fee shall be \$1000;

e. ...

15. ...

C. Qualifications to Receive a Permit. To qualify for a concealed handgun permit, a person shall:

1. Not be ineligible to possess a firearm under 18 U.S.C. 922(g); and

2. Meet the requirements set forth in R.S. 40:1379.3 et seq.

D. Renewal of Permits

1. - 4. ...

5. Fingerprint submissions or other biometric identification information as determined by the Bureau shall be required upon renewal and/or submission of training for a lifetime concealed handgun permit if the Department of Public Safety determines that there is no Concealed Handgun Permit fingerprint card submission on file. Failure to comply shall be grounds for a denial or suspension.

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§1309. Permits

A. ...

B. A permit shall grant statewide authority to a permittee to carry and conceal on his person, in the manner prescribed by law and these rules, a handgun as defined by R.S. 40:1379.3(J)(1). A permit shall grant a permittee only the authority to carry a concealed handgun as a private person and grants no special authority to any person issued the permit.

C. - D. ...

E. Any permit issued pursuant hereto shall automatically become invalid for any of the following reasons:

1. The permit is altered in any manner;
2. The permit is lost or stolen;
3. The permittee is carrying it while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a controlled dangerous substance.

F. - J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1379.1, 40:1379.3, 40:1381, and 40:1382.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 22:848 (September 1996), amended LR 38:1282 (May 2012), LR 45:583 (April 2019), repromulgated LR 45:680 (May 2019), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:69 (January 2026).

§1313. Code of Conduct of Permittees

A. - A.3. ...

B. Duties and Responsibilities of the Permittee

1. - 4. ...

5. A permittee shall immediately return the concealed handgun permit to the department upon automatic suspension or revocation of the permit. If the permit is under suspension, failure to immediately return the permit to the department may be grounds for revocation.

6. A permittee shall immediately inform the department in writing of any handgun related accident, discharge, incident, injury, or death involving any permittee. Failure to do so shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of an existing permit or denial of a renewal application.

7. Upon death of any permittee, the permittee's estate representative shall notify the department and return the concealed handgun permit to the department.

8. Any permittee or applicant who is subject to any preliminary or permanent injunction in any family or domestic dispute, or any other protective order issued pursuant to law, shall notify the department of the caption of the suit including the suit or proceeding number, the date of the issuance of the injunction or court order, and provide a signed copy of the court's order within three days of the issuance of any such order. Upon the issuance of the injunction or court order, the permit shall be automatically suspended and the department may revoke or deny the permit in accordance with law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1379.1, 40:1379.3, 40:1381, and 40:1382.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, LR 22:850 (September 1996), amended LR 28:1484 (June 2002), LR 38:1284 (May 2012), LR 43:674 (April 2017), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, LR 52:70 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Revenue
Tax Policy and Planning Division**

Mandatory Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements
(LAC 61:I.1515, 1525, and 4910; LAC 61:III.Chapter 15)

Under the authority of R.S. 13:5077, 26:354 and 492, 47:114, 114.1, 551, 1061, 1511, 1519, and 1520, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, has amended LAC 61:I.1515, 1525, and 4910, adopted LAC 61:III.1500, 1502, and 1504, and repealed LAC 61:III.1511-1525, 1529, 1530, 1533-1536, 1539-1550 for the purposes of updating, consolidating, and simplifying various rules related to electronic filing and payment requirements for certain taxes administered and collected by the Department of Revenue.

R.S. 47:1519(B)(1) authorizes the secretary to require payments by electronic funds transfer, and R.S. 47:1520(A)(2) authorizes the secretary to require electronic filing of tax returns or reports by administrative rule promulgated with legislative oversight in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. Over time, the secretary has promulgated rules requiring the electronic filing or payment or both of various taxes and fees. In most cases, each rule applies to a single tax type. This Rule consolidates those rules to make it easier for taxpayers to identify the returns, reports, and payments that must be filed electronically. The Rule also extends the electronic filing and payment requirements to include all withholding tax returns and statements, the annual information return required to be filed by certain service recipients, oil field site restoration fee returns, all sales tax returns, except the following: Consumer Use Tax return and payments, Fairs, Festivals, and Other Special Events Sales Tax Returns and payments, watercraft sales tax payments and certifications, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center Service Contractor Tax Return and Tour Tax Return and payments. The Rule also requires electronic payment of all automobile rental taxes. Former rules only required electronic filing and payment of these taxes in certain circumstances. This Rule applies to all returns filed for the specified tax types, unless specifically excepted. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 61

REVENUE AND TAXATION

**Part I. Taxes Collected and Administered by the
Secretary of Revenue**

Chapter 15. Income: Withholding Tax

**§1515. Withholding Tax Statements and
Returns—Filing Requirements**

A. Employers shall file a separate L-1 return electronically on a quarterly basis.

B. Employers are required to file a transmittal of withholding tax statements, Form L-3, with copies of the employee withholding statements, Form W-2s and any information returns such as Federal Form 1099.

1. The L-3 transmittal and employee withholding statements must be filed on or before the first business day following January 31 for the preceding calendar year.

2. If a business terminates during the year, the L-3 transmittal and employee withholding statements must be filed within 30 days after the last month in which the wages were paid.

3. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the report is due the next business day and becomes delinquent the following day.

C. Separate submissions must be made for each employer.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, R.S. 47:1519, R.S. 47:1520 and R.S. 47:114.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 28:1489 (June 2002), amended LR 35:2204 (October 2009), LR 38:2382 (September 2012), LR 44:1638 (September 2018), LR 48:1294 (May 2022), LR 52:70 (January 2026).

§1525. Income Tax Withholding on Gaming Winnings

A.1. - A.3. ...

B. Reporting Requirements for Gaming Winnings

1. Businesses required to withhold and to submit income taxes on gaming winnings shall send the Department of Revenue an annual report containing a list of all winners in a format approved by the department. The report shall be filed electronically and contain the following information as printed on federal form W-2G:

a. the payor's name, address, and federal identification number;

b. the winner's name, address, social security number, gross winnings, amount of federal income taxes withheld, and amount of state income taxes withheld.

2. Pursuant to the authority of R.S. 47:114(D)(2) and to provide simplicity on related federal filing requirements, the secretary grants an extension of time to file to February 28th to coincide with the federal due date.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act 80 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 47:32(A), R.S. 47:164, and R.S. 47:1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Service Division, LR 36:2877 (December 2010), amended LR 48:504 (March 2022), LR 52:71 (January 2026).

Chapter 49. Tax Collection

§4910. Electronic Funds Transfer

A. Electronic Funds Transfer Requirements

1. Taxpayers are required to remit their tax payments by electronic funds transfer when the payments made in connection with the filing of any business tax return or report averaged, during the prior 12-month period, more than \$5,000 per reporting period.

2. Any taxpayer may voluntarily remit amounts due by electronic funds transfer.

B. Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined.

* * *

Other Immediately Investible Funds— money orders, credit and debit card payments, bank drafts, certified checks, teller's checks, electronic checks, and cashier's checks. The taxpayer is responsible for payment of any fee charged for making payment by means defined in this Paragraph as other immediately investible funds.

Payment—any amount paid to the Department of Revenue representing a tax, fee, interest, penalty, or other amount.

C. Taxes Required to be Electronically Transferred. Tax payments required to be electronically transferred may include corporation income and franchise taxes including declaration payments; income tax withholding; sales and use taxes; severance taxes; excise taxes; and any other tax or fee administered or collected by the Department of Revenue except for individual income tax. A separate electronic funds transfer shall be made for each return.

D. Taxpayer Notification

1. Those taxpayers required to electronically transfer tax payments pursuant to this Section will be notified in writing by the department of the electronic funds transfer data format and procedures at least 90 days prior to the required electronic funds transfer effective date. Once required to remit taxes by electronic funds transfer, the taxpayer must continue to do so until notified otherwise by the department.

2. After one year, taxpayers whose average payments have decreased below the threshold may request to be relieved of the electronic funds transfer requirement.

3. Taxpayers experiencing a change in business operations that results in the average payments not meeting the requirements, may request to be relieved of the electronic funds transfer requirement.

E. - E.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1519 and R.S. 47:1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue and Taxation, Office of the Secretary, LR 19:1032 (August 1993), repromulgated LR 19:1340 (October 1993), amended LR 20:672 (June 1994), LR 23:448 (April 1997), amended by the Department of Revenue, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:2442 (December 1999), amended by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 28:866 (April 2002), LR 29:2854 (December 2003), LR 31:484 (February 2005), LR 38:2382 (September 2012), LR 52:71 (January 2026).

Part III. Administrative and Miscellaneous Provisions

Chapter 15. Mandatory Electronic Filing of Tax Returns and Payment

§1500. General Rules for Electronic Filing and Payment

A. Authority to Require Electronic Filing and Payment

1. Pursuant to R.S. 47:1519 and 1520, the secretary may require certain taxpayers to file returns and make payments electronically using the electronic format prescribed by the Department of Revenue.

2. Specific requirements relating to the procedures for making payments by electronic funds transfer are outlined in R.S. 47:1519 and LAC 61:I.4910.

3. When electronic payment is required, full payment may be made in immediately investible funds as defined in LAC 61:I.4910 delivered in person or by courier to the department by close of business on the due date.

B. Definitions

Electronic Filing—submission of a tax return or report through the department's electronic system or an electronic system designated by the department.

Electronic Payment—submission of a tax payment using electronic funds transfer (EFT), automated clearinghouse (ACH), or other approved electronic methods.

Undue Hardship—circumstances where electronic compliance would cause significant difficulty or expense to the taxpayer.

C. Penalty for Failure to Comply

1. Failure to comply with electronic filing requirements will result in the assessment of a penalty of \$100 or five percent of the tax due, whichever is greater, in accordance with R.S. 47:1520(B).

2. Failure to comply with the electronic payment requirements shall result in the payment being considered late and subject to the penalties and interest set forth in R.S. 47:1601 and 1602.

D. Waivers and Exemptions

1. The secretary may waive penalties where the taxpayer demonstrates reasonable cause as described in R.S. 47:1519 or 1520 or LAC 61:I.4910.

2. Taxpayers may request an exemption from electronic filing or payment by submitting a written request to the secretary.

3. The secretary may grant an exemption where undue hardship exists, as determined by the secretary.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 1519, and 1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:71 (January 2026).

§1502. Returns Required to be Filed Electronically

A. The following returns and reports are required to be filed electronically:

1. all withholding tax returns and statements.
2. copies of Federal Forms 1099-NEC required by R.S. 47:114.1.
3. annual informational returns of S corporations required by R.S. 47:287.732(B).
4. composite returns filed by S corporations pursuant to R.S. 47:287.732.1.
5. all sales and use tax returns required to be filed with the department, except the following:
 - a. Louisiana Consumer Use Tax Return.
 - b. Fairs, Festivals, and Other Special Events Sales Tax Return.
 - c. Watercraft Sales Tax Payment Certification.
6. returns reporting taxes levied by the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority except the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center Service Contractor Tax Return and Tour Tax Return.
7. automobile rental excise tax returns.
8. all alcoholic beverage tax returns and reports, including returns reporting the parish and municipalities tax on beverages of low alcoholic content.
9. severance tax returns and reports required by R.S. 47:635 and 640.
10. applications for certification of reduced severance tax rates.
11. all telecommunication tax for the deaf returns.
12. all tobacco tax returns and reports.
13. consumable hemp products tax returns.
14. hazardous waste disposal tax returns.
15. transportation and communications utilities tax returns.
16. inspection and supervision fee reports.

17. oilfield site restoration fee returns.

18. any other return or report required by law or regulation to be filed electronically.

B. The electronic filing mandates in this Section shall apply to all returns filed on or after January 1, 2026, for any return or report not previously mandated for electronic filing by LAC 61:I.1515, LAC 61:III.1511, 1513, 1515, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1525, 1529, 1533, 1535, 1539, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, or 1549 prior to their repeal, or Section 1551 of this Chapter adopted by Emergency Rule effective January 1, 2025.

C. Notwithstanding Subsection B of this Section, the electronic filing mandate for the transmittal of withholding tax statements, Form L-3, shall apply to all returns and reports filed on or after January 1, 2027.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 13:5077, R.S. 26:354, R.S. 26:492, R.S. 47:551, R.S. 47:1061, R.S. 47:1511, R.S. 47:1519, R.S. 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:72 (January 2026).

§1504. Payments Required to be Made Electronically

A. In addition to the requirements for electronic payment set forth in LAC 61:I.4910, the following payments shall be made by electronic funds transfer:

1. withholding tax.
2. composite payments paid by S corporations pursuant to R.S. 47:287.732.1.
3. sales and use taxes, except payment due with the following returns:
 - a. Louisiana Consumer Use Tax Return.
 - b. Fairs, Festivals, and Other Special Events Sales Tax Return.
 - c. Watercraft Sales Tax Payment Certification.
4. taxes imposed by the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District.
5. taxes imposed by the New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, except the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center service contractor and tour taxes.
6. automobile rental excise tax.
7. alcoholic beverage taxes.
8. severance taxes.
9. telecommunication tax for the deaf.
10. tobacco taxes.
11. consumable hemp products taxes.
12. hazardous waste disposal tax.
13. transportation and communication utilities taxes.
14. inspection and supervision fees.
15. oilfield site restoration fees.

B. The electronic payment mandates in this Section shall apply to payments remitted on or after January 1, 2026, for any payment not previously mandated to be made by electronic funds transfer by LAC 61:III.1525, 1530, 1534, 1536, 1540, 1542, 1544, 1546, 1548, or 1550 prior to their repeal, or Section 1553 of this Chapter (adopted by Emergency Rule effective January 1, 2025) or any other Rule under this Title.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 13:5077, R.S. 26:492, R.S. 47:551, R.S. 47:1061, R.S. 47:1511, R.S. 47:1519, R.S. 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:72 (January 2026).

§1511. Lessors of Motor Vehicles—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, and 48:77.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 34:1929 (September 2008), repealed by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1513. Automobile Rental Tax Return, Form R-1329—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, and 47:551.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 35:1252 (July 2009), repealed by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1515. Tax Increment Financing District Sales Tax Returns, Form R-1029—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, and R.S. 33:9038.34.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 35:1252 (July 2009), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1517. Hotel and Motel Sales Tax Return, Form R-1029DS—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, and Acts 1966, No. 556; Acts 1991, No. 624; Acts 1992, No. 1099; Acts 1993, No. 640; Acts 1995, No. 1191.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 35:1252 (July 2009), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1519. New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority Additional Room Occupancy Tax and Food and Beverage Tax Return, Form R-1325—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, and Acts 1978, No. 305; Acts 1980, No. 99; Acts 1987, No. 390; Acts 2002 1st Ex. Sess., No. 72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 35:1253 (July 2009), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1521. Louisiana State and Parish and Municipalities Beer Tax Return, Form R-5621—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, and R.S. 26:492.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 35:1253 (July 2009), repealed by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1523. Hotel/Motel Sales Tax Return, Form R-1029H/M—Electronic Filing Requirement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, R.S. 47:302.2 et seq., R.S. 47:322.1 et seq. and R.S. 47:332.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 35:1253 (July 2009), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1525. Severance Tax

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1520, 47:635(A)(2), 47:640(A)(2), 47:633(7)(b), 47:633(7)(c)(i)(aa), 47:633(9)(b), and 47:633(9)(c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 36:1271 (June 2010), amended LR 37:1614 (June 2011), amended by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 50:1858 (December 2024), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1529. Telecommunication Tax for the Deaf—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 1061, and 1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 44:1272 (July 2018), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1530. Telecommunication Tax for the Deaf—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1519, 47:1511, and 1061.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 44:1640 (September 2018), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1533. Tobacco Tax—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 13:5077, 47:1511, and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 45:932 (July 2019), amended LR 48:2764 (November 2022), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1534. Tobacco Tax—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 45:933 (July 2019), amended LR 48:2765 (November 2022), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1535. Industrial Hemp-Derived CBD and Consumable Hemp Products Tax Return—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 45:1810 (December 2019), amended by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:1648 (November 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:73 (January 2026).

§1536. Industrial Hemp-Derived CBD and Consumable Hemp Products Tax—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, 47:1519, 47:1520 and 47:1695.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 45:1810 (December 2019), amended by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:1649 (November 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1539. Alcoholic Beverage Tax Returns—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 26:354(F), 47:1511, and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:272 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1540. Alcoholic Beverage Taxes—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 26:354(F), 47:1511, and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:272 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1541. Hazardous Waste Disposal Tax Return—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:831, 47:1511, and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:272 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1542. Hazardous Waste Disposal Tax—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:831, 47:1511, and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:273 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1543. Transportation and Communication Utilities Tax Return—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:273 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1544. Transportation and Communication Utilities Tax—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:273 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1545. Report of Inspection and Supervision Fee—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511, and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:273 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1546. Inspection and Supervision Fee - Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 47:274 (February 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1547. Consolidated Filers—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, LR 47:1648 (November 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1548. Consolidated Filers - Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, LR 47:1648 (November 2021), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1549. Aviation Fuel Dealers—Electronic Filing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1520.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 50:1293 (September 2024), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

§1550. Aviation Fuel Dealers—Electronic Payment Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 47:1519.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 50:1293 (September 2024), repealed by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 52:74 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Transportation and Development
Office of Multimodal Commerce**

**Speed Restrictions for Railroad Traffic
(LAC 70:IX.Chapter 11)**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*, and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:504, that the Department of Transportation and Development amends LAC 70:IX.11, Intermodal Transportation Part IX, which establishes speed restrictions for railroad traffic within specified areas of corporate limits of a municipality and directs said municipality to notify the commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce situated within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). The amendments simplify these Rules to comply with Plain Writing Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-274) for public understanding, to clarify and to remove unnecessary and obsolete regulations. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 70

TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Part IX. Multimodal Transportation

Subpart A. Intermodal

Chapter 11. Speed Restrictions for Railroad Traffic

§1101. General Procedure for Municipality Request

A. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 48:389, the Department of Transportation and Development has set forth the following procedures for compliance therewith.

B. In order to establish speed restrictions for railroad traffic within the specified areas of corporate limits of a municipality, the governing body of said municipality shall adopt a resolution and forward it to the Commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce, Department of Transportation and Development, Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. This written request in the form of a resolution shall contain the following:

1. name of the railroad carrier or company to be affected, and location of the railroad track to be affected, giving exact locations where the restricted speed limit(s) are requested;
2. documentation and explanation of the unique characteristics of the essentially local safety hazard that is sought to be eliminated or reduced, including documentation of all accidents or incidents;
3. regulatory and warning devices in existence and location of each;
4. applicable automobile speed limits at any affected railroad crossing(s).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:761 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Intermodal Transportation Division, LR 33:530 (March 2007), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:75 (January 2026).

§1103. Notification of Railroad

A. Upon receipt of the request by the municipality, the director of freight and passenger rail shall contact the affected

railroad(s) through the local railroad office. If unable to locate a local office, the Director shall seek the assistance of DOTD General Counsel and appropriate legislative representatives. A copy of the request of the municipality shall be forwarded to the affected railroad.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:761 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:75 (January 2026).

§1105. Investigation

A. Prior to the evidentiary hearing referred to below, the department, through its appropriate district office, shall conduct an investigation of the particular site regarding the problem within the municipality and shall furnish a written report containing its findings to the director of freight and passenger rail.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:761 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:75 (January 2026).

§1107. Notification

A. Prior to the evidentiary hearing referred to below, the department shall publish in the "Potpourri" Section of the *Louisiana Register* notice of the date, time and place of the evidentiary hearing. Copies of the notice shall also be sent to the affected parties and other parties who have expressed an interest in the railroad speed limit being considered.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:762 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:75 (January 2026).

§1109. Location of Public Hearing

A. The public hearing to be conducted by the Department of Transportation and Development shall take place at the DOTD Headquarters Building, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:762 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:75 (January 2026).

§1111. Public Hearing

A. committee shall be formed within the department to conduct the public hearing, accept evidence, and render written reasons for its findings. This procedure shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, and R.S. 48:389. Said committee shall be composed of the director of freight and passenger rail and at least three additional representatives of the department appointed by the secretary. Within thirty days of the public hearing the committee shall issue a report containing its recommendations. If the committee recommends the establishment of speed restrictions the report shall also include findings that such restrictions:

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**Department of Transportation and Development
Office of Project Delivery**

Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC)
(LAC 70:XXVII.101 and 103)

1. is being imposed at a location which contains a unique and distinctive essentially local situation which is not statewide in character.

2. will eliminate or reduce an essentially local safety hazard.

3. is not incompatible with any federal law, rule, regulation, order, or standard.

4. will not create an undue burden on interstate commerce.

5. will not create a safety hazard which is different from the essentially local safety hazard which the speed restriction is designed to reduce or eliminate.

B. If the department determines there is a need for a speed restriction it shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act setting forth the nature of the restriction and the duration of the restriction, which duration shall not exceed the time required to eliminate or reduce the unique local safety hazard

C. If the department determines there is no need for a speed restriction it shall provide notice to the affected parties of its determination.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:762 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Intermodal Transportation Division, LR 33:530 (March 2007), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:75 (January 2026).

§1113. Appeal

A. An appeal may be made of the decision of the hearing committee by the affected party(ies) as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act. Said appeal may be made to the appropriate state district court.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:762 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:76 (January 2026).

§1115. Regulation Order

A. Following adoption of the administrative rule establishing a railroad speed limit, a regulatory order shall also be filed within the Department of Transportation and Development and shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court in the parish affected.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:389.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of the Secretary, Public Transportation, LR 18:762 (July 1992), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, LR 52:76 (January 2026).

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Secretary

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:504, that the Department of Transportation and Development has amended LAC 70:XXVII.1, Louisiana Transportation Research Center Part XXVII, which regulates all fees collected for the Transportation Training and Education Fund and deposited in or disbursed from the fund. The amendments simplify these rules to comply with Plain Writing Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-274) for public understanding, to clarify, and to remove unnecessary and obsolete regulations. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

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**TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Part XXVII. Louisiana Transportation Research Center
(LTRC)**

**Chapter 1. LTRC Transportation Training and
Education Fund**

§101. General Provisions

A. All fees collected shall be deposited in the fund or disbursed from the fund as provided in R.S. 48:105.1 and in the following rules.

B. All monies deposited in the fund in compliance with the statute shall be used to defray the expenses associated with workforce development activities of the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) and LTRC's Transportation and Training Education Center (TTEC).

C. Allowable expenses include (but are not limited to):

1. course development and delivery costs for courses organized and managed by LTRC;
2. direct workforce development training costs, such as reimbursement for events or courses organized and managed by LTRC;
3. maintenance and upkeep of the LTRC and TTEC buildings not funded by Louisiana State University;
4. maintenance, upkeep, upgrade, or replacement of the audio visual equipment, to include all software and hardware used by LTRC for workforce development activities, such as classes, conferences, meetings, etc.;
5. purchase, maintenance, upkeep, upgrade, or replacement of computer equipment, including peripherals, used in the development and dissemination of training materials used for workforce development;
6. supplies and other items purchased in direct support of workforce development activities.

D. Prohibited expenses include:

1. purchase of supplies not directly related to workforce development activities;
2. any and all travel expenses;

- 3. individual membership dues to professional organizations;
- 4. conference/meeting/training registration fees;
- 5. any form of personal use, such as cash advances, gifts, entertainment-related expenses;
- 6. alcohol.

E. Ethics

1. Agents authorized to collect and disburse funds from the account must comply with the regulations relative to ethical conduct under the Code of Governmental Ethics, Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Transportation Research Center, pursuant to R.S. 48:105.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Transportation Research Center, LR 37:254 (January 2011), amended LR 46:704 (May 2020), amended by Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:76 (January 2026).

§103. Calculation of Fees

A. Governmental attendees shall be charged the actual cost of the program attended.

B. Non-governmental attendees may be charged the actual cost of the program plus up to a 66 percent surcharge.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Transportation Research Center, pursuant to R.S. 48:105.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Transportation Research Center, LR 37:354 (January 2011), amended by Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:77 (January 2026).

Glenn Ledet, Jr.
Secretary

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RULE

**Department of Transportation and Development
Office of Project Delivery**

Permits for Rural Water Districts (LAC 70:II.Chapter 13)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:504, that the Department of Transportation and Development repeals and relocates a portion of LAC 70:II.13, Permits for Rural Water Districts, which regulates all rural water districts and their exemption from payment of the utility operator’s annual permit fees. The repeal simplifies these Rules to comply with Plain Writing Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-274) for public understanding, and clarify to remove unnecessary and obsolete regulations. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 70
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Part II. Utilities
Chapter 13. PERMITS FOR RURAL WATER
DISTRICTS**

§1301. Exemptions
Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381 (E)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Highways/Engineering, LR 22:228 (March 1996), repealed by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:77 (January 2026).

§1303. Expense Reimbursement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381 (E)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Highways/Engineering, LR 22:228 (March 1996), repealed by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:77 (January 2026).

§1305. Inspection Fee Reimbursement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381 (E)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Highways/Engineering, LR 22:228 (March 1996), repealed by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:77 (January 2026).

§1307. Fees Covering Expenses

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381 (E)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Highways/Engineering, LR 22:228 (March 1996), repealed by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:77 (January 2026).

§1309. Expenses Not Reimbursed

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381 (E)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Highways/Engineering, LR 22:228 (March 1996), repealed by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:77 (January 2026).

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RULE

**Department of Transportation and Development
Office of Project Delivery**

Utility Operator Fees (LAC 70:II.701, 703, and 705)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:504, that the Department of Transportation and Development amends LAC 70:II.7, Utility Operator Fees, Part II, which regulates the procedures, fees and use of rights-of-way by utility operators situated within the Department of Transportation and Development's (DOTD) highway system. The amendments simplify these Rules to comply with Plain Writing Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-274) for public

understanding, and clarify to remove unnecessary and obsolete regulations. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 70

TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Part II. Utilities

Chapter 7. Utility Operator Fees

§701. Use of Rights-of-Way

A. Following is a schedule of fees for use of highway rights-of-way by utility operators.

Operator Type	Customers	Annual Fee
Class 1	0-100	\$ 20
Class 2	101-500	\$ 50
Class 3	501-6000	\$200
Class 4	more than 6000	\$700
Operator of Transmission Pipelines \$100/Parish; \$1500/Maximum		

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381(E).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Utility and Permit Section, LR 20:318 (March 1994), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:78 (January 2026).

§703. Procedure

A. Following is the procedure for the processing of utility operator permit fees.

1. This fee only covers use of highway right-of-way for utility facilities and driveways; it does not cover attachments to structures, leasing excess property or joint use agreements.

2. The fee shall cover all utility facilities owned by the utility operator, regardless of how many different types of facilities are owned by the operator.

3. If, as the result of a highway relocation or other activity performed for the benefit of Department of Transportation and Development, a utility operator that previously had no facilities within highway right-of-way has facilities within highway right-of-way, this operator shall maintain his prior rights, and shall not be liable for this fee, until such time as he places additional facilities within the right-of-way.

4. Class 1 and Class 2 operators who own facilities that cross highways perpendicularly, and that have no facilities located longitudinally within highway right-of-way shall be exempt from this fee.

5. Each operator shall include in his application updated information which may affect the amount of his invoice.

6. Each December the Department of Transportation and Development shall invoice all known utility operators with facilities located within state highway right-of-way.

7. Each operator shall pay the invoice in full by January 31 of the following year.

8. One fee shall be paid by each owner, regardless of how many divisions or types of facilities he owns.

9. Separate companies owned by the same parent company shall each pay separate fees.

10. Issuance of permits to operators failing to submit full payment by February 1 of each year shall be suspended. The operator shall be notified of this deficiency, and shall have 60 days from the date of this notification to submit payment in full. Facilities owned by operators who fail to submit full payment within the 60-day notification period shall be removed from highway right-of-way.

11. All payments shall be in a lump sum form, and shall be paid by cashier's check, money order, or approved alternative.

12. Upon receipt of all monies, the Department of Transportation and Development shall deposit same in the Right-of-Way Permit Processing Fund. All monies existing in this fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained in the Right-of-Way Permit Processing Fund and shall not be deposited in the General Fund.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381(E).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Utility and Permit Section, LR 20:318 (March 1994), amended LR 20:1020 (September 1994), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:78 (January 2026).

§705. Exemptions and Inspection Reimbursement for Rural Water Districts

A. A *rural water district* means a not-for-profit entity whose purpose is to supply water to residents of rural, unincorporated areas which are not served by parish or municipal water systems.

B. All rural water districts are exempt from payment of the utility operator's annual permit fees for use of DOTD right of way.

1. The chief engineer or his duly authorized representative may assess reasonable operator's fees for rural water districts in connection with the issuance of permits to defray the expense of inspection by the department's employees.

C. Additionally, the Department of Transportation and Development may reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by the rural water districts for inspection costs incurred during an inspection for the issuance of a permit when the rural water district performs the following:

1. If the rural water district requests reimbursement for inspection fees for the issuance of a permit, the rural district shall

a. Provide the DOTD with a cost estimate per unit break down with each permit request including a cost reimbursable estimate of at a minimum one hour of inspector time.

b. The rural water district shall notify DOTD within 72 hours of completing work, and DOTD shall arrange for a final inspection. Failure to notify DOTD within the time limit specified shall relieve DOTD of any responsibility for reimbursement of inspection fees.

c. Upon receipt of the above information, DOTD shall schedule an audit of the rural water district's records. Upon completion of audit, all verifiable inspection expenses to include one rural water district representative for the on-

site inspection by DOTD, and other expenses incurred as a direct result of DOTD requests, including but not limited to surveying, excavating, probing may be paid by DOTD.

d. Any expenses which cannot be verified by the DOTD auditor will not be approved for reimbursement.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 48:381 (E), (H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Project Delivery, LR 52:78 (January 2026).

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Notices of Intent

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Conservation and Energy Office of Permitting and Compliance

Administration of the Fisherman's Gear
Compensation Fund (LAC 43:I.1501-1513)

Under the authority of R.S. 49:214.21-49:214.42 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 30:101.4 et seq., the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance proposes to amend LAC 43:I.1501-43:I.1513 relative to the administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Program.

Title 43

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart I. General

Chapter 15. Administration of the Fishermen's Gear Compensation Program

§1501. Statutory Authorization and Definitions

A. General. The Fishermen's Gear Compensation Program is designed to compensate commercial fishermen whose fishing gear, equipment, or vessels are damaged by underwater obstructions in the Louisiana coastal zone and claims are subject to the requirements of these guidelines and all guidelines must be complied with.

B. Definitions. As used in these regulations the following terms and phrases shall have the definition ascribed to them.

Charter Boat Fisherman—any citizen of the state of Louisiana who possesses a valid Louisiana Charter Boat Fishing Guide License and who derives a primary source of his or her income from operating a Louisiana charter boat fishing guide business.

Claimant—any vessel owner who files a claim under the provisions of these regulations and R.S. 30:101.1 – 30:101.15

Commercial Fisherman—any citizen of the state of Louisiana who possesses a valid Louisiana residential commercial fishing license and who derives a primary source of his or her income from the harvesting of living marine resources for commercial purposes.

Department—the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy and regulatory authority means the secretary thereof and the personnel appointed or employed thereby who administer the commercial Fishermen's Gear Compensation Program.

Fishing Gear—any licensed marine or licensed charter vessel and any equipment, whether or not attached to a vessel, in which are used in the handling or harvesting of commercial marine resources. Crab traps are expressly excluded from the definition.

Hearing Examiner—the person(s) employed or appointed by the regulatory authority to conduct hearings, take oral and written testimony from claimants and other witnesses, and make recommendations to the regulatory authority on the validity and payment of claims.

Obstruction—any object, obstacle, equipment or device located in state water within the geographical boundary of the Program, set forth in R.S. 49:214.24 whether natural or man-made; provided that this definition shall not be applied to obstructions floating on the surface which could be avoided by a reasonably prudent charter boat or commercial fisherman.

Primary Source of Income—that source of revenue earned by a claimant from charter or commercial fishing endeavors which is deemed by the regulatory authority to constitute a fundamental source of such claimant's annual earned income. Annual earned income shall be income earned from all sources reportable on state and federal income tax returns. Any claimant who presents satisfactory proof that at least 50 percent of his or her annual income in the year preceding the year of the claim was earned from commercial fishing endeavors shall be deemed to derive a primary source of his or her income therefrom.

Program—the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Program.

Satisfactory Proof—as it relates to demonstrating a primary source of income, a copy of state and federal income tax returns together with related financial data. In the case of a claimant being a corporation, a copy of the state and federal corporate tax return shall be submitted.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:700.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:515 (August 1980), amended LR 14:545 (August 1988), LR 21:956 (September 1995), amended by the Office of Coastal Management, LR 40:1944 (October 2014), amended by the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance, LR 52:

§1503. Geographic Boundary of Program

A. Claims shall be based on damage or loss of fishing gear due to an encounter with an obstruction in state waters located below the northern boundary of the Louisiana coastal zone as set forth in R.S. 49:214.24, and depicted on official maps of the state regulatory authority having jurisdiction over coastal zone management, and extending seaward to the limits of Louisiana's territorial jurisdiction

B. No claim shall be accepted or paid for damages or loss sustained from an encounter with an obstruction which occurs in waters overlying the federal domain of the outer continental shelf or north of the northern boundary of the Louisiana Coastal Zone.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:101.4 and R.S. 30:101.12.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:515 (August 1980), amended LR 11:29 (January 1987), LR 21:956 (September 1995), amended by the Office of Coastal Management, LR 40:1944 (October 2014), amended by the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance, LR 52:

§1505. Claim Filing Procedure—Initial Reports

A.1. Within 90 days of encountering an obstruction in state waters covered by the Program, from which damage or loss to a vessel and/or fishing gear is sustained and for which a

written claim will be made for reimbursement from the Program, as otherwise provided in §1509 of these regulations, the charter or commercial fisherman encountering the obstruction shall notify the regulatory authority, orally or in writing, and provide the following information:

- a. claimant's name, address, email address and telephone number;
- b. the name and registration number of the charter or commercial fishing vessel involved;
- c. the Louisiana charter or commercial fishing license number of the claimant;
- d. the location of the vessel and obstruction at the time of encounter by one of the methods described in §1507 of these regulations whenever possible;
- e. the date and time of day that the obstruction was encountered;
- f. identification of the nature of the obstruction; and
- g. a description of the nature of the damage or loss sustained for which a written claim will be made and the estimated amount, in dollars, of the damage or loss, if known.

2. The requirements of the initial notice may be waived in whole or in part by the regulatory authority for good cause shown.

B. Upon receipt of the information required by Subsection A above, the regulatory authority shall establish a file in the name of the charter or commercial fisherman, containing all of the information above. On a map showing all state waters covered by the Program, the regulatory authority shall indicate the location or approximate location of the obstruction, physically and by coordinates, if available.

C. Pending receipt of the written claim, as otherwise required herein, the regulatory authority shall attempt to ascertain the lessees or grantees of rights of state water bottoms proximate to the location of the obstruction on which the obstruction was encountered and furnish their names to the claimant.

D. The regulatory authority may devise procedures for informing charter and commercial fishermen of the location of all obstructions reported. Such procedures may include periodic dissemination of maps containing such information; the placement of buoys or markers at the site of such obstruction; or such other means as the regulatory authority deems reasonable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:700.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:515 (August 1980), amended by the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance, LR 52:

§1507. Identification of Area of Obstruction

A. When an obstruction has been encountered by a claimant from which encounter a claim for damages to the Program is made, the claim shall not be accepted unless accompanied by sufficient information by which to locate the area of the obstruction. Such information shall be conveyed on forms furnished by the department when available, or otherwise in a manner sufficiently clear to be usable by the department in charting the obstruction.

1. No future claim shall be filed by a claimant for an encounter with an obstruction at the same location reported by the fisherman on a previous claim.

B. The information referred to in Subsection A of this Section shall include all of the information set forth in this Subsection to the extent possible. Where such information cannot be furnished, reasons for such inability shall be stated instead:

1. common name of the body of water in which the obstruction was encountered;
2. name of the parish in which the obstruction was encountered;
3. the date and time of day when the obstruction was encountered;
4. the depth of the water and the depth at which fishing gear was deployed at the point of encounter;
5. the position of the fishing vessel and the position of the obstruction at the point of encounter, to be specified by using one or more of the following methods of position fixing, using the most reliable method available aboard the vessel at the time of encounter:

a. latitude/longitude coordinates. Provide coordinates in geographic coordinate system (GCS) North American Datum (NAD) 83 latitude/longitude decimal degrees (e.g., N 29° 50.893, W 89° 20.360) or equivalent;

b. distance (range) and direction (bearing) to fixed offshore objects such as lighthouses, light towers, and oil drilling or production platforms. Specify the name of each such object used;

c. distance and direction of fixed aids to navigation and land marks, which are identified on National Ocean Survey Charts, such as radio towers, jetty lights, etc.;

d. distance and direction to prominent landmarks which are not identified on National Ocean Survey charts but are readily identifiable for future reference;

e. distance and direction to floating navigational aids such as buoys. Identify any buoy by name, number, color, type and lightlist number if known;

f. alternate navigation methods may be used if they are available. These include global positioning system (GPS), and similar electronic navigation systems that may be in use.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:700.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:515 (August 1980), amended LR 21:956 (September 1995), amended by the Office of Coastal Management, LR 40:1944 (October 2014), amended by the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance, LR 52:

§1509. Claims—General Form and Content

A. The Fishermen's Gear Compensation Program shall be limited to the payment of no more than two claims for damage or loss of fishing gear filed by claimants during a fiscal year applicable to the department (July 1-June 30). Claims must be received by the Program within the period indicated. A single claim may not exceed \$5,000, but in no event shall any payment of a claim exceed the amount of gross income earned by the claimant from fishing endeavors in the year preceding the claim. Claims must be completed within 1 year of the incident date. All required claim documentation must be submitted within one year of the incident date or the claim will be closed. Claims shall be submitted by the claimant on forms furnished by the department and shall contain, in addition to the requirements of §1507 herein, the following information:

1. the name, mailing address, telephone number, citizenship, and occupation of the claimant;

2. the name, address, and telephone number of each person representing the claimant in pursuing the claim;

3. the name of the fishing vessel involved, its type, size, homeport and, its U.S. Coast Guard documentation number and/or state registration number;

4. a statement of the type of fishing operation being conducted and a description of how the encounter occurred;

5. if an amount is claimed, the claim shall include:

a. the nature and extent of the damage and loss suffered; a photograph, or series of photographs of vessel damage which must show the claimed damage while still on the vessel, and a photograph, or series of photographs, that show the registration/documentation number and/or name of the vessel; a detailed description of the gear involved and where pertinent, a list of components such as size, type, grade, etc.; In the instance of a total loss of gear, a photograph or series of photographs are required from the place on the vessel where the gear was lost and where the gear would normally be attached, except in the circumstance of a total loss of nets in which the claimant will provide documentation and evidence to support the loss;

b. the amount claimed together with proof of ownership of the gear which was damaged or lost on the obstruction. Proof of ownership must include: paid receipts which are completely filled out including the date, full name, address and telephone of the seller along with the claimant's name and/or address together with proof of payment such as copies of money orders or bank cashier's checks for the gear; affidavits; or other evidence. No receipts paid by "cash" will be accepted for gear purchased after the effective date of this rule except for receipts from bona fide businesses in possession of a commercial or business permit/license, which was in effect at the time of the sale or repair, or a notarized affidavit from a business owner or chief executive officer of the business supporting the validity of the sale or repair. Claimants that made or repaired the damaged gear shall submit a notarized statement that he or she made his or her own gear along with paid receipts for the materials. If all damaged gear was original to the vessel when it was purchased or acquired, a copy of the bill of sale of the boat or subsequent notarized statement to the effect that all gear was original to the boat including date vessel was acquired, full name of seller, and sale price must be included;

c. the date, place and cost of acquisition of the gear damaged or lost;

d. an estimate from a charter or commercial fishing gear repair or supply company, of the present replacement cost of the fishing gear and the repair cost of the fishing gear (if it is repairable). If fishing gear of the type damaged is usually made or repaired by the claimant, an estimate from a charter or commercial fishing gear repair or supply company for the materials required to make the gear together with a notarized statement from the claimant that he or she makes his or her own gear may be used;

e. if the fishing gear is repaired or replaced before an award is made under this Part a copy of the invoice or receipt for the repair or replacement of the fishing gear; and the estimated salvage value of the fishing gear that is not repairable;

6. a detailed statement of the efforts made by claimant to identify, locate and collect damages for his loss from the person financially responsible therefore accompanied by copies of all correspondence related thereto;

7. a claim shall be deemed invalid if the claimant cannot, for any reason, produce the documentation required by this Section within one year of the initial encounter with the obstruction.

B. Written claims required by this Section shall be filed by claimant on or before 60 days from the due date of the initial report of damage or loss required by §1505 of these regulations.

C. The regulatory authority shall include the information received pursuant to this Section in the file established for the claimant. If the claimant's file is deemed to be incomplete or otherwise to contain insufficient information for proper disposition of the claim, the claimant shall be notified in writing within five days of such determination, and the additional information needed shall be requested. No claim shall be processed, nor funds paid, until the regulatory authority has received all information necessary to a proper disposition thereof.

D. Damages or losses which are covered by valid insurance or the federal Fishermen's Contingency Program (50 CFR Part 296) shall not be reimbursable from the Program. No claimant shall include within a claim submitted any amounts for which such claimant has received or is entitled to receive reimbursement under an insurance policy or the federal program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:700.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:515 (August 1980), amended LR 21:957 (September 1995), amended by the Office of Coastal Management, LR 40:1944 (October 2014), LR 41:150 (January 2015), amended by the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance, LR 52:

§1513. Penalties

A. The intentional rendering of a financial statement of account, which is known to be false, by anyone who is obliged to render an accounting pursuant to R.S. 30:101.1 – 30:101.15, or these regulations, shall be punishable pursuant to the provision of the *Louisiana Criminal Code*, R.S. 14:70, false accounting.

B. The filing or depositing, with knowledge or falsity, of any forged or wrongfully altered document, for record in any claim or proceeding before a hearing examiner or other administrator of the Program, shall be punishable pursuant to the provisions of the *Louisiana Criminal Code*, R.S. 14:133, filing false public records.

C. The intentional making of a false written or oral statement in, or for use in any claim, proceeding or testimony before a hearing examiner or other administrator of the Program, under sanction of an oath, sworn affidavit or an equivalent affirmation, shall be punishable pursuant to the provisions of the *Louisiana Criminal Code*, R.S. 14:123, Perjury.

D. Notwithstanding the forgoing, evidence of suspected criminal activity discovered during the review of claims made to the Fund may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement or prosecutorial agency.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:700.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:513 (August 1980), amended by the Office of Coastal Management, LR 40:1945 (October 2014), amended by the Department of Conservation and Energy, Office of Permitting and Compliance, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with R.S. 49:965.6, the Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management has conducted a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and found that the proposed amendment of this Rule will have negligible impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule has no effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule has no total direct and no total indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule has no overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation amendment. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by Administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund. Such comments must be received no later than February 10, 2026, and should be sent to Jordan Cobbs, Coastal Resource Scientist, Office of Permitting and Compliance P.O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487 or by email to jordan.cobbs2@la.gov.

Keith Lovell
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change may increase expenditures out of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation and Underwater Obstruction Removal Dedicated Fund Account to the extent that the inclusion of charter boat fishermen under Act 80 of the 2024 Regular Session results in additional claims being filed. Based

on information provided to the Department of Conservation and Energy (DCE), there were approximately 1,000 active charter licenses statewide in FY 23. When legislation was passed in FY 24, DCE anticipated approximately 10 additional claims to be submitted and 7 to 8 claims approved, consistent with the Program's historical claims rate. With an average approved claim amount of \$4,321, this would increase annual expenditures from the dedicated fund by an estimated

\$34,568. In FY 25 and beyond, DCE anticipated a similar minimum level of additional claims. Any increase in administrative workload or paperwork associated with processing these claims can be absorbed within the Department of Conservation and Energy's (DCE) existing resources and budget, as the applications will still be processed in the same manner as before.

The proposed rule change additionally makes technical revisions to update terminology, clarify procedures, and remove outdated references, with no associated cost. There is no anticipated direct material effect on local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change may provide an economic benefit to charter boat fishermen to the extent that they experience gear damage and submit eligible claims for compensation under the Program. There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 130—Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel—Educator Evaluations (LAC 28:CXLVII.301 and 307)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) proposes to amend LAC 28:CXLVII in *Bulletin 130—Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel*. The aforementioned revisions align educator evaluation scoring levels with statute and the updated Louisiana Educator Advancement and Development System (LEADS) observation tool.

Title 28
EDUCATION

**Part CXLVII. Bulletin 130—Regulations for the
Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel**

Chapter 3. Personnel Evaluation

§301. Overview of Personnel Evaluation

A. - C.5. ...

D. Educators rated Highly Effective and Exemplary are considered highly effective for the purpose of the performance evaluation programs in accordance with R.S. 17:3881-3905.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), R.S. 17:391.10, R.S. 17:3881-3886, and R.S. 17:3901-3904, R.S. 17:3997, and R.S. 17:10.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 38:1215 (May 2012), amended LR 38:2359 (September 2012), LR 39:1273 (May 2013), LR 41:1266 (July 2015), LR 43:2480 (December 2017), LR 47:354 (March 2021), LR 48:413 (March 2022), LR 48:1006 (April 2022), LR 49:650 (April 2023), LR 50:949 (July 2024), LR 52:

§307. Observation Tools

A. - B.2. ...

3. Repealed.

C. - D.4. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), 17:10.1, 17:391.10, 17:3881-3886, 17:3901-3904, and 17:3997.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 38:1216 (May 2012), amended LR 38:2360 (September 2012), LR 45:233 (February 2019), LR 50:951 (July 2024), LR 51:1131 (August 2025), LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with section 953 and 974 of title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Family Impact Statement on rules proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. All Family Impact Statements will be kept on file in the state board office which has adopted, amended, or repealed rules in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records.

1. Will the proposed Rule affect the stability of the family? No.

2. Will the proposed Rule affect the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children? No.

3. Will the proposed Rule affect the functioning of the family? No.

4. Will the proposed Rule affect family earnings and family budget? No.

5. Will the proposed Rule affect the behavior and personal responsibility of children? No.

6. Is the family or local government able to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule? Yes.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with section 973 of title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Poverty Impact Statement on rules proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal. All Poverty Impact Statements will be in writing and kept on file in the state agency which has adopted, amended, or repealed rules in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records. For the purposes of this section, the word "poverty" means living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty line.

1. Will the proposed Rule affect the household income, assets, and financial authority? No.

2. Will the proposed Rule affect early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development? No.

3. Will the proposed Rule affect employment and workforce development? No.

4. Will the proposed Rule affect taxes and tax credits? No.

5. Will the proposed Rule affect child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance? No.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;

2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or

3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments via the U.S. Mail until noon, February 10, 2026, to Tavares Walker, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064. Written comments may also be hand delivered to Tavares Walker, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Suite 5-190, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 and must be date stamped by the BESE office on the date received. Public comments must be dated and include the original signature of the person submitting the comments.

Tavares A. Walker
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: Bulletin 130—Regulations for the
Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel
Educator Evaluations**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no estimated implementation costs or savings as a result of the proposed rule change. The rule change aligns educator evaluation scoring levels with statute (R.S. 17:442) and the updated Louisiana Educator Advancement and Development System (LEADS) observation tool and provides that educators

rated Highly Effective and Exemplary are considered “highly effective” for the purpose of performance evaluation programs in accordance with R.S.17:3881-3905. LEADS, the new teacher evaluation system, uses a new rubric with five effectiveness levels instead of the previous system’s four. The proposed rule change will ensure existing statutes concerning teacher effectiveness apply to the new rubric.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 1929—Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook
Definitions and Minimum Requirements
(LAC 28:XLI.1107 and 1301)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) proposes to amend LAC 28:XLI in *Bulletin 1929—Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook*. The aforementioned revisions include updates to qualifications of district business leaders, the definition of supplies and equipment, and technical edits.

**Title 28
EDUCATION**

Part XLI. Bulletin 1929—Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook

**Chapter 11. Classification of Balance Sheet Accounts
§1107. Definition—Supplies vs. Equipment**

A. - A.2.c. ...

d. It is equal to or greater than \$10,000 per unit cost in value. If a grant regulation requires a lesser per unit cost in value, then the lesser unit cost in value applies.

A.3. - B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 34:610 (April 2008), repromulgated LR 34:1388 (July 2008), amended LR 36:1533 (July 2010), LR 52:

Chapter 13. Personnel Requirements

§1301. Minimum Requirements for Lead School Business Administrator/Chief Financial Officer/Business Manager (Local School Districts and Charter Schools)

A. ...

1. a baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate business courses that qualify as core courses in college major programs, including accounting, finance, business administration, or business management;

A.2. - C.1.b. ...

2. Within four years of the date of hire as an administrator/chief financial officer/business manager, all lead charter school administrators must acquire either a CLCSBA certification by the LASBO or a CLCSBA certification issued by LAPCS under a plan approved by LDOE.

C.2.a. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 33:434 (March 2007), amended LR 36:1533 (July 2010), LR 37:1386 (May 2011), LR 51:1129 (August 2025), LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

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3. Will the proposed Rule affect the functioning of the family? No.

4. Will the proposed Rule affect family earnings and family budget? No.

5. Will the proposed Rule affect the behavior and personal responsibility of children? No.

6. Is the family or local government able to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule? Yes.

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In accordance with section 973 of title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Poverty Impact Statement on rules proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal. All Poverty Impact Statements will be in writing and kept on file in the state agency which has adopted, amended, or repealed rules in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records. For the purposes of this section, the word “poverty” means living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty line.

1. Will the proposed Rule affect the household income, assets, and financial authority? No.

2. Will the proposed Rule affect early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development? No.

3. Will the proposed Rule affect employment and workforce development? No.

4. Will the proposed Rule affect taxes and tax credits? No.
5. Will the proposed Rule affect child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance? No.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

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Tavares A. Walker
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Bulletin 1929–Louisiana Accounting and
Uniform Governmental Handbook
Definitions and Minimum Requirements**

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
- There are no estimated implementation costs or savings as a result of the proposed rule change. The rule change updates the education qualifications of district business leaders by expanding the accepted collegiate experience needed for the position to include a baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate business courses that qualify as core courses in college major programs, including accounting, finance, business administration, or business management. The proposed rule change additionally amends the definition of supplies and equipment by raising the value threshold of equipment, which are items that must be inventoried and tracked, from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Items below the \$10,000 threshold are

considered “supplies” and generally do not require any detailed individual tracking beyond proof of receipt in accordance with 2 CFR 200.313.

- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change concerning the definition of equipment may result in a decrease in workload for local education agencies due to a potential reduction in the number of items that will require long-term tracking and inventory.

- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change requiring district business leaders to have a baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate business courses that qualify as core courses in certain college major programs may limit the number of qualified applicants for these positions, thus decreasing competition.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Environmental Quality
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Legal Affairs Division**

General Standards for Nonpermitted Facilities
(LAC 33:VII.503, 505, and 507)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Solid Waste regulations, LAC33:VII.503, 505, and 507 (SW076).

The proposed Rule replaces ambiguous or inefficient language from the current regulations. The proposed changes are not a departure from the original regulations but a necessary step to clarify the original intent of the regulations. The basis and rationale for this proposed Rule are to reduce the potential for misinterpretation by both the regulated community and enforcement staff and ensures that all stakeholders have a clear understanding of their obligations and allow for resources to be focused on high priority issues. This proposed Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

Title 33
Environmental Quality
Part VII. Solid Waste
Subpart 1. Solid Waste Regulations
Chapter 5. Solid Waste Management System
Subchapter A. General Standards for Nonpermitted Facilities

§503. Standards Governing Solid Waste Accumulation and Storage
[Formerly §703]

NOTE: Former §503 has moved to §401.

A. ...

1. No solid waste shall be stored or allowed to be stored long enough to cause a nuisance, health hazard, or detriment to the environment as determined by the administrative authority, and after November 20, 2011, no solid waste shall be stored on-site for greater than one year without approval from the Office of Environmental Compliance. The facility shall maintain records indicating the time frame during which waste has been stored.

2. Containers storing solid waste shall to the maximum extent possible:

- a. prevent access by rodents and insects;
- b. minimize the escape of odors; and
- c. keep out water and prevent leakage.

A.3. - C.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular R.S. 30:2154.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Solid and Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste Division, LR 19:187 (February 1993), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:1033 (June 2007), LR 34:613 (April 2008), LR 37:3236 (November 2011) repromulgated LR 37:3509 (December 2011), amended LR 52:

§505. Standards Governing Collectors and Off-Site Transporters of Solid Waste
[Formerly §705]

NOTE: Former §505 has moved to §403.

A. - A.2. ...

a. The bodies of transport vehicles containing trees, tree limbs, construction materials, or metals shall contain such waste without allowing materials to fall or blow off the vehicle.

b. The bodies of vehicles used to collect or transport all other solid waste, and contains such waste, shall be covered at all times, except during loading and unloading, in a manner that prevents rain from reaching waste, inhibits access by rodents and insects, prevents waste from falling or blowing from the vehicle, minimizes escape of odors, and does not create a nuisance.

c. The bodies of transport vehicles containing ash shall be leak-resistant and covered so as to prevent emissions.

3. ...

4. The interior and exterior of the body of a vehicle used to transport putrescible solid waste shall be washed down as often as needed to minimize odors.

B. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular R.S. 30:2154.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste Division, LR 19:187 (February 1993), repromulgated by the

Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:1033 (June 2007), amended LR 52:

§507. Standards Governing Collection Facilities for Solid Waste
[Formerly §707]

A. - C.2. ...

3. Containers shall be constructed and maintained to minimize odors and access by rodents and insects to the maximum extent possible.

C.4. - F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste Division, LR 19:187 (February 1993), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2609 (November 2000), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:1034 (June 2007), LR 37:3236 (November 2011), LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Persons commenting should reference this proposed Rule by SW076. Such comments must be received no later than 3/4/2026, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed Rule can be purchased by contacting the LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of SW076. The proposed regulation is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/rules-regulations>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96984013461> or by phone at (309) 740-3221. Meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The proposed Rule is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: General Standards
for Nonpermitted Facilities**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact costs to state or local governmental units. The proposed rule change clarifies the intent of LAC 33:VII.503, 505, and 507 and makes technical and clarifying revisions to Solid Waste Accumulation, Storage, and Transportation standards. The proposed rule changes clarify container and vehicle requirements related to odor control, pest access, leakage, and waste containment as follows:

- LAC 33:VII.503 clarifies that the intent of the regulations does not apply to containers or vessels that are empty of solid waste.
- LAC 33:VII.505 removes redundant language.
- LAC 33:VII 507 clarifies that measures taken by nonpermitted facilities that collect, store, and off-site transport solid waste shall do so in a manner that minimizes impacts to the environment to the maximum extent possible.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

While the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) does not anticipate that the proposed rule change will increase costs to any directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups, the changes may require entities that handle or store solid waste to make minor adjustments in current practices to ensure continued compliance with regulatory changes.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact competition or employment in either the private or public sector.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
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Hazardous Waste Post Closure Fee Update
(LAC 33:V.5123 and 5149)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures

have been initiated to amend the Hazardous Waste regulations, LAC 33:V.5123 and 5149 (HW140).

The proposed Rule removes duplicate language in the existing regulations and clarifies language concerning fees for hazardous waste units in post-closure to match the relevant statute. The basis and rationale for this proposed Rule are to mirror R.S. 30:2014.D.4.b.iii.aa. The annual maintenance fee for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities that are in post-closure are not to exceed four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars. This proposed Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part V. Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials

**Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality-
Hazardous Waste**

Chapter 51. Fee Schedules

§5123. Annual Fee for Facilities with Closed Hazardous Waste Units in Post-Closure

A. Post-Closure Annual Fee. This is an annual fee applied to defray the cost of annually inspecting the facilities with closed hazardous waste units in post-closure. This fee shall be \$4,125 annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2014 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:945 (May 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1241 (July 2018), amended by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

§5149. Annual Fee for Facilities with Closed Hazardous Waste Units in Post Closure

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2014.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:946 (May 2017), repealed by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Persons commenting should reference this proposed Rule by HW140. Such comments must be received no later than March 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068,

or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed Rule can be purchased by contacting the LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of HW140. The proposed Rule is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/rules-regulations>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96984013461> or by phone at (309) 740-3221. Meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The proposed Rule is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Hazardous Waste Post Closure Fee Update

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to increase costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The proposed rule change is technical in nature and clarifies post closure permit fees apply at sites that also have an operating permit, "Annual Fee for Facilities with Closed Hazardous Waste Units in Post-Closure", and removes duplicative language in the administrative code.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact competition or employment in either the public or private sector.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs Division

Late Fee Update

(LAC 33:I.1413, 4707, and 7013; LAC 33:III.217; LAC 33:V.5129; LAC 33:VII.1509; LAC 33:IX.1309 and 7315; LAC 33:XI.307; LAC 33:XV.2510)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Office of the Secretary regulations, LAC 33:I.1413, 4707, 7013; III.217; V.5129; VII.1509; IX.1309, 7315; XI.307; XV.2510 (MM024).

Late fees are a compliance tool to encourage timely payment of invoice amounts. Payments are routinely received within 60-90 days from the invoice date with no additional effort on the part of department staff. Assignment of late fees during this time period creates an unnecessary burden to both industry and the department. The proposed Rule will update the current late fee regulations for efficiency and align them with industry standards. The basis and rationale for the proposed Rule are to increase efficiency with collection of funds owed to the department. This Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart 1. Departmental Administrative Procedures

Chapter 14. Groundwater Fees

NOTE: The information contained in Chapter 14 was previously located in LAC 33:XIII.Chapter 13. It was relocated and renumbered in November, 1998.

§1413. Late Payment Fee

A. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Water Resources, Ground Water Protection Division, LR 18:730 (July 1992), amended LR 21:797 (August 1995), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 25:426 (March 1999), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:932 (May 2017), LR 52:

Subpart 3. Laboratory Accreditation

Chapter 47. Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (LELAP) State Accreditation Requirements

§4707. Fees

- A. - G.3. ...
- H. Late Payment Fee

1. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2011.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 24:920 (May 1998), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:1436 (July 2000), LR 29:672 (May 2003), LR 29:2041 (October 2003), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:934 (May 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 48:1499 (June 2022), amended by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Subpart 5. Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Program

Chapter 70. Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Regulations

§7013. Fees

A. - D.2.b. ...

E. Late Payment Fee

1. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2044(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 49:2102 (December 2023), amended by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Part III. Air

Chapter 2. Rules and Regulations for the Fee System of the Air Quality Control Programs

§217. Late Payment Fee

A. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2054.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Nuclear Energy, Air Quality Division, LR 13:741 (December 1987), amended LR 14:612 (September 1988), amended by the Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Quality Division, LR 18:706 (July 1992), LR 19:1373 (October 1993), LR 21:781 (August 1995), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 25:426 (March 1999), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:935 (May 2017), LR 52:

Part V. Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials

Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality—Hazardous Waste

Chapter 51. Fee Schedules

§5129. Late Payment Fee

A. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the

date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2014 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 10:200 (March 1984), amended LR 11:533 (May 1985), LR 12:676 (October 1986), LR 18:725 (July 1992), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 22:18 (January 1996), LR 25:427 (March 1999), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:945 (May 2017), LR 52:

Part VII. Solid Waste

Subpart 1. Solid Waste Regulations

Chapter 15. Solid Waste Fees

§1509. Late Payment Fee

A. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular R.S. 30:2154, and R.S. 49:316.1(A)(2)(a) and (c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:947 (May 2017), amended by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Part IX. Water Quality

Subpart 1. Water Pollution Control

Chapter 13. Louisiana Water Pollution Control Fee System Regulation

§1309. Fee System

A. - G. ...

H. Late Payment Fee

1. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

I. - N. ...

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular Section 2014(B), and R.S. 49:316.1(A)(2)(a) and (c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Water Resources, LR 11:534 (May 1985), amended LR 14:626 (September 1988), LR 18:731 (July 1992), LR 21:798 (August 1995), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 22:19 (January 1996), amended by the Office of Water Resources, LR 24:326 (February 1998), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 25:427 (March 1999), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 29:689 (May 2003), LR 29:2052 (October 2003), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 35:1493 (August 2009), LR 35:2181 (October 2009), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:948 (May 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1241 (July 2018), amended by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Subpart 3. Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Program

Chapter 73. Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge and Biosolids [Formerly Chapter 69]

Subchapter A. Program Requirements

§7315. Fee Schedule

A. - C. ...

D. Late Payment Fee

1. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

E. - G.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2014.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:949 (May 2017),), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:1156 (August 2025), LR 52:

Part XI. Underground Storage Tanks

Chapter 3. Registration Requirements, Standards, and Fee Schedule

§307. Fee Schedule

A. - D.3. ...

E. Late Payment Fee

1. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001, 2014, 2195, and 2195.3 et seq., and R.S. 49:316.1(A)(2)(a) and (c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Underground Storage Tank Division, LR 11:1139 (December 1985), amended LR 16:614 (July 1990), LR 17:658 (July 1991), LR 18:727 (July 1992), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 22:19 (January 1996), LR 25:427 (March 1999), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 25:2400 (December 1999), LR 29:690 (May 2003), LR 29:2052 (October 2003), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 35:2181 (October 2009), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:950 (May 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1597 (September 2018), LR 45:659 (May 2019), amended by the Office of Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Part XV. Radiation Protection

Chapter 25. Fee Schedule

§2510. Late Payment Fee

A. A late payment fee of 15 percent may be applied to an invoice remaining unpaid after a period of 90 days from the date of the invoice. This late payment fee shall be calculated based on the total outstanding amount of the invoice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Nuclear Energy, LR 10:1013 (December 1984), amended by the Nuclear Energy Division, LR 13:569 (October 1987), amended by the Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Radiation Protection Division, LR 18:719 (July 1992), amended LR 21:791 (August 1995), amended by the Office of Management and Finance, Fiscal Services Division, LR 25:428 (March 1999), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 43:951 (May 2017), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Persons commenting should reference this proposed Rule by MM024. Such comments must be received no later than March 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed Rule can be purchased by contacting the LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of MM024. The proposed Rule is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/rules-regulations>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96984013461> or by phone at (309) 740-3221. Meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The proposed Rule is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

RULE TITLE: Late Fee Update

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) does not anticipate any implementation costs or savings associated with the proposed rule change as it will align the administrative code with current practice concerning the assessment of late payment penalties.

The proposed rule change removes 15-day and 30-day late payment penalties. Currently, if payment is received less than 15 days after the invoice is due, there is no penalty; if received 15 days to 29 days after the due date, the penalty is 5%; if received 30 days to 59 days after payment is due, the penalty is 10%; and if payment is received 60 days or later after payment is due then the penalty is 15%, payable to the department. The proposed rule change removes this tiered fee schedule and replaces it with a late fee of 15%, assessed 60 days after payment is due.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change removes the assessment of the 15-day and 30-day late fees. However, the department reports it has not collected the 15-day late fee since 2016 and the 30-day late fee since 2020. Based on this and data showing the department typically receives payment from entities within 60 days following the due date, DEQ does not anticipate any impact on revenue collections as a result of the proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is anticipated to economically benefit businesses working within the industries regulated by DEQ. Currently, these businesses are required to pay invoices within 15 days. The removal of any late fees charged prior to the 60th day following a due date will provide more time for businesses to process invoices without penalties.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact competition or employment in either the public or private sector.

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Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division**

**Water Quality Standards Triennial Revision
(LAC 33:IX.1109)**

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Water Quality regulations, LAC 33:IX.1109 (WQ117).

The proposed Rule will revise Chapter 11 of the Water Quality regulations for clarification. This action is required in order to fulfill the department's obligation to review and revise, as necessary, at least once every three years, the state's water quality standards. The basis and rationale for this proposed Rule are to conform to Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act and to maintain and protect state waters. This proposed Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part IX. Water Quality

Subpart 1. Water Pollution Control

Chapter 11. Surface Water Quality Standards

§1109. Policy

Water quality standards policies concerned with the protection and enhancement of water quality in the state are discussed in this Section. Policy statements on antidegradation, water use, water body exception classification, compliance schedules, variances, short-term activity authorization, errors, severability, revisions to standards, and sample collection and analytical procedures are described.

A. - K.4.e.i. ...

ii. Poydras-Verret Marsh Wetland - Designated Naturally Dystrophic Waters Segment. The following criteria are applicable:

(a). no more than 50 percent reduction in the wetlands faunal assemblage total abundance, total abundance of dominant species, or the species richness of fish and macroinvertebrates, minimum of five replicate samples per site; $p = 0.05$; and

(b). no more than 20 percent reduction in the total above-ground wetland productivity as measured by tree, shrub, and/or marsh grass productivity.

iii. Breaux Bridge Swamp and Thibodaux Swamp - Designated Naturally Dystrophic Waters Segment. The following criteria are applicable:

(a). no more than 20 percent decrease in naturally occurring litter fall or stem growth;

(b). no significant decrease in the dominance index or stem density of bald cypress; and

(c). no significant decrease in faunal species diversity and no more than a 20 percent decrease in biomass.

iv. Bayou Ramos Swamp Wetland - Designated Naturally Dystrophic Waters Segment. The following criteria are applicable:

(a). no more than 20 percent decrease in naturally occurring litter fall or stem growth;

(b). no significant decrease in the dominance index or stem density of bald cypress; and

(c). no significant decrease in faunal species diversity and no more than a 20 percent decrease in abundance.

5. - 6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2074(B)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Water Resources, LR 10:745 (October 1984), amended LR 15:738 (September 1989), LR 17:264 (March 1991), LR 17:967 (October 1991), repromulgated LR 17:1083, amended LR 20:883 (August 1994), LR 24:688 (April 1998), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2402 (December 1999), LR 26:2547 (November 2000), LR 24:289 (March 2001), LR 30:1474 (July 2004), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:457 (March 2007), LR 33:829 (May 2007), LR 35:446 (March 2009), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 42:736 (May 2016), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 45:1188 (September 2019), LR 46:1550 (November 2020), LR 48:1498 (June 2022), LR 49:1553 (September 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Persons commenting should reference this proposed Rule by WQ117. Such comments must be received no later than March 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed Rule can be purchased by contacting the LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of WQ117. The proposed Rule is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/rules-regulations>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96984013461> or by phone at (309) 740-3221. Meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The proposed Rule is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Water Quality Standards Triennial Revision

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule change will revise and clarify the intent of Chapter 11 of the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Water Quality regulations. The 2024 Triennial Review Report of Findings, a federally mandated review of water quality standards conducted by DEQ every three years, identified one citation in Section 1109 with errors; specifically, three uses of "and/or" when "and" is appropriate. This change in verbiage is not anticipated to create more stringent requirements, as it is a technical correction to align the administrative code with the existing Water Quality Management Plan, which is the primary document governing water quality management, pollution control, and planning activities carried out by the state in order to comply with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
There is no estimated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Board of Architectural Examiners

Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund
(LAC 46:I.Chapter 22)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Architectural Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), proposes to amend many of the Sections in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22 pertaining to the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund. More specifically, the board gives notice that it proposes to amend LAC 46:I.2201 pertaining to proposals, LAC 46:I.2211 pertaining to awards, LAC 46:I.2213 pertaining to use of funds awarded, and LAC 46:I.2115 pertaining to the final report.

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules (i) systematically review in accordance with stated criteria a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules

have been reviewed within a five-year period and (ii) submit a report of their review to the appropriate legislative oversight committee. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50 percent of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. Each Rule should be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, consistent with the law, aligned with the agency's mission, and otherwise complies with the legislation described therein.

Applying the criteria required by Act 192 and EO JML 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 22 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 22) and determined that several of the rules therein should be modernized and clarified. The amendments proposed herein allow that proposals for awards include digital deliverables (LAC 46:I.2201); clarify that failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of a portion of the award and for ineligibility for future awards unless good cause is shown (LAC 46:I.2211.E); provide for exceptions to excuse non-use of funds received during the academic year received (LAC 46:I.2211.F); clarify permissible and non-permissible use of funds awarded (LAC 46:I.2213); clarify when the final report must be submitted (LAC 46:I.2215); and provide for related matters.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS

Part I. Architects

**Chapter 22. Louisiana Architecture Education
and Research Fund**

§2201. Proposals

A. - D. ...

E. Proposals may include digital deliverables, such as electronic publications, instructional videos, online modules, or open-source resources, provided they advance the purposes of R.S. 37:144(G).

F. Proposals must be offered as part of a NAAB-accredited B. Arch or M. Arch professional degree program or as part of a pre-professional degree program with direct entry into a NAAB-accredited M. Arch degree program.

G. Two or more NAAB-accredited institutions may collaborate on a proposal for activities, programs, or projects that the architecture programs of each institution will work together jointly in fulfillment of the objectives of the award.

H. There are no restrictions on the type of proposal, so long as it meets the requirements presented in these guidelines and is in keeping with R.S. 37:144(G).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:268 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

§2211. Awards

A. - E.2. ...

3. Failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of the remaining 20 percent of the award. In addition, unless the architecture academic division demonstrates good cause for its failure to submit the final report to the board, the division will be ineligible for future awards until the final report is submitted.

F. - H. ...

I. If funds awarded are not used within the academic year received, the architecture program will be unable to receive

funds in the succeeding academic year. Exceptions may be granted in cases of force majeure, including natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other events beyond the control of the institution.

J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

§2213. Use of Funds Awarded

A. Funds awarded may be used toward costs and expenses such as:

1. ...

2. new equipment and technology, including hardware, software, interconnectivity with non-faculty architect practitioners, and related digital infrastructure or subscriptions, etc.;

3. - 6. ...

B. Funds awarded may not be used toward costs or expenses such as:

1. - 2. ...

3. expenses for existing courses;

4. individual faculty enhancement activities; or

5. food or beverages.

C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

§2215. Final Report

A. The architecture academic division must complete a final report documenting the degree to which the expected outcomes were achieved and the degree to which the project was implemented.

B. The final report should detail how the award was spent, including any portion of the award which was not spent.

C. The final report must be submitted to the board no later than September 1 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year of the award.

D. Any portion of the award not spent should be returned to the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(i) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(ii) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors, has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide such services, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rules to Tyson Ducote, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, 9625 Fenway Avenue, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. All comments must be submitted by 4:30 pm on February 13, 2026.

Tyson Ducote
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes clarify that proposals may include digital deliverables, awards may be used for expenses such as digital infrastructure and subscriptions, but not food or beverages, and force majeure is an acceptable excuse for failing to use an award during the year in which it was received. The proposed changes further provide a deadline for submitting the final report and clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes have no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed changes clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the payment of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted. Otherwise, there are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to affect competition or employment in either the public or private sectors.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Board of Architectural Examiners

Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names
(LAC 46:I.Chapter 15)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Architectural Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), proposes to amend virtually all of the Sections in LAC 46:I.Chapter 15 pertaining to the titles, firm names, and assumed names of architects and architectural firms. More specifically, the board gives notice that it proposes to amend LAC 46:I.1501 pertaining to the prohibition against misleading and confusing names; consolidate LAC 46:I.1503 (Architect's Responsibility) into LAC 46:I.1501; repeal LAC 46:I.1505 (Use of Term "Architect," "Architecture," or "Architectural"); repeal LAC 46:I.1507 (Use of the Plural Term "Architects"); repeal LAC 46:I.1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only); repeal LAC 46:I.1511 (Use of "AIA"); repeal LAC 46:I.1513 (Use of the Term "Associate"); repeal LAC 46:I.1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company); amend LAC 46:I.1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations); amend LAC 46:I.1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations); amend LAC 46:I.1521 (Fictitious Names); amend LAC 46:I.1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals); maintain without change LAC 46:I.1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms); amend LAC 46:I.1527 (Unlicensed Persons); amend LAC 46:I.1529 (Intern Architect); amend LAC 46:I.1531 (Business Cards); amend LAC 46:I.1533 (Limited Liability Company); amend LAC 46:I.1535 (Non-Resident Firms); maintain without change LAC 46:I.1537 (Exemptions); and amend LAC 46:I.1539 (Architect Emeritus).

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules systematically review in accordance with stated criteria a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50% of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. Each rule should be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, consistent with the law, aligned with the agency's mission, and otherwise complies with the legislation described therein.

Applying the criteria required by Act 192 and EO JML 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 15 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 15). It determined that virtually all of the rules

therein should be simplified, modernized, and clarified, and that others were outdated, unnecessary, and should be repealed in their entirety. The amendments proposed herein consolidate for simplification the rules prohibiting misleading or confusing names (LAC 46:I.1501 and LAC 46:I.1503) and clarify the prohibition. The board is proposing the repealing as unnecessary and obsolete LAC 46:I.1505 (Use of Term "Architect," "Architecture," or "Architectural"), LAC 46:I.1507 (Use of the Plural Term "Architects"), LAC 46:I.1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only), LAC 46:I.1511 (Use of "AIA"), LAC 46:I.1513 (Use of the Term "Associate"), and LAC 46:I.1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company).

The board is proposing the simplification, clarification, and amendment of LAC 46:I.1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations), LAC 46:I.1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations), LAC 46:I.1521 (Fictitious Names), LAC 46:I.1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals), LAC 46:I.1527 (Unlicensed Persons), LAC 46:I.1529 (Intern Architect), LAC 46:I.1531 (Business Cards), LAC 46:I.1533 (Limited Liability Company), LAC 46:I.1535 (Non-Resident Firms), and LAC 46:I.1539 (Architect Emeritus). The "Allowed" and "Not Allowed" charts contained in many of the rules in this Chapter have been confusing to some architects, and all such charts are being deleted in the proposed rules.

The board is proposing that LAC 46:I.1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms) and LAC 46:I.1537 (Exemptions) be maintained without change.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part I. Architects

Chapter 15. Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names

§1501. Misleading and Confusing Names Prohibited

A. The statutory authorization for architects and firms to practice architecture and render architectural services is not an authorization to hold out to the public any person who is not registered and licensed by the board as an architect. An architect or firm shall not practice architecture under an assumed, fictitious or corporate name that is misleading as to the identity, responsibility, or status of those practicing thereunder or is otherwise false, fraudulent, or confusing.

B. As a licensed professional, it is the responsibility of the architect to select and use a name which is neither misleading nor confusing. In case of doubt, an architect should first consult the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), LR 52:

§1503. Architect's Responsibility

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1505. Use of Term "Architect," "Architecture," or "Architectural"

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1507. Use of the Plural Term "Architects"

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1509. Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1511. Use of "AIA"

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1513. Use of the Term "Associate"

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1515. Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§1517. Professional Architectural Corporations

A. The corporate name of a professional architectural corporation registered with this board must comply with R.S. 12:1088.

B. The corporate name of a professional architectural corporation may include an acronym such as "PAC," "APAC," or "APC" as an acceptable substitute for one of the suffixes listed in R.S. 12:1088.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:569 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2403 (August 2011), LR 52:

§1519. Architectural-Engineering Corporation

A. The corporate name of an architectural-engineering corporation registered with this board must comply with R.S. 12:1172.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 52:

§1521 Fictitious Name

A. For the purpose of these rules, a fictitious name is any name other than the real name or names of an individual. Any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, group, or association may practice architecture under a fictitious name provided the name complies with all of the rules of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2403 (August 2011), LR 52:

§1523. Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals

A. An architect who practices in a firm with one or more engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, interior designers, or other professionals in an allied profession is permitted to use in the firm title a phrase describing the professions involved such as "architect and engineer," "architects, engineers, and surveyors," etc. provided:

1. the title does not hold out to the public as an architect any person who is not registered and licensed by the board;
2. the name of any allied professional in the firm title is practicing in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations that govern the practice of that allied profession; and
3. the title complies with all the rules of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2403 (August 2011), LR 52:

§1527. Unlicensed Persons

A. Unlicensed persons cannot use the term *architect*, *architectural*, *architecture* or anything confusingly similar to indicate that such person practices or offers to practice architecture, or is rendering architectural services. Except as set forth in Rule §1529, a person who has obtained a degree in architecture may not use the title *architect*, *graduate architect*, or any other title with the word *architect*, *architectural*, or *architecture* therein.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 52:

§1529. Intern Architect

A.1. A person who:

- a. has completed an approved educational program;
- b. is participating in or who has successfully completed an approved experience program; and
- c. is employed by a firm which is lawfully engaged in the practice of architecture in this state may use the title "intern architect" but only in connection with that person's employment with such firm.

2. The title may not be used to advertise or offer to the public that such person is performing or offering to perform architectural services, and accordingly such person may not include himself in any listing of architects or in any listing of persons performing architectural services. Such person may use a business card identifying themselves as an "intern

architect," provided such business card also includes the name of the architectural firm employing such person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 52:

§1531. Business Cards

A. The business card of an architect should comply with all the rules of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:571 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2404 (August 2011), LR 52:

§1533. Limited Liability Company

A. The name of a limited liability company registered with the board must comply with R.S.12:1306 and include the words "limited liability company" or "professional limited liability company," or the abbreviation "L.L.C."; "P.L.L.C.", or "L.C."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:571 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2404 (August 2011), LR 52:

§1535. Non-Resident Firms

A. A non-resident corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity legally engaged in the practice of architecture in the jurisdiction of its origin shall have the right to retain its non-resident identity upon registration with and obtaining a firm license from the board for practicing architecture in Louisiana, provided its identity is in full compliance with the jurisdiction of its origin and the entity is in full compliance with all of the requirements for practicing architecture in Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 37:2404 (August 2011), amended LR 52:

§1539. Architect Emeritus

A. An architect who has received emeritus status from the board should use the title "Architect Emeritus."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 39:2737 (October 2013), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(i) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(ii) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors, has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide such services, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule to Tyson Ducote, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, 9625 Fenway Avenue, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. All comments must be submitted by 4:30 pm on February 13, 2026.

Tyson Ducote
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes seek to simplify, modernize, and clarify provisions of LAC 46:1 in accordance with Act 192 of RS 2024 and Executive Order JML 25-038.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups resulting from the proposed rule changes.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition or employment in either the public or private sectors resulting from the proposed rule changes.

Tyson J. Ducote
Executive Director
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Alan M. Boxberger
Legislative Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Real Estate Appraisers Board

Real Estate Appraisers Board
(LAC 46:LXVII.Chapters 101-311)

The Real Estate Appraisers Board has determined to amend its administrative rules in consideration of R.S. 49:964(D) and 966(K) and the April 1, 2025, Executive Order Number 25-038. During open meetings conducted on August 18, 2025 and November 17, 2025, the board reviewed 100 percent of its current administrative rules and the proposed rules and determined that the proposed rules are necessary, consistent with applicable law, aligned with its mission to protect the public interest by reasonably regulating real estate appraisers and appraisal management companies, and the benefits of the proposed changes outweigh their burdens and costs. Accordingly, the board hereby gives notice of its intent to initiate rulemaking and effectuate the proposed rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq, and the authority granted by R.S. 37:3391 et seq and R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXVII. Real Estate Subpart 2. Appraisers

Chapter 101. Authority

§10101. Adoption; Authority

A. The rules and regulations of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board included in this Subpart have been adopted pursuant to and in compliance with the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Law (R.S. 37:3391 et seq), and any violation of these rules or regulations shall be sufficient cause for any disciplinary action permitted by law.

B. The terms *license* and *certificate* are used interchangeably throughout the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Law and this Subpart and shall be interpreted to have the same meaning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1425 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1332 (June 2005), LR 52:

§10103. Open Meetings; Electronic Means; Disability Accommodations

A. The board is a state agency, as defined by R.S. 49:951, and is authorized to conduct and its members may attend and participate in open meetings via electronic means in accordance with the Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq), including but not limited to R.S. 42:17.2 and 17.2.1.

B. The board shall provide for participation via electronic means on an individualized basis for persons with disabilities. "Persons with disabilities" means or includes the following:

- 1. A member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or his or her designated caregiver; or

2. A participant board member with an ADA-qualifying disability.

C. Upon receipt of any reasonable accommodation request by a person with disabilities, relative to participation via electronic means, the board's designated representative shall provide the requestor with the teleconference or videoconference link as soon as possible following receipt of the request but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting. Any other related reasonable accommodation request shall be considered in accordance with applicable law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:17.2 and 17.2.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 52:

§10105. Reporting; Change of Contact Information of Record

A. Each licensee or registrant shall notify the board, in writing, within 10 days of a change in any of the following contact information of record:

1. mailing address, business address, residence address, or email address;
2. primary telephone number; and
3. any other required contact information for the business or domicile of record for the licensee or registrant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3396.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 52:

Chapter 103. License Requirements

§10301. Applications/Renewals

A. The board shall issue an examination authorization on receipt of a properly completed application.

B. When an applicant has made a false statement of material fact on an initial or renewal application for a license or registration, or in any document submitted in connection with the application process, such false statement constitutes sufficient grounds for refusal of a license.

C. The responsibility for timely submission of the renewal application and payment of the required fees rests solely with the applicant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395, 3396, and 3401.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1425 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1332 (June 2005), LR 37:332 (January 2011), LR 41:368 (February 2015), LR 52:

§10303. Examination

A. Any applicant who fails an examination may apply to retake the examination by submitting a copy of the fail notice and a new examination processing fee to the board. If the applicant has not successfully passed the examination after one year from the date the application was filed, the applicant shall be required to submit a new application and remit all prescribed fees to be eligible for the licensing examination.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3398.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1425 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1332 (June 2005), LR 37:332 (January 2011), LR 41:368 (February 2015), LR 45:419 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10305. Fees; nonsufficient checks

A. All fees submitted to the board are nonrefundable and shall be imposed in accordance with R.S. 37:3407.

B. - D. ...

E. Nonsufficient funds. Persons issuing checks that are returned by financial institutions will be notified, in writing, of the return of the check to the address registered with the board. Within 10 days from the mailing or electronic delivery of the notification, the person issuing the check shall remit a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board in the amount of the returned check plus a \$25 processing fee.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3407.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1425 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1333 (June 2005), LR 45:420 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10308. Appraiser Trainees; Supervision; Termination

A. A certified residential or certified general real property appraiser may supervise trainee appraisers in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:3391 *et seq* and the applicable editions of both the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria, or its successor, and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice or its successor.

B. The supervisory appraiser shall immediately notify the board and the appraiser trainee, in writing, when the supervisory appraiser terminates the supervision of the trainee appraiser. The trainee appraiser shall not engage in a real estate appraisal at any time that he or she is not registered under the supervision of a supervisory appraiser.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3392 and 3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1333 (June 2005), amended LR 37:333 (January 2011), LR 41:368 (February 2015), LR 42:870 (June 2016), LR 45:420 (March 2019); LR 52:

§10309. Application; Education; Experience Credit

A. Applicants for a real property appraiser license shall satisfy the education and experience requirements, as included in the applicable edition of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria, or its successor, prior to receiving an authorization for testing.

B. Experience credit shall be reviewed and approved by the board in accordance with the applicable edition of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria, or its successor. Calculation of experience hours shall be based solely on actual hours of experience.

C. Only those real property appraisals consistent with the "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice" or its successor may be accepted by the board for experience credit.

D. A peer review committee appointed by the board pursuant to R.S. 37:3395.1 shall serve in the following capacity.

1. Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the board and may be removed at any time with or without cause, upon written notice from the board.

2. Committee members assigned to assist investigators shall remove themselves from any investigation where there may be an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

E. An applicant who is currently licensed and in good standing in a state approved by the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) shall be deemed to satisfy the experience requirements for the same level of licensure in Louisiana. The applicant shall provide appropriate documentation as required by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3395.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1426 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1333 (June 2005), LR 37:333 (January 2011), LR 39:310 (February 2013), LR 41:368 (February 2015), LR 42:871 (June 2016), LR 45:420 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10311. Experience Requirements

A. This Section regarding determination of experience credit applies to all real property appraiser license classes defined in R.S. 37:3397.

A.1. - B.4. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 through 3397.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1426 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 29:126 (February 2003), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1334 (June 2005), LR 37:333 (January 2011), LR 41:369 (February 2015), LR 45:420 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10313. General Experience Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 through 3397.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1427 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 29:126 (February 2003), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1334 (June 2005), LR 37:333 (January 2011), LR 41:369 (February 2015), LR 42:871 (June 2016), LR 45:420 (March 2019), repealed LR 52:

§10315. Appraisal Review Requirements

A. For the purposes of this Subpart, "appraisal review" means the act or process of developing an opinion about the quality of another appraiser's work (i.e., a report, part of a report, a workfile, or some combination of these), that was performed as part of an appraisal or appraisal review assignment.

B. An appraiser shall develop and report appraisal reviews in accordance with the applicable edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice or its successor.

C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1428 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1335 (June 2005), LR 37:334 (January 2011), LR 52:

§10319. Temporary Practice Registration

A. An applicant shall be granted a temporary practice registration to perform the appraisal assignment described in his or her application, if:

1. - 2. ...

3. the applicant has satisfied the board as to his qualifications and eligibility for temporary registration privileges; and

4. the time projected by the applicant for completion of the assignment is reasonable, given the scope and complexity of the assignment.

B. A temporary practice registration shall expire upon completion of the appraisal assignment described in the relevant application for temporary registration.

C. The board shall reasonably extend the applicant's projected temporary practice registration expiration date, if the applicant shows, in writing, that additional time is needed to complete the assignment.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3401.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 42:871 (June 2016), LR 52:

Chapter 104. Education Providers/Course Approval

§10401. Approval of Education Providers

A. ...

B. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute grounds for refusal to grant approval as an education provider:

1. the applicant has been convicted of a forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or theft, or has been convicted of a felony in any court of competent jurisdiction;

2. the applicant has made a false statement of material fact on the application;

3. the applicant refuses to agree to monitoring of courses by the board or its duly authorized representatives to ensure that approved courses satisfy the requirements required by the board and the applicable edition of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria or its successor.

C. - D.1. ...

2. ensure that all course offerings satisfy all requirements mandated by the board and the applicable edition of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria or its successor.

3. - 5. ...

6. report any change in registered mailing or physical address, email address, or telephone number to the board, in writing, within 10 days of the date of the change.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1429 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1336 (June 2005), LR 45:420 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10403. Approval of Qualifying/Continuing Education Courses

A. Education providers shall apply directly to the board for qualifying and continuing education course approval. Application forms shall be prescribed by the board. Information to be submitted for each course offering shall include:

A.1. - B. ...

C. All approved courses shall be valid through December 31 following the initial approval date. The board may extend such approval for the next renewal period if course materials remain current or are updated as changes in the applicable law or rules require. Courses approved through the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) of the Appraisal Foundation/International Distance Education Certification Center (IDECC) shall be valid through the AQB/IDECC issued expiration date.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1429 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1336 (June 2005), LR 37:334 (January 2011), LR 45:420 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10405. Course Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1429 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1336 (June 2005), LR 45:421 (March 2019), repealed LR 52:

§10407. Qualifying Education

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1429 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1336 (June 2005), LR 37:334 (January 2011), LR 45:421 (March 2019), repealed LR 52:

§10409. Continuing Education

A. Education that is not obtained through an approved continuing education provider shall be submitted to the board, prior to submission of the appraiser's application for license renewal, to determine whether the course complies with the applicable edition of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria, or its successor, and shall be credited towards the appraiser's annual continuing education requirement pursuant to R.S. 37:3408.

B. Course work completed by licensees through non-approved providers shall be considered for credit by the board on an individual basis.

C. Each submission made in accordance with this Section shall include a cover letter that contains the licensee's complete name, mailing address, and telephone number, with the following documentation:

1. certificate of completions;
2. hours completed;
3. date of completion;
4. detailed course content information;
5. verification of successful completion of an examination on course content, if applicable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1430 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1337 (June 2005), LR 37:335 (January 2011), LR 45:421 (March 2019), LR 52:

§10411. Instructor Qualifications

A. Instructors for qualifying education courses shall satisfy at least one of the following qualification requirements:

A.1. - B.4. ...

C. Instructors of the 15-hour National USPAP Course and seven-hour National USPAP Update Course shall be certified by the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) and hold a current license as a state certified real property appraiser.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1430 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1338 (June 2005), LR 37:335 (January 2011), LR 52:

§10413. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Compliance

A. For purposes of good faith compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the board may permit an alternative method of course delivery other than the typical method of presentation. The board may require verification of the disability of the individual requesting the alternative delivery method prior to granting such a request in accordance with applicable law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1338 (June 2005), LR 37:335 (January 2011), LR 52:

§10417. Distance Education Courses

A. ...

B. Any educational course based on the geographical separation of the learner and the instructor (e.g., CD ROM, on-line learning, correspondence courses, video conferencing, etc.) shall provide for interaction between the learner and the instructor. Courses designed for both qualifying education credit and continuing education credit shall include testing and proof of passage shall be furnished to students successfully completing the examination.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 41:370 (February 2015), LR 52:

§10419. Video Presentations in Classroom Instruction

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), repealed LR 52:

§10421. Combining Appraisal and Real Estate

Prelicensing Courses Prohibited

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), repealed LR 52:

§10423. Determination of Credit Hours for Qualifying Education

A. Qualifying education credit shall not be granted to an individual for courses completed in duplicate, unless otherwise required by applicable law or rule.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), amended LR 52:

§10425. Final Examination on Additional Education Required by Board

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3409.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisers Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), repealed LR 52:

Chapter 105. Investigations and Adjudicatory Proceedings

§10501. Investigations

A. The board may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the verified, written complaint of any person alleging violations of the laws or rules of the board, investigate the actions of a licensee or certificate holder, or any person who assumes to act as such. Written complaints shall bear the signature of the complainant or that of his legal representative before any action will be taken thereon by the board. The board shall not be required to take any action relating to an unsigned or anonymous complaint.

B. Upon documented probable cause, the executive director of the board may issue written authorization to investigate apparent violations of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Law and/or the rules and regulations of the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3409.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1338 (June 2005), LR 52:

§10503. Technical Assistance

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1431 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1338 (June 2005), repealed LR 52:

§10505. Cooperation

A. - B. ...

C. Any failure of a respondent to timely comply with this Section shall constitute a violation of this Subpart.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3409.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1432 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1338 (June 2005), LR 52:

§10507. Adjudicatory Proceedings

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3409 and R.S. 49:975 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Real Estate Appraisal Board of Certification, LR 25:1432 (August 1999), amended by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1338 (June 2005), LR 37:335 (January 2011), repealed LR 52:

§10509. Appellate Proceedings

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3409 and R.S. 49:975 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1339 (June 2005), repealed LR 52:

§10511. Costs of Adjudicatory Proceedings

A. Following a finding that a respondent has committed one or more violations as alleged in any adjudicatory proceeding, the respondent may be assessed the administrative costs of the proceeding and investigation as determined by the board. Payment of the assessed costs shall be a condition of satisfying any order issued by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395 and 3409.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1339 (June 2005), amended LR 52:

§10513. Stay of Enforcement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 31:1339 (June 2005), repealed LR 52:

Chapter 107. Appraisal Management Companies

§10701. Appraiser Requirements and Prohibitions

A. It shall be unlawful for a licensee or certificate holder to enter into an agreement to perform valuation services, written or otherwise, with an appraisal management company, or a person, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, subsidiary, unit, or other business entity that engages, or attempts to engage, in the activities of an appraisal management company, as defined in R.S. 37:3415.2, unless the appraisal management company, person, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, subsidiary, unit, or other business entity is licensed in accordance with the Louisiana Appraisal Management Company Licensing and Regulation Act (R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq).

B. A licensee or certificate holder who performs valuation services for an appraisal management company may include the license number of the appraisal management company in all appraisal reports or other instruments used by the licensee or certificate holder in conducting real property appraisal activities for the appraisal management company.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3395.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 39:311 (February 2013), LR 52:

Subpart 3. Appraisal Management Companies

Chapter 301. Authority

§30101. Adoption; Powers of the Board

A. The rules and regulations of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board included in this Subpart have been adopted pursuant to and in compliance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq. Any violation of these rules and regulations shall be sufficient cause for any disciplinary action permitted by law.

B. The board shall have the full power and authority to:

1. regulate the issuance of appraisal management company licenses;
2. censure appraisal management company licensees;
3. suspend or revoke appraisal management company licensees;
4. levy fines or impose civil penalties not to exceed fifty thousand dollars in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.19; and
5. require each licensee or registrant to notify the board, in writing, within 10 days of a change in any of the following contact information of record:
 - a. mailing address, business address, residence address, or email address;
 - b. primary telephone number; and
 - c. any other required contact information for the business or domicile of record for the licensee or registrant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2406 (August 2011), amended LR 52:

Chapter 303. Forms and Applications

§30301. Initial License Applications

A. Applications for initial licensure as an appraisal management company shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. the name, business address, telephone number, and email address of the applicant;
2. the name, address, and contact information of each individual or entity that has any ownership interest in the appraisal management company;
3. the name, address, and contact information of the controlling person, as defined by R.S. 37:3415.2;
4. the designation of an agent for service of process.

B. Applicants for initial licensure as an appraisal management company shall acknowledge and certify all the following, at a minimum:

1. The applicant has a system in place to verify that all real estate appraisers on the panel of the appraisal management company are Certified Residential or Certified General Appraisers.
2. The applicant has a system in place to review the work of all independent appraisers performing appraisal services, which shall be conducted in conformity with the applicable edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, or its successor.
3. The applicant will maintain a record of each request for appraisal services applicable to Louisiana properties, as well as the name of the independent appraiser that performs appraisal services, and the fee paid to the appraiser for each assignment.

4. The designated controlling person has accepted the responsibilities attendant to acting as such.

C. Applications for initial licensure as an appraisal management company shall be submitted, at a minimum, with the following documentation:

1. a license history verification from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is currently licensed or has been licensed as an appraisal management company;
2. a copy of any trade name and trademark registration issued by the Louisiana Secretary of State for use by the applicant;
3. a copy of the resolution or other document executed by a principal of the appraisal management company designating a controlling person; and
4. a copy of any corporation, partnership, or limited liability company registration certificate issued to the applicant by the Louisiana Secretary of State.

D. When an applicant has made a false statement of material fact in any document submitted to the board, such false statement constitutes sufficient grounds for refusal of an initial license.

E. If the board determines that an applicant has satisfactorily met the prescribed requirements for initial licensing, a Louisiana appraisal management company license shall be issued to the applicant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2407 (August 2011), amended LR 52:

§30302. Surety Bond Required; Amount and Conditions; Filing

A. - E. ...

F. A licensee who elects to submit a cash deposit or security in lieu of a surety bond, as provided in R.S. 37:3415.3, shall restore the cash deposit or security annually upon license renewal, if a claim has reduced the deposit amount or security below \$20,000.

G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 39:3072 (November 2013), amended LR 52:

§30303. License Renewal Applications

A. - B. ...

C. When an applicant has made a false statement of material fact on a license renewal application, or in any related document, such false statement constitutes sufficient grounds for refusal of a renewal license.

D. A licensee that fails to renew by December thirty-first of each calendar year in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.6 shall be prohibited from operating as an appraisal management company in Louisiana until such time that the license has been renewed and any further requirements of the board have been met.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2407 (August 2011), amended LR 52:

Chapter 304. Competency

§30401. Appraiser License Verification

A. - A.4. ...

5. is aware that all appraisal services rendered in Louisiana shall comply with the applicable edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), or its successor.

B. Subsequent to a completed appraisal being submitted to the assigning licensee, any request made by the appraisal management company for additional information that may impact or alter the opinion of value stated therein shall be made by the certified appraiser completing the appraisal review.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 39:3072 (November 2013), amended LR 52:

Chapter 305. Responsibilities and Duties

§30501. Record Keeping

A. - A.4. ...

B. In addition to the records that shall be maintained in Subsection A of this Section, licensees shall maintain a complete list of all real estate fee appraisers approved by the licensee to receive appraisal assignments. The list shall include at least the following information regarding each fee appraiser:

1. - 3. ...

4. the areas in which each fee appraiser considers himself or herself geographically competent enumerated by parish or zip code;

5. - 6. ...

7. the time in which the appraisal services are required to be performed;

8. - 9. ...

10. the fee, remuneration, or monetary compensation for each report or assignment.

C. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2407 (August 2011), amended LR 39:3072 (November 2013), LR 52:

Chapter 307. Prohibited Activities

§30701. Improper Influence

A. - A.4.a. ...

b. the appraiser has violated the applicable edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice or its successor or other applicable state statutes or rules; or

A.4.c. - A.9. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2408 (August 2011), amended LR 42:871 (June 2016), LR 52:

§30703. Exemptions to Prohibited Activities

A. It shall not be deemed a prohibited activity to:

1. provide an appraiser with a copy of the sales contract for a purchase transaction; or

2. request that an independent appraiser provide further substantiation, detail, or explanation for the appraiser's value conclusion.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2408 (August 2011), amended LR 52:

Chapter 309. Disciplinary Authority; Enforcement and Hearings

§30900. Investigations

A. The board may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the verified, written complaint of any person alleging violations of the laws or rules of the board, investigate the actions of a licensee or certificate holder, or any person who assumes to act as such. Written complaints shall bear the signature of the complainant or that of his legal representative before any action will be taken thereon by the board. The board shall not be required to take any action relating to an unsigned or anonymous complaint.

B. ...

C. The board may file suit in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court in the parish of East Baton Rouge to enforce a subpoena against any person that does not comply with a subpoena issued by the board.

D. Full or partial compliance audits may be authorized by the executive director, or by affirmative vote of the board, to determine compliance with all provisions of applicable law and rules. A maximum of 10 percent of all registered licensees may be subject to audit in any calendar year. Licensees selected for audit shall be given 10 days written notice prior to commencement of the audit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 39:3073 (November 2013), amended LR 52:

§30901. Causes for Censure, Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of a License

A. In accordance with R.S. 37:3415.19, the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board may censure, deny, suspend, or revoke an appraisal management company license, or may restrict or limit the activities of an appraisal management company or a person who owns an interest in or participates in the business of the appraisal management company, if the board finds that any of the following circumstances apply.

1. The application for licensing is found to contain one or more statements that, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, are false or misleading with respect to a material fact.

2. The licensee's controlling principal has pled to or been found guilty of a felony or, within the past ten years, has pled guilty or been convicted of a misdemeanor involving mortgage lending or real estate appraising or has committed a violation of applicable laws or rules involving breach of trust, fraud, or dishonesty.

3. The licensee is permanently or temporarily enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction from engaging in or continuing to conduct any practice involving appraisal management services or operation of an appraisal management company.

4. The licensee is the subject of an order by the board denying, suspending, or revoking the licensee's license to operate as an appraisal management company in Louisiana.

5. The licensee acted as an appraisal management company while not properly licensed by the board.

6. The licensee failed to notify the board within ten days of any disciplinary action imposed against the licensee, its owners, or employees in any state.

B. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2408 (August 2011), amended LR 42:872 (June 2016), LR 52:

§30903. Appellate Proceedings

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2409 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

§30905. Costs of Adjudicatory Proceedings

A. Following finding that a respondent has committed one or more violations as alleged in any adjudicatory proceeding, the respondent may be assessed the administrative costs of the proceeding as determined by the board. Payment of the assessed costs shall be a condition of satisfying any order issued by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2410 (August 2011), amended LR 52:

§30907. Stay of Enforcement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 37:2410 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:

Chapter 311. Compensation of Fee Appraisers

§31103. Disclosure

A. When an appraisal obtained through an appraisal management company is used for loan purposes, the borrower or loan applicant shall be provided with a written disclosure of the total compensation to the appraiser or appraisal firm within the certification body of the appraisal report that is transmitted to the client/intended end user, and it shall not be redacted or otherwise obscured.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3415.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Real Estate Appraisers Board, LR 42:872 (June 2016), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed amendments to LAC 46:LXVII.10101 et seq and LAC 46:LXVII.30101 et seq are not anticipated to cause any impact, relative to family formation, stability, or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972, including but not limited to the analysis factors enumerated in R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed amendments to LAC 46:LXVII.10101 et seq and LAC 46:LXVII.30101 et seq are not anticipated to cause any impact, relative to child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development poverty as described in R.S. 49:973, including but not limited to the analysis factors enumerated in R.S. 49:973(B).

Small Business Economic Analysis

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, including but not limited to R.S. 49:974.4 and 974.5, the board considered the impact of the proposed amendments to LAC 46:LXVII.10101 et seq and LAC 46:LXVII.30101 et seq, relative to small businesses and the methods of reducing such impact, and determined that such changes are not anticipated to have any adverse impact.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed amendments to LAC 46:LXVII.10101 et seq and LAC 46:LXVII.30101 et seq are not anticipated to have an impact on providers of services funded by the state as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

All interested persons may submit written comments, on or before noon on March 11, 2026, to Mr. Jeremy Travis (jtravis@lrec.gov), Public Information Director, Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board, 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70809.

Public Hearing

A hearing will be held on March 16, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the office of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board, 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70809, if it becomes necessary to convene a public hearing to receive or consider comments in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Summer S. Mire
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Real Estate Appraisers Board

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
There are no implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units associated with the proposed changes other than a one-time minimal cost of publishing the rule. The board determined that the proposed changes are necessary to comply with the April 1, 2025, Executive Order Number 25-038. The proposed changes make numerous technical and language changes intended to: reduce the overall length, number, and complexity of regulations; use more concise, plain language; and, repeal or greatly reduce rules that are redundant with existing statutes.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
There is no anticipated impact on revenue collections to state or local government units as a result of the proposed changes.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
There are no estimated costs associated with the proposed changes.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
The proposed changes will have no effect on competition and employment.

Summer S. Mire
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Alan M. Boxberger
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

Certified Nurses Aid Register
(LAC 46:XLIX.1601 and 1603)

The Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, pursuant to R.S. 37:2501 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. hereby gives notice of its intent to remove Chapter 16 in its entirety. The Department of Health maintains the Certified Nurses Aide Register; therefore, continued maintenance and oversight by the Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators constitutes a duplication of effort.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLIX. Nursing Facility Administrators

Chapter 16. Certified Nurses Aid Register

§1601. Operation of CNA Registry

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2504.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, April 1970, amended and promulgated 6:276 (June 1980), repealed and repromulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, LR 18:181 (February 1992), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 20:789 (July 1994), LR 33:2423 (November 2007), LR 37:592 (February 2011), LR 39:1044 (April 2013), LR 51:685 (May 2024), LR 51:1276 (September 2024) repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 52:

§1603. Certificate of Certification

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2504.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, April 1970, amended and promulgated 6:276 (June 1980), repealed and repromulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, LR 18:181 (February 1992), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 20:789 (July 1994), LR 33:2423 (November 2007), LR 37:592 (February 2011), LR 39:1044 (April 2013), LR 51:685 (May 2024), LR 51:1276 (September 2024) repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed rulemaking will have no adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:965.2 et seq.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule will have no adverse impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2026 by mail to Joseph E. Townsend, Executive Director at Louisiana Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, 5647 Superior Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816-6049.

Joseph E. Townsend
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Certified Nurses Aid Register

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes. The cost for the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators is approximately \$393 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule change is repealing Chapter 16 in its entirety as LABENFA no longer oversees and has no authority over the Certified Nurse's Aide Registry. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) through its Health Standards Section, currently manages the state's Nurse Aide Registry.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.

Joseph E. Townsend
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Patrice Thomas
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Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

Complaints and Hearing Procedures
(LAC 46:XLIX.Chapter 13)

The Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, pursuant to R.S. 37:2501 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. hereby gives notice of its intent to amend this Rule to revise and clarify the processes by which the board receives, investigates, and adjudicates complaints against licensees. The updates establish clearer timelines for

investigations, specify notice and response requirements for respondents, and detail procedures for conducting preliminary and formal hearings. The revisions also clarify the role of hearing officers and the format of final decisions to align with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. These proposed Rule changes are primarily procedural and are intended to ensure due process, consistency, and transparency in complaint resolution.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLIX. Nursing Facility Administrators

Chapter 13. Complaints and Hearing Procedures

§1301. Registration of Complaints

A. Effective January 2013, anonymous written or oral complaints will not be accepted by the board.

B. Any person, public officer, association, or the board, may prefer charges against any licensee for due cause.

C. Such proceedings shall begin by the filing of sworn written charges with the board. Such charges shall be filed on forms provided by the board.

D. The board shall determine whether the complaint warrants further investigation.

E. Unless provided by law, the board may delegate its authority and responsibility under these rules to a committee of one or more board members, to a hearing officer or to other persons.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2504, 37:2509 and 37:2510

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, April 1970, amended and promulgated LR 9:461 (July 1983), amended LR 11:864 (September 1985), repealed and repromulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, LR 18:181 (February 1992), amended by the Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 39:1047 (April 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 52:

§1302. Investigation

A. If the board determines that a complaint warrants further investigation, the board shall notify the licensee or applicant against whom the complaint has been made (hereinafter referred to as "respondent"). The notice shall include the following:

1. notice that a complaint has been filed;
2. a short and plain statement of the nature of the complaint;
3. a reference to the particular section of the statutes, rules or ethical standards which may be involved;
4. copies of the applicable laws, rules and regulations of the board; and
5. a request for cooperation in obtaining a full understanding of the circumstances.

B. The respondent shall provide the board, within 30 days, a written statement giving the respondent's view of the circumstances which are the subject of the complaint.

C. The board may conduct such other investigations as it deems appropriate.

D. During the investigation phase, the board may communicate with the complainant and with the respondent

in an effort to seek resolution of the complaint satisfactory to the board without the necessity of a formal hearing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2504, 37:2509 and 37:2510

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 52:

§1303. Hearing Procedures

A. The board, the designated committee, or the hearing officer may hold a preliminary or formal hearing within 90 days of receipt of a written signed complaint. The board may receive the preliminary and/or formal hearing report at the following regularly scheduled or special meeting.

B. A copy of the complaint, together with notice of the time and place of the formal hearing, shall be served on the respondent at least 10 days before the date fixed for the hearing.

C. Where personal service cannot be effected and such fact is certified under oath by any person duly authorized to make legal service, the board shall cause to be published twice in each of two successive weeks, a notice of the formal hearing in a newspaper published in the parish in which the accused was last known to reside, and, on or before the date of the first publication. A copy of the charges and such notice shall be mailed to the accused at his last known address.

D. When publication of the notice is necessary, the date of the formal hearing shall be not less than 10 days after the last day of publication of the notice.

E. Upon receipt of a preliminary hearing report the board may:

1. dismiss the charges and take no action thereon, in which event the charges and the order dismissing the charges shall be filed with the board and all parties involved so notified; or

2. if the board decides that there shall be a formal hearing, the board, the designated committee, or the hearing officer shall determine the charges and set a time and place for a formal hearing to take place within 60 days.

F. Upon receipt of a formal hearing report the board may:

1. dismiss the charges and take no action thereon, in which event the charges and the order dismissing the charges shall be filed by the board and all parties involved so notified; or

2. if the board decides that the charges are valid, the board may dispose of the case as provided by law or regulation, or may take the case under advisement.

G. The board, in its discretion, may direct a rehearing or take additional evidence, and may rescind or affirm the prior determination after such rehearing, but nothing in the subdivision shall preclude appropriate relief under and pursuant to the laws of the state providing for the review of administrative determination by the courts of the state, as specifically outlined in R.S. 49:959.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2504, 37:2509, 37:2510 and 49:977.1

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, April 1970, amended and promulgated LR 9:461 (July 1983), repealed and repromulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators LR 18:181 (February 1992), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 52:

§1305. Conduct of Formal Hearings

A. At any formal hearing conducted pursuant to these rules, any party to the proceedings may appear personally and with counsel and shall be given the opportunity to produce evidence and witnesses and to cross-examine witnesses.

B. At any formal hearing conducted pursuant to these rules, if a party shall appear without counsel, the board or person(s) designated as hearing officers or hearing officer shall advise such party of his right to be represented by counsel; and that, if he desires to proceed without counsel, he may call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, and produce evidence in his behalf.

C. Appearances shall be noted on the official record of formal hearings.

D. The board, designated committee or hearing officer may grant adjournments upon request of any party to the proceedings, provided that an adjournment shall not be for any indefinite period of time, but shall be set down for a certain day.

E. If an adjournment is requested in advance of the formal hearing date, such request shall be submitted to the board in writing, and shall specify the reason for such request.

F. In considering an application for adjournment of a formal hearing the board, the designated committee, or hearing officer shall consider whether the purpose of the formal hearing will be affected or defeated by the granting of such adjournment.

G. The board, designated committee, or hearing officer shall issue subpoenas and subpoena duces tecum upon request of any party to the proceedings of any formal hearing set down by the board. No subpoena shall be issued until the party who wishes to subpoena the witnesses first deposits with the agency a sum of money sufficient to pay all fees and expenses to which a witness in a civil case is entitled pursuant to R.S. 13:3661 and R.S. 13:3671. Witnesses subpoenaed to testify before an agency only to an opinion founded on special study or experience in any branch of science, or to make scientific or professional examinations, and to state the results thereof, shall receive such additional compensation from the party who wishes to subpoena such witness as may be fixed by the agency with reference to the value of the time employed and the degree of learning of skill required. Whenever any person summoned under this Section neglects or refuses to obey such summons, or to produce books, papers, records, or other data, or to give testimony, as required, the agency may apply to the judge of the district court for the district within which the person so summoned resides or is found, for an attachment against him for contempt. It shall be the duty of the judge to hear the application and, if satisfactory proof is made, to issue an attachment, directed to some proper officer, for the arrest of such person and, upon his being brought before him, to proceed with a hearing of the case; and upon such hearing, the judge shall have power to make such order as he shall deem proper, not inconsistent with the law for the punishment of contempt, to enforce obedience to the requirements of the summons and to punish such person for his default of disobedience.

H. The rule of the hearing officer is to conduct an orderly hearing, taken evidence, question witnesses and make

conclusions of law. The hearing officer shall not be bound by the rules of evidence in the conduct of a formal hearing, but the determination and recommendations of the hearing officer shall be founded upon sufficient legal evidence to sustain it.

I. Upon the conclusion of a formal hearing, the board shall at its next regularly scheduled or specially called meeting take such action upon such written findings and determinations as it deems proper, and shall execute and order in writing involving such findings and determinations. When in an adjudication proceeding a majority of the officials of the board who are to render the final decision have not heard the case or read the record, or the proposed order is not prepared by a member of the agency, the decision, if adverse to the party to the proceeding other than the agency itself, shall not be made final until a proposed order is served upon the parties, and an opportunity is afforded to each party adversely affected to file exceptions and present briefs and oral argument to the officials who are to render the decision. The proposed order shall be accompanied by a statement of the reasons therefor and of the disposition of each issue of fact or law necessary to the proposed order, prepared by the person who conducted the formal hearing or by one who has read the record. No sanction shall be imposed or order be issued except upon consideration of the whole record and as supported by and in accordance with the reliable, probative, and substantial evidence. The parties by written stipulation may waive, and the agency, in the event there is no contest, may eliminate compliance with the Section.

J. The order of the board may include the assessment of civil penalties as provided by law or regulations. A final decision or order adverse to a party in an adjudication proceeding shall be in writing or stated in the record. A final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. Findings of fact, if set forth in statutory language, shall be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts supporting the findings. If, in accordance with agency rules, a party submits a proposed finding, parties shall be notified either personally or by mail of any decision or order. Upon request, a copy of the decision or order shall be delivered or mailed forthwith to each party and to his attorney of record.

K. The record, minutes and evidence of a formal hearing shall be made available to all parties for examination at the office of the board, or at such place as the board may direct. Copies of the minutes may be purchased at the rate per page covering the cost thereof.

L. The formal hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the adjudication procedures set forth in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.).

M. The form of the decision and order of the board, application for rehearing and judicial review shall be governed by the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.).

N. The board shall have the authority at any time to determine that a formal hearing should be initiated immediately on any complaint. The complaint and investigation procedures set forth above shall not create any due process rights for a respondent who shall be entitled only to the due process provided under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2504 and 37:2510

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, April 1970, amended and promulgated LR 9:461 (July 1983), repealed and repromulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, LR 18:181 (February 1992), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed rulemaking will have no adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:965.2 et seq.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule will have no adverse impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2026 by mail to Joseph E. Townsend, Executive Director at Louisiana Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, 5647 Superior Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816-6049.

Joseph E. Townsend
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Complaints and Hearing Procedures

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes. The cost for the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators is approximately \$393 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed rule changes revise and clarify the process by which the board receives, investigates and adjudicates complaints against licensees.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Medical Psychologists
(LAC 46:XLV.Chapters 39 and 61)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Medical Examiners (the board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270 et seq., the board proposes to amend its rules for the practice of medical psychology to conform to legislative changes regarding interaction with primary care providers, to add definitions, to make changes to continuing education requirements, and to make minor typographical changes, to wit: to amend §3903 to enumerate the definitions therein, to amend the definition of collaborating physician, to amend the definition of concurrence or concur, to amend the definition of consultation and collaboration with a MP, to amend the definition of discussion, to add definitions of nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, primary care, and primary care provider; to amend §3907 to add completion of at least three years of clinical experience as a licensed psychologist to the requirements and qualifications for licensure; to delete §3909 regarding alternative qualifications for license; to amend §3911 regarding qualifications for certificate of advanced practice including practice requirements and continuing education requirements; to amend §3941 regarding reporting of CME requirements for renewal; to amend §3951 regarding continuing education to require completion of the board's law and rules course; to make minor non-substantive typographical changes in §3921, §3923, and §3941(B); and to amend §§6115-6119 to change the terminology in the standards for prescribing by medical psychologists from physician to primary care provider to conform to legislative changes.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 39. Medical Psychologists

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§3903. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings specified.

Applicant—an individual who has applied to the board for a license as a medical psychologist or a certificate of advanced practice.

Approved—as applied to an examination, school, college, university, institution, organization, program, curriculum, course of study or continuing professional education, shall mean affirmatively recognized and sanctioned by the board in accordance with this Chapter.

Board—the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, as constituted in R.S. 37:1263.

Bona-Fide Medication Sample—a medication other than a controlled substance, packaged by the original manufacturer thereof in such quantity as does not exceed a reasonable therapeutic dosage and provided at no cost to a medical psychologist for administration or distribution to a patient at no cost to the patient.

Certificate of Advanced Practice or *Certificate* or *Certification*—the board's official recognition of a medical psychologist's lawful authority to engage in advance practice of medical psychology as provided by R.S. 37:1360.57 and Subpart 3 of these rules.

Collaborating Physician—a licensed Louisiana physician practicing in Louisiana who consults and/or collaborates with a medical psychologist.

Concurrence or *Concur*—a primary care provider's agreement to a plan for psychopharmacological management of a patient based on prior discussion with a medical psychologist.

Consultation and Collaboration with a MP or *Consult* and/or *Collaborate*—that practice in which a primary care provider discusses and, if deemed appropriate, concurs in a medical psychologist's plan for psychopharmacologic management of the primary care provider's patient.

Controlled Substance—any substance defined, enumerated, or included in federal or state statute or regulations 21 C.F.R.1308.11-.15 or R.S. 40:964, or any substance which may hereafter be designated as a controlled substance by amendment or supplementation of such regulations or statute.

Discussion—a communication between a primary care provider and a medical psychologist conducted in person, by telephone, in writing or by some other appropriate means.

Drug—shall mean the same as the term "drug" as defined in R.S. 40:961(16), including controlled substances except narcotics, but shall be limited to only those agents related to the diagnosis and treatment or management of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse or cognitive disorders.

Good Moral Character—as applied to an applicant, means that:

a. the applicant has not, prior to or during the pendency of an application to the board, been guilty of any act, omission, condition, or circumstance which would provide legal cause under R.S. 37:1360.67 for the suspension or revocation of a license or certificate;

b. the applicant has not, prior to or in connection with the application, made any representation to the board, knowingly or unknowingly, which is in fact false or misleading as to a material fact or omits to state any fact or matter that is material to the application; or

c. the applicant has not made any representation or failed to make a representation or engaged in any act or omission which is false, deceptive, fraudulent, or misleading in achieving or obtaining any of the qualifications for a license or certificate required by this Chapter.

LAMP—the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists.

LSBEP—the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, as constituted in R.S. 37:2353.

Medication—is synonymous with *drug*, as defined herein.

Medical Psychologist or *MP*—a psychological practitioner who has undergone specialized training in clinical psychopharmacology and has passed a national proficiency examination in psychopharmacology approved by the board. Such practice includes the authority to administer and prescribe drugs and distribute *bona-fide* medication samples, as defined in this Section.

Medical Psychology—that profession of the health sciences which deals with the examination, diagnosis, psychological, pharmacologic and other somatic treatment and/or management of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse, or cognitive disorders, and specifically includes the authority to administer, and prescribe drugs, and distribute *bona-fide* medication samples as defined in this Section. In addition, the practice of medical psychology includes those practices as defined in R.S. 37:2352(5).

Medical Psychology Advisory Committee or *Committee*—a committee to the board constituted under R.S. 37:1360.63.

Medical Psychology Practice Act or *MP Act*—Acts 2009, No. 251, R.S. 37:1360.51-1360.72.

Mental, Nervous, Emotional, Behavioral, Substance Abuse and Cognitive Disorders—those disorders, illnesses or diseases listed in either the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association or the mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive disorders listed in the International Classification of Diseases published by the World Health Organization.

Narcotics—natural and synthetic opioid analgesics and their derivatives used to relieve pain.

Nurse—a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.

Nurse Practitioner—the same as the term "nurse practitioner" is defined in R.S. 37:913.

Physician—an individual licensed by the board to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana as evidenced by a current license duly issued by the board.

Physician Assistant—the same as the term "physician assistant" is defined in R.S. 37:1360.22.

Primary Care—routine healthcare services, including screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment for promotion of health, and detection and management of disease or injury.

Primary Care Provider—the principal, treating, or attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner responsible for a patient's primary care.

Primary or Attending Physician—a physician who has an active clinical relationship with a patient and is principally responsible for the health care needs of the patient, or currently attending to the health care needs of the patient, or considered by the patient to be his or her primary or attending physician.

Psychopharmacologic Management—the treatment and/or management of the mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive disorders with medication.

State—any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:888 (March 2011); repromulgated LR 37:1151 (April 2011), amended LR 52:

Subchapter B. Requirements and Qualifications for License

§3907. Scope of Subchapter

A. - A.6. ...

7. have successfully completed at least three years of clinical experience as a licensed psychologist; and

8. not be otherwise disqualified by any ground for denying a license provided by the MP Act or these rules.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:889 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

§3909. Alternative Qualifications for License

Repealed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:889 (March 2011), repealed LR 52:

§3911. Qualifications for Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. - A.1. ...

2. practiced as a MP for at least three of the past four years.;

3. as a MP, treated at least one hundred patients which demonstrate the competence of the medical psychologist involving a range of psychotropic medications, including but not limited to antipsychotics, antidepressants, psychostimulants, mood stabilizers, anxiolytics, and hypnotics;

4. - 5. ...

6. completed a minimum of one hundred hours of continuing medical education relating to the use of medications in the management of patients with psychiatric illnesses, commencing with the issuance of the MP license by the board.

a. each individual CME activity must be at least one hour in CME credits; and

b. at least 25 percent of the CME hours must be earned through live, on-site attendance at a workshop, conference, or similar activity.

B. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:890 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

Subchapter D. Board Approval of Schools, Colleges, Universities, or Institutions

§3921. Applicability of Approval

A. Successful completion of a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology from a regionally

accredited institution approved by the board is among the educational qualifications required for MP licensure.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:891 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

§3923. Approval of Schools and Colleges

A. - B. ...

C. Subject to Section 3925 of these rules, a school, college, university or institution accepted by the LSBEP for MP prescriptive authority on or before January 1, 2010, shall be considered approved by the board for purposes of qualifications under this Chapter.

D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:891 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

Subchapter F. Licensure Issuance Termination, Renewal, Reinstatement

§3941. Renewal of License, Certificate

A. Every license or certificate issued by the board shall be renewed annually on or before the last day of June by submitting to the board a properly completed renewal application together with the renewal fee prescribed by Chapter 1 of these rules and documentation of the following to the board's designated electronic education tracker (EET):

1. satisfaction of the continuing professional education requirement prescribed by this Chapter; and

2. maintenance of basic life support.

B. Possession of a current, unrestricted license to practice psychology duly issued by the LSBEP is a requirement for initial licensure as a medical psychologist under this Chapter but shall not be required by the board for license renewal.

C. Newly licensed medical psychologists must successfully pass the Medical Psychology Law and Rules examination prior to their first license renewal date.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:893 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

Subchapter H. Continuing Education

§3951. Continuing Education Requirement

A. - B. ...

C. At least two hours required by this Section shall be devoted to ethics relevant to the practice of medical psychology. Successful completion of the LSBME Law and Rules of Medical Psychology Examination satisfies this requirement.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:894 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 61. Medical Psychologists

Subchapter C. Ethical Guidelines, Authority, Limitations and Standards of Practice

§6115. Standards for Prescribing by Medical Psychologists without a Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. When a medical psychologist consults with a primary care provider other than a physician, the medical psychologist shall include the supervising or collaborating physician consultations, collaborations, notices, updates, or summaries that may be required.

B. The medical psychologist shall also re-consult with the patient's primary care provider prior to making changes in the patient's medication treatment protocol, as established with the primary care provider, or as otherwise directed by the primary care provider. Medication changes require physician approval.

C. In the event that the primary care provider does not concur with the psychopharmacologic treatment protocol planned by a MP, the MP shall defer to the medical judgment of the primary care provider.

D. In the event a patient does not have a primary care provider, the medical psychologist shall not prescribe for that patient.

E. Documentation of Primary Care Provider Consultation. When psychopharmacologic management of a patient is indicated, the initial plan shall include consultation with the patient's primary care provider. The medical psychologist shall document the consultation with the primary care provider in the patient's medical record. Documentation shall include, but is not necessarily limited to:

1. patient authorization. In order to permit the necessary coordination of care for the patient, the MP shall obtain a release of information from the patient and/or the patient's legal guardian to contact the patient's primary care provider in all cases in which psychopharmacologic management is planned. If the patient or the patient's legal guardian declines to sign a release of information authorizing coordination of care with his or her primary care provider, the MP shall inform the patient and/or the patient's legal guardian that he or she cannot treat the patient pharmacologically without such consultation;

2. patient identity. The primary care provider's name; date of consultation; and contact information for the patient, primary care provider and MP;

3. Purpose. The purpose of consultation (e.g., new medication, change in medication, discontinuance of medication, adverse treatment effects, treatment failure, change in medical status, etc.);

4. psychological evaluation and diagnosis. If known, the psychological evaluation of the patient, including any relevant psychological history, laboratory or diagnostic studies and psychological diagnosis; and any other information the MP or primary care provider deems necessary for the coordination of the care for patient;

5. medication. The specific drug(s) the MP plans to utilize, including the starting dosage and titration plan if any; frequency of use, the number of refills and anticipated duration of therapy; relevant indications and contraindications, any previously utilized psychopharmacologic therapy, and any alternatives;

6. treatment plan. The MP's treatment and/or management plan for the patient;

7. results of consultation. The results of the consultation (e.g., concurrence, deferring or denying medication recommended by the MP); medications ordered (e.g., generic or trade; starting dosage and titration plan, if any; number of refills; etc.) and any other information that might be necessary for the appropriate coordination of care for the patient (e.g., review of prior labs or diagnostic procedures; new labs or diagnostic procedures requested by the primary care provider, if any; etc.);

8. responsibilities. Any specific responsibilities of the MP and primary care provider respecting the patient's care;

9. reporting. Any reporting and documentation requirements between the MP and the primary care provider and/or a schedule by which such are to take place; and

10. immediate consultation. A plan to accommodate immediate consultation between the MP, primary care provider, and/or patient.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:896 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

§6117. Standards for Prescribing by Medical Psychologists Holding a Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. Patients receiving care from a medical psychologist who holds a certificate of advanced practice issued under this Part shall have an established primary care provider who shall be responsible for the patient's overall medical care.

B. The primary care provider shall evaluate the patient for medical conditions in accordance with customary practice standards, and as might be indicated based on the medications that the patient is receiving and/or risk factors that may be present. If the patient has been referred to a medical psychologist holding a certificate of advanced practice for the express purpose of evaluation and treatment to include drug management by the primary care provider, this condition shall be considered met.

C. The medical psychologist shall provide the primary care provider with a summary of the treatment planned at the initiation of treatment.

D. The medical psychologist shall provide the primary care provider with follow-up reports as may be dictated by the patient's condition.

E. The medical psychologist shall provide the patient's primary care provider with a summary of the patient's condition and treatment no less than annually.

F. The medical psychologist may treat common side effects of medications used in the treatment of mental illness as defined in this Chapter after consultation with the patient's primary care provider and with the concurrence of that primary care provider.

G. The requirements for Subsections C, D and E of this Section shall be considered satisfied if the medical psychologist provides the primary care provider with a copy of the initial examination and follow-up visit records or, in those instances in which the medical psychologist is providing services authorized under this Section in a hospital

or clinic setting on referral of the primary care provider on the medical staff of that hospital or clinic, the medical psychologist documents those services in the patient's medical record at that hospital or clinic.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:897 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

§6119. Informed Consent

A. In addition to the written release and authorization set forth in Section 6115.E, a MP shall ensure that each of his or her patients subject to consultation and collaboration with a primary care provider is informed:

1. of the relationship between the MP and primary care provider and the respective role of each with respect to the patient's psychopharmacologic management;

2. that he or she may decline to participate in such a practice and may withdraw at any time without terminating the MP-patient relationship;

3. of the MP's decision to withdraw from consultation and collaboration with a primary care provider; and

4. by written disclosure, of any contractual or financial arrangement that may impact the MP's decision to engage in consultation and collaboration with a primary care provider.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1360.51-1360.72.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 37:897 (March 2011), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on the family has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on those that may be living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty line has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development, as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, R.S. 49:978.1 et seq.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on organizations that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on the staffing, costs, or overall ability of such organizations to provide the same level of services, as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written data, views, arguments, information or comments on the proposed amendments to Jacintha Duthu, LSBME, 630 Camp Street,

New Orleans, LA 70130. She is responsible for responding to inquiries. Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A request pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2) for a public hearing must be made in writing and received by the board within 20 days of this notice. If a public hearing is requested to provide data, views, arguments, information or comments orally in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, the hearing will be held on February 26, 2026, at 9 a.m., at the office of the LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Any person wishing to attend should call in advance to confirm.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Medical Psychologists

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes. The cost to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners is approximately \$1,500 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule changes amend the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners' regulations governing medical psychologists to bring the administrative code into conformity with statutory changes enacted by Act 731 of the 2024 Regular Session. Specifically, the proposed amendments revise and clarify definitions, update licensure and license renewal requirements, remove alternate qualification pathways that are no longer authorized in statute, modify continuing medical education requirements, and amend prescribing-related provisions to reflect current law.

The proposed rule changes do not establish a new licensure category or expand the scope of practice for medical psychologists beyond what is authorized in statute. Instead, they are technical and conforming in nature and are intended to ensure consistency between statute and rule, improve regulatory clarity, and support uniform administration and enforcement of existing licensing requirements.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Physicians—Continuing Medical Education
(LAC 46:XLV.417, 418, 435, and 447)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Medical Examiners (the board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act., R.S. 37:1270 et seq., the board proposes to amend its rules governing continuing medical education to allow for physicians to receive credit for participating on medical review panels.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 3. Physicians

Subchapter K. Continuing Medical Education

§433. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter provide standards for the continuing medical education ("CME") requisite to the renewal or reinstatement of licensure, as provided by §§417 and 419 of these rules and prescribe the procedures applicable to satisfaction and documentation of continuing medical education in connection with applications for renewal or reinstatement of licensure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:695 (April 2000), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:730 (June 2021), LR 51:789 (June 2025), LR 52:

§435. Continuing Medical Educational Requirement

A. Subject to the waiver of and exceptions to CME prescribed by §§445 and 447 and the special requirements attendant to initial renewal of licensure specified in §449, every physician seeking the renewal or reinstatement of licensure shall annually evidence and document, in a manner specified by the board, the successful completion of not less than 20 hours of board approved CME.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:695 (April 2000), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:731 (June 2021), LR 51:1165 (August 2025), LR 52:

§437. Qualifying Continuing Medical Education

A. Any program, course, seminar, or other activity offering Category 1 CME shall be deemed approved for purposes of satisfying the continuing medical education requirements under this Subchapter, if sponsored or offered by:

1. an organization or entity accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME);

2. a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or a specialty board recognized by the AOA;

3. the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP);

4. the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG);

5. the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); or

6. an organization or entity accredited by the Louisiana State Medical Society or any other ACCME recognized state medical society.

B. Service on a Medical Review Panel established pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1231.8 shall be approved for 3.5 credit hours of CME. No more than 7 hours of CME may be credited for service on Medical Review Panels annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:695 (April 2000), amended LR 31:1584 (July 2005), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:731 (June 2021), LR 52:

§439. Documentation Procedure

A. Licensees shall ensure that documentation of CME sufficient to satisfy the annual continuing education requirement is submitted to the board. Each licensee shall request the organization or entity sponsoring or offering the activity to submit proof of the licensee's completion of a continuing education activity to the board's designated electronic education tracker (EET). In the event the sponsoring or offering organization fails or refuses to do so, the licensee shall submit such proof directly to the EET.

B. To obtain CME credit for service on a Medical Review Panel as approved by §437(B), licensees shall submit documentation in a manner established by the board which, at a minimum, contains the:

1. physician's name;

2. Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund File Number; and

3. inclusive date or dates and location of the MRP;

C. Each licensee shall :

1. access a transcript of the hours/credits/units of qualifying continuing education from the board's designated EET. The transcript shall reflect the amount of continuing education needed to satisfy the continuing education requirement for license renewal.;

2. be responsible for reviewing his/her continuing education transcript for accuracy and resolving any discrepancies in the amount of credit awarded, lack of reporting to the board, or other issues, with the organization or entity sponsoring or offering the continuing education activity. If issues remain unresolved, the licensee shall attempt resolution by way of the board's designated EET. If still unsuccessful, the licensee may then supply documentation of his/her efforts to resolve the discrepancy or other issues to the board and request its assistance; and

3. be aware that failure to notify the board of a change in preferred email address will not absolve the licensee from his/her obligations and responsibilities under this Section.

D. A physician shall maintain a record of attendance for at least four years from the date of completion of the continuing medical education activity. Satisfactory evidence shall consist of a certificate or other documentation which shall, at a minimum, contain the:

1. program title;

2. sponsor's name;

3. physician's name;
4. inclusive date or dates and location of the CME event; and

5. documented verification of successful completion of 20 hours of Category 1 CME by stamp, signature, official or other proof acceptable to the board.

E. The board has the right to audit any documentation of activities.

1. Verification of continuing medical education satisfying the requirements of this Subchapter shall be submitted by a physician to the board within 30 days of the date of mailing of notification of audit or such longer period as the board may designate in such notification. A physician's failure to notify the board of a change of mailing address will not absolve the licensee from the audit response requirement.

2. Any certification of continuing medical education which is not approved by the board pursuant to §437 shall not be considered as qualifying for CME recognition by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:696 (April 2000), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:731 (June 2021), LR 52:

§441. Failure to Satisfy Continuing Medical Education Requirements

A. Non-Compliance; Reinstatement of Licensure. A licensee:

1. who fails to satisfy the continuing education requirement shall not be eligible for licensure renewal;

2. whose license has not been renewed for failure to satisfy the continuing education requirement may be reinstated upon application to the board accompanied by payment of the renewal fee required by Subpart 1 of these rules, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, and confirmation of completion of the continuing education requirement.

B. The license of a physician which has expired for nonrenewal or been revoked for failure to satisfy the CME requirements of §435 of these rules may be reinstated pursuant to §419 upon written application to the board accompanied by payment of the reinstatement fee required by §419 in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, together with documentation and certification that the applicant has, for each year since the date on which the applicant's license was last issued or renewed, completed an aggregate of 20 hours of board approved CME.

C. The license of a physician which has expired, has not been renewed, or has been revoked for failure to meet the requirements of §449, or one which has expired, has not been renewed or has been revoked on more than one occasion for failure to satisfy the CME requirements of §435 of these rules, shall be deemed in violation of R.S. 37:1285.A(30), providing cause for the board to suspend or revoke, refuse to issue, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana culpable of such violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1270(A)(8) and 37:1280.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:696

(April 2000), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:732 (June 2021), amended LR 51:789 (June 2025), LR 52:

§443. Application of Requirements to All Licensees; Resolution of Conflict

A. Sections 439 and 441 of this Chapter shall apply to physicians and all allied health care providers licensed by the board who are required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite to the renewal of a license or other authority to practice a profession regulated by the board. All references to CME or continuing education and credits or hours shall apply equally to any word or term utilized in this Part to describe the requirement for or amount of continuing education required for the renewal of such license or other authority. In the event of a conflict between §439 and §441 and those of any other Section in this Part, §439 and §441 shall govern and control.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:732 (June 2021), amended LR 52:

§444. Falsification of Continuing Medical Education (Formerly §443)

A. Any licensee or applicant who falsely certifies attendance at and/or completion of the required continuing medical education requirements of §§433-449 shall be deemed in violation of R.S. 37:1285.A(3), (4), (13) and/or (30), providing cause for the board to suspend or revoke, refuse to issue, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana culpable of such violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:696 (April 2000), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 47:732 (June 2021), LR 52:

§445. Waiver of Requirements

A. The board may, in its discretion, waive all or part of the CME required by these rules in favor of a physician who makes written request to the board and evidences to its satisfaction a permanent physical disability, illness, financial hardship, or other similar extenuating circumstances precluding the individual's timely satisfaction of CME requirements.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:696 (April 2000), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:732 (June 2021), LR 52:

§447. Exceptions to the Continuing Medical Education Requirements

A. Except as provided in §449, the CME requirements prescribed by this Subchapter prerequisite to renewal or reinstatement of licensure shall not be applicable to a physician:

1. who is engaged in military service longer than one year's duration outside of Louisiana;

2. who has held an initial Louisiana license on the basis of examination for less than one year;

3. who has within the past year been certified or recertified by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or a specialty board recognized by the AOA;

4. who is in a residency training program approved by the board; or

5. who is a retired physician in accordance with §418 of these rules.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:697 (April 2000), amended LR 31:1585 (July 2005), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:732 (June 2021), LR 51:1165 (August 2025), LR 52:

§449. CME Requirement for Initial Renewal of License

A. Effective on and after January 1, 2002, every physician seeking the initial renewal of medical licensure, whether such license was originally issued by the board on the basis of examination, reciprocity, or reinstatement shall, as part of the continuing medical education required by this Subchapter as a condition prerequisite to licensure renewal, evidence and document completion of the Laws and Rules for Physicians course provided by the board.

B. The course required pursuant to §449.A will be accessible online and shall consist of not less than two hours in duration and involve such content, topic and structure as the board may from time to time deem appropriate.

C. A physician's failure to notify the board of a change of mailing address will not absolve the applicant of the requirement to complete the course as a condition of approval of an initial request for licensure renewal.

D. A physician completing the laws and rules course pursuant to §449.A shall receive 3 hours of credit towards the annual CME requirement specified by §435.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1270(A)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 26:697 (April 2000), amended LR 27:850 (June 2001), LR 36:1243 (June 2010), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 47:733 (June 2021), LR 51:790 (June 2025), LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on the family has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on those that may be living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty line has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development, as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, R.S. 49:978.1 et seq.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on organizations that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on the staffing, costs or overall ability of such organizations to provide the same level of services, as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written data, views, arguments, information or comments on the proposed amendments to Jacintha Duthu, LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. She is responsible for responding to inquiries. Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A request pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2) for a public hearing must be made in writing and received by the Board within 20 days of the date of this notice. If a public hearing is requested to provide data, views, arguments, information or comments orally in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, the hearing will be held on February 26, 2026 at 9 a.m., at the office of the LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Any person wishing to attend should call in advance to confirm.

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D.,
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Physicians—Continuing Medical Education

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local governmental units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes. The cost of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners is approximately \$640 in FY26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

Proposed rule changes allow for physicians to receive credit for participating on medical review panels and update the continuing medical education (CME) requirement for initial licensure to account for changes in board procedures such as the creation of the laws and rules course and electronic education tracker.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will provide a modest economic benefit to physicians who serve on Medical Review Panels by allowing them to receive CME credit for this service. Physicians will be eligible to claim 3.5 hours of CME credit per panel, up to seven hours annually, thereby reducing the need to pay for equivalent CME hours through other educational providers. In most cases, physicians are personally responsible for covering the cost of CME courses, which may be obtained through professional organizations such as the American Academy of Family

Physicians (AAFP), hospitals, or accredited online programs. Fees vary by provider, and the ability to substitute up to seven hours of no-cost CME credit for panel service represents a modest savings in annual professional expenses.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr. M.D.
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Respiratory Therapists
(LAC 46:XLV.Chapters 25 and 55)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Medical Examiners (the board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act., R.S. 37:1270 et seq., the board proposes to amend its rules governing Respiratory Therapists to update practice standards, amend examination and continuing medical education regulations, define terms, and correct typographical errors.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 25. Respiratory Therapists

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§2503. Definitions

A. ...

Registered Respiratory Therapist—one who is currently in good standing with and has successfully completed the registered respiratory therapy credentialing examination or its successor administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care.

Respiratory Therapy—the allied health specialty practiced under the direction and supervision of a physician involving the assessment, treatment, testing, monitoring, and care of persons with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system. Such therapy includes, but is not limited to, the following activities conducted upon the prescription or other order of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant howsoever communicated and duly recorded:

a. - g. ...

h. administration of humidity, aerosol therapy and nasal therapy inclusive of medication delivered to the nasal passages, including, but not limited to naloxone, beconase, flonase, etc.

i. - k. ...

l. performance of specific procedures and diagnostic testing relative to respiratory therapy to include peripherally

inserted central catheter with proper protocol for evaluation of line post placement under the order of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant to assist in diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, and research, including:

i. drawing and analysis of arterial, venous, and capillary blood samples and other body fluids to determine laboratory values to be performed on blood gas instrumentation;

ii. - iv. ...

v. starting of intravenous lines for the purpose of administering fluids pertinent to the practice of respiratory therapy to include peripherally inserted central catheter with proper protocol for evaluation of line post placement under the order of physician; and

vi. instruction on equipment for diagnosis or therapeutic treatment for ventilator support or ventilator disease management.

m. ...

n. instruction of patient, family, and caregivers in the prevention, management, and therapeutic modalities related to respiratory therapy and instruction of use of equipment therein for patients in any setting.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 19:744 (June 1993), LR 25:2212 (November 1999), LR 38:52 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter B. Requirements and Qualifications for Licensure

§2507. Requirements for Licensure of Respiratory Therapists

A. - A.2. ...

3. be a graduate of a respiratory care education program, or have successfully completed all program requirements established by the NBRC for entry level respiratory therapy credentialing;

4. possess current credentials as a certified or registered respiratory therapist granted by the National Board of Respiratory Care or its predecessor or successor organization;

5. be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the United States, Department of Homeland Security, under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163) and the regulations thereunder (8 C.F.R.);

6. satisfy the applicable fees as prescribed by Chapter I of these rules;

7. satisfy the procedures and requirements for application provided by Subchapter C of this Chapter; and

8. not be otherwise disqualified for licensure by virtue of the existence of any grounds for denial of licensure as provided by the law or in these rules.

B. An applicant previously licensed to practice respiratory therapy in any other state, who has not held such a license or been engaged in the practice of respiratory therapy for more than four years immediately prior to the date of the

application shall, within such four-year period, have been re-credentialed with the NBRC by the successful passage of the entry level credentialing examination.

C. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended LR 14:87 (February 1988), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 15:271 (April 1989), LR 17:479 (May 1991), LR 25:2213 (November 1999), LR 38:54 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2510. Recognition of Respiratory Care Education Programs

A. - B. ...

C. Any military training in the field of respiratory care that is recognized by CoARC and would allow the individual to obtain registered respiratory therapy credentials would be eligible for a license.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 19:746 (June 1993), amended LR 25:2214 (November 1999), LR 38:54 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter C. Application

§2515. Purpose and Scope

A. The rules of this Subchapter govern the procedures and requirements for application to the board for licensure of a licensed respiratory therapist in the state of Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended, Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2215 (November 1999), LR 38:55 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2517. Application Procedure

A. - C.1. ...

2. certification of the truthfulness and authenticity of all information, representations and documents contained in or submitted with the completed application;

3. criminal history record information;

4. payment of the applicable fee as provided in Chapter 1 of these rules; and

5. such other information and documentation as is referred to or specified in this Chapter or as the board may require to evidence qualification for licensure.

D. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2215 (November 1999), LR 38:55 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter D. Examination

§2523. Designation of Examination

A. The examination accepted by the board pursuant to R.S. 37:3354 is the National Board for Respiratory Care entry level credentialing examination and the advanced practitioner registry credentialing examination or its successor(s).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2216 (November 1999), LR 38:56 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2536. Restriction, Limitation on Examination

A. The board will recognize the standards of testing, restrictions, and limitations on the examination administered by the NBRC or its successor.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended LR 14:87 (February 1988), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 17:479 (May 1991), LR 25:2217 (November 1999), LR 38:56 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2537. Passing Score

A. An applicant will be deemed to have successfully passed a certification examination if he attains a score equivalent to that required by the National Board for Respiratory Care as a passing score.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2217 (November 1999), LR 38:56 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter E. Licensure Issuance, Termination, Renewal, and Reinstatement

§2543. Renewal of License

A. - A.2 ...

3. all requirements set forth in 2507.A; and

4. documentation of not less than ten contact hours of approved continuing professional education within the past twelve months as prescribed by Subchapter G of these rules.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1218 (December 1996), LR 24:1502 (August 1998), LR 25:2218 (November 1999), LR 38:57 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2545. Reinstatement of License

A. - B.1. ...

2. proof of ten hours of approved continuing professional education for each year that the license lapsed, up to a total of thirty hours, as set forth in Subchapter G of this Chapter;

3. such other information and documentation as is referred to or specified in this Chapter or as the board may require to evidence qualification for licensure; and

4. the renewal fee set forth in Chapter 1 of these rules, plus a penalty computed as follows:

a. if the application for reinstatement is made less than two years from the date of license expiration, the penalty shall be equal to the renewal fee;

b. if the application for reinstatement is made more than two years from the date of license expiration, the penalty shall be equal to twice the renewal fee.

C. An applicant who has not been licensed to practice respiratory therapy or engaged in the practice of respiratory therapy in any state for more than four years immediately prior to the date of the application shall, within such four year period, have been re-credentialed with the NBRC by the successful passage of the registered respiratory therapy credentialing examination. Such an applicant shall not be required to furnish evidence of continuing professional education as otherwise required by §2545.B.2.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1218 (December 1996), LR 25:2218 (November 1999), LR 38:57 (January 2012), LR 52:

§2547. Temporary Permit

A. The board may issue a 6-month temporary permit to an individual who has made application to the board for a permit as a respiratory therapist under the following terms and conditions.

1. To be eligible for a 6-month temporary permit an applicant shall:

a. - c. ...

2. A permit shall be effective for 6 months and shall expire and become null and void on the earlier of:

a. six months from the date of issuance;

b. the date on which the board acts on the application following notice of the applicant's successful completion of the NBRC credentialing examination.

3. A permit shall not be renewed but may be extended only once for a maximum period of 3 months based on an appeal identifying extenuating circumstances. Such an appeal shall be submitted to the board in writing at least thirty days prior to the expiration of the permit. Requests for an extension may be referred to the advisory committee for review and recommendation to the board. The advisory committee or the board may require additional documents from the licensee including, but not limited to:

a. - c. ...

4. A permit that is extended under this Subsection shall be effective for not more than 3 months and shall, in any event, expire and become null and void on the earlier of:

a. three months from the date of issuance;

b. the date on which the board acts on the application following notice of the applicant's successful completion of the NBRC credentialing examination.

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Subchapter E. Licensure Issuance, Termination, Renewal, and Reinstatement

§2548 Temporary Work Permit

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 38:58 (January 2012), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 52:

Subchapter F. Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care

§2549. Organization; Authority

A. - B.9. ...

10. receive reimbursement in the amount of seventy-five dollars per day for in-person attendance at meetings of the advisory committee and other activities and expenses specifically authorized by the board in accordance with state policy.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 19:747 (June 1993), amended LR 25:2219 (November 1999), LR 38:58 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2551. Delegation of Authority

A. - A.1.e. ...

f. report to the board or appropriate agency any deficiencies in the above.

A.2. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3351-3361, 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3357.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 19:747 (June 1993), amended LR 22:1219 (December 1996), LR 25:2219 (November 1999), LR 38:58 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter G. Continuing Professional Education

§2555. Continuing Professional Educational Requirement

A. Subject to the exceptions specified in §2569 of this Subchapter, to be eligible for renewal of licensure a respiratory therapists shall, within each year during which he holds a license, evidence and document, upon forms or in another format acceptable to the board, the successful completion of not less than 10 contact hours of continuing professional education, in which one hour will be from an Ethics or Jurisprudence course in Medical Care, sanctioned by the American Association of Respiratory Care, the organizations identified in §2559 of these rules, or their successors, or the advisory committee.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1219

(December 1996), amended LR 25:2220 (November 1999), LR 38:59 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2557. Qualifying Continuing Professional Education Programs

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1220 (December 1996), amended LR 25:2220 (November 1999). LR 38:59 (January 2012), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 52:

§2559. Approval of Program Sponsors

A. To be acceptable as qualifying continuing professional education under these rules, a program shall be approved, endorsed, sponsored or offered by one of the following organizations: American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care (LSRC), American Lung Association (ALA), American Heart Association (AHA)- (not to include BLS, ACLS, PALS), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) -(Not to include NRP), American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), American Thoracic Society (ATS), Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA), The Joint Commission (TJC), American Medical Association (AMA), Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME), National Board of Respiratory Care (only to include initial credentialing of specialty exams) National Asthma Educator Certification Board (initial certification only), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), and American Hospital Association (AHA).

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1220 (December 1996), amended LR 25:2221 (November 1999), LR 38:60 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2561. Approval of Program

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1221 (December 1996), amended LR 25:2221 (November 1999), LR 38:60 (January 2012), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 52:

§2563. Documentation Procedure

A. Licensees shall ensure that documentation of continuing education sufficient to satisfy the annual continuing education requirement is submitted to the board. Each licensee shall request the organization or entity sponsoring or offering the activity shall submit proof of the licensee's completion of a continuing education activity to the board's designated electronic education tracker (EET). In the event the sponsoring or offering organization fails or refuses to do so, the licensee shall submit such proof directly to the EET.

B. ...

C. The board or advisory committee has the right to audit any questionable documentation of activities. Verification shall be submitted within 30 days of the notification of audit.

A licensee's failure to notify the board of a change of mailing address will not absolve the licensee from the audit requirement.

D. If it is determined that a continuing education program submitted for renewal does not qualify for recognition by the board or does not qualify for the number of contact hours claimed by the applicant, the board shall give notice of such determination to the applicant. An applicant may appeal to the board by written request. The board's decision with respect to approval and recognition of such program or activity shall be final.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1221 (December 1996), amended LR 25:2222 (November 1999), LR 38:60 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2565. Failure to Satisfy Continuing Professional Education Requirements

A. An applicant for renewal of licensure who fails to evidence satisfaction of the continuing professional education requirements prescribed by these rules shall be denied renewal by the board.

B. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1221 (December 1996), amended LR 24:1502 (August 1998), LR 25:2222 (November 1999), LR 38:61 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§2569. Exceptions to the Continuing Professional Education Requirements

A. The continuing professional education requirements prescribed by this Subchapter for renewal of licensure shall not be applicable to a respiratory therapist deployed on active duty military service.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3357(D) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 22:1222 (December 1996), amended LR 25:2222 (November 1999), 38:61 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter H. Supervision of Students

§2575. Supervision of Student [Formerly §5515]

A. A person pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in respiratory care shall engage in the practice of respiratory care only under the supervision of a licensed respiratory therapist, a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who actively practices respiratory care, as provided in this Section.

B. A licensed respiratory therapist, a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who undertakes to supervise a student shall:

1. - 2. ...

3. assign to a student only such respiratory care measures, treatments, procedures and functions as such licensed respiratory therapist, physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant has documented that the student by education and training is capable of performing safely and effectively;

4. ...

5. not permit a student to perform any invasive procedure or any life-sustaining or critical respiratory care, including therapeutic, diagnostic or palliative procedures, except under the direct and immediate supervision, and in the physical presence of, the supervising therapist, physician, advanced practice registered nurse, and/or physician assistant; and

6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 19:748 (June 1993), LR 25:2224 (November 1999), LR 38:62 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 55. Respiratory Therapists

Subchapter B. Unauthorized Practice, Exemptions, and Prohibitions

§5505. Unauthorized Practice

A. No person shall engage in the practice of respiratory care in the state of Louisiana unless he has in his possession a current license or a temporary permit duly issued by the board under Subpart 2 of these rules.

B. No person shall hold himself out to the public, an individual patient, a physician, dentist or podiatrist, or to any insurer or indemnity company or association or governmental authority, nor shall he directly or indirectly identify or designate himself as a licensed respiratory therapist, nor use in connection with his name the letters "LRT" or any other words, letters, abbreviations, insignia, or signs tending to indicate or imply that the person is licensed or credentialed to practice respiratory therapy in this state, or that the services provided by such person constitute respiratory care, unless such person possesses a current license or a temporary permit duly issued by the board under Subpart 2 of these rules.

C. No person shall hold oneself out as a specialized respiratory care practitioner without being credentialed and in good standing by the NBRC.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2224 (November 1999), LR 38:62 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§5507. Exemptions

A. -A.2. ...

3. enrolled in a respiratory care education program and who is designated by a title which clearly indicates his status as a student.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended, by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2224 (November 1999), LR 38:62 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

§5509. Prohibitions

A. A licensed respiratory therapist shall not:

1. undertake to perform or actually perform any activities described in §2503 of these rules, definition of "Respiratory Therapy," except upon a prescription or other order of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant;

2. - 3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 25:2224 (November 1999), LR 38:63 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Subchapter C. Grounds for Administrative Action

§5517. Causes for Administrative Action

A. The board may deny, refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate, or may suspend, revoke or impose probationary conditions and restrictions on the license, temporary license (examination permit), or temporary permit of any respiratory therapist if the licensee or applicant for license has been guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6) and 37:3351-3361.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 12:767 (November 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 17:886 (September 1991), LR 25:2225 (November 1999), LR 38:63 (January 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on the family has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on those that may be living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty line has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development, as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, R.S. 49:978.1 et seq.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on organizations that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on the staffing, costs, or overall ability of such organizations to provide the same level of services, as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written data, views, arguments, information or comments on the proposed amendments to Jacintha Duthu, LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. She is responsible for responding to inquiries. Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A request pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2) for a public hearing must be made in writing and received by the board within 20 days of this notice. If a public hearing is requested to provide data, views, arguments, information or comments orally in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, the hearing will be held on February 26, 2026, at 9 a.m., at the office of the LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Any person wishing to attend should call in advance to confirm.

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D.
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Respiratory Therapists

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes. The cost for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners is approximately \$1,384 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not expected to result in any significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The revisions mostly update language, remove duplication, and reorganize existing requirements for respiratory therapists without adding new fees, training mandates, or licensure steps. Current practitioners and employers will continue to meet the same standards already in place, so there should be no financial impact on individuals or the respiratory therapy profession overall.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will have no effect on competition or employment.

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr. M.D.
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Alan M. Boxberger
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Pharmacy

Community Pharmacy (LAC 46:LIII.Chapter 13)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to repeal Chapter 13 of its rules relative to Community Pharmacy. During the Board's review of its rules in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order No. JML 25-038 and Act 102 of the 2024 Regular Session, the regulations in Chapter 13 were determined to be unnecessary because its requirements are already addressed in Chapter 11, Pharmacies.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 13. Community Pharmacy

§1301. Definition

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708 (October 1988), effective January 1, 1989, amended LR 29:2092 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, repealed LR 52:

§1303. Permit

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708 (October 1988), effective January 1, 1989, amended LR 29:2092 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, repealed LR 52:

§1305. Compliance

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708 (October 1988), effective January 1, 1989, amended LR 29:2092 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, repealed LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the stability of the family.

2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the functioning of the family.

4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Proposed Rule. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.

2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.

5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.

2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed repeal of these rules will

have no effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small business.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the Proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the repeal of these rules..

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed repeal of these rules will have no impact on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed repeal of these rules. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed repeal of these rules is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Community Pharmacy

Chapter 27. Controlled Dangerous Substances
Subchapter A. General Provisions
§2701. Definitions

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed Rule change. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 26 and \$500 in FY 27 for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-government groups.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact competition or employment.

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise; any term not defined herein shall have the definition set forth in R.S. 40:961, or, if not defined there, the common usage and meaning as stated in the *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition* (as revised), or other similarly accepted reference texts:

- Administer or Administration*—Repealed.
- Agent*—Repealed.
- Ambulatory Surgical Center or Surgical Center*—Repealed.
- BNDD*—Repealed. * * *
- Central Fill Pharmacy*—Repealed. * * *
- Client Pharmacy*—Repealed * * *
- CRT*—Repealed. * * *
- Deliver or Delivery*—Repealed.
- Dentist*—Repealed. * * *
- Dispense or Dispensing*—Repealed. * * *
- Distribute or Distributing*—Repealed.
- Distributor or Wholesaler*—Repealed. * * *
- Electronic Prescription*—Repealed.
- Emergency Clinic*—Repealed. * * *
- Hospital*—Repealed. * * *
- Narcotic Treatment Program*—Repealed.
- Optometrist*—Repealed.
- Person*—Repealed.
- Pharmacist*—Repealed. * * *
- Physician*—Repealed.
- Podiatrist*—Repealed.
- Practice Affiliation*—Repealed.
- Practitioner*—Repealed.
- Prescribe or Prescribing*—Repealed.
- Prescriber*—Repealed. * * *
- Reverse Distribute*—Repealed.
- Reverse Distributor*—Repealed. * * *

M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr.
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Alan M. Boxberger
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NOTICE OF INTENT
Department of Health
Board of Pharmacy

Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS)
(LAC 46:LIII.Chapter 27)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Chapter 27 of its rules relative to Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS). The proposed Rule changes seek to streamline the regulatory framework by adopting federal regulations by reference, consolidating any provisions that differ from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) into §2713, and repealing all remaining sections containing redundant requirements. The proposed Rule also changes distributor reporting so Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) related reports are provided to the Board only upon request, which reduces ongoing reporting requirements for licensees.

Supplier—Repealed.

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Veterinarian—Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2127 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:569 (April 2020), amended LR 46:793 (June 2020), LR 47:1640 (November 2021), LR 48:494 (March 2022), LR 52:

Subchapter C. Requirements

§2713. General Requirements

A. Each CDS licensee shall comply with all applicable provisions of 21 CFR Parts 1300-1399.

B. Records and Reports

1. All records required under 21 CFR Parts 1300-1399 shall be made available to the board, or its authorized agents, for inspection and copying upon request.

2. Reports submitted to the Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) shall be provided to the board upon request.

C. Theft or Significant Loss

1. A licensee shall notify the board in writing of any theft or significant loss of controlled substances, in accordance with 21 CFR Part 1301.

D. Prescription Expiration

1. A prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance shall expire 90 days after the date it is issued.

2. A prescription for a Schedule III or IV controlled substance shall expire six months after the date it is issued or upon completion of the authorized refills specified by the prescriber, whichever occurs first.

3. A prescription for a Schedule V controlled substance shall expire one year after the date it is issued or upon completion of the authorized refills specified by the prescriber, whichever occurs first.

E. Exception to Inventory Requirements of 21 CFR 1304.11

1. Pharmacies shall conduct an annual inventory of all controlled substances on hand. This inventory may be taken on any date, provided it is no later than 385 days after the previous inventory.

2. Pharmacies shall also conduct a new inventory under the following circumstances:

- a. upon the designation of a new pharmacist-in-charge;
- b. upon discovery of any theft or significant loss of controlled substances;
- c. upon the departure of a pharmacist-in-charge; and
- d. upon the permanent closure of the pharmacy.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2134 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2715. Physical Security Controls for Non-Practitioners

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2135 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2717. Physical Security Controls for Practitioners and Pharmacies

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2137 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2719. Security Controls for Freight Forwarding Facilities

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2138 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2721. Employee Screening by Non-Practitioners

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2138 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

Subchapter D. Labeling and Packaging Requirements

§2723. Symbol Required

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2138 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2725. Location and Size of Symbol on Label and Labeling

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2139 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2727. Sealing of Controlled Substances

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2139 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2729. Labeling and Packaging Requirements for Imported and Exported Controlled Substances

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2139 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

Subchapter E. Recordkeeping Requirements

§2731. General Information

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2139 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:570 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

§2733. Inventory Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2141 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:570 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

§2735. Continuing Records

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2142 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:571 (April 2020), amended LR 49:681 (April 2023), repealed LR 52:

§2737. Reports

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2145 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

Subchapter F. Production, Distribution, and Utilization

§2739. Manufacture

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2147 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2741. Distribution

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2147 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:571 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

§2743. Procurement Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2148 (October 2008), amended LR 39:313 (February 2013), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2745. Prescriptions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2149 (October 2008), amended LR 41:685 (April 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 42:1090 (July

2016), amended LR 47:1645 (November 2021), amended LR 49:1556 (September 2023), repealed LR 52:

§2747. Dispensing Requirements

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2152 (October 2008), amended LR 41:685 (April 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:577 (April 2020), LR 47:1645 (November 2021), amended LR 49:681 (April 2023), LR 50:1827 (December 2024), repealed LR 52:

§2749. Disposal of Controlled Substances

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2157 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:794 (June 2020), repealed LR 52:

§2751. Distributions and Transfers of Controlled Substances

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2157 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:571 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

Subchapter G. Administrative Procedures

§2753. Inspections

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2158 (October 2008), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2755. Seizures

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2158 (October 2008) repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

§2757. Hearings

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:972.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 34:2158 (October 2008) repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the stability of the family.

2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the functioning of the family.

4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the proposed Rule. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.

2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.

5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.

2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule changes will have no

effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small businesses.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the proposed Rule changes.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed Rule changes will have no impact on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed Rule changes will have no impact on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule changes. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule changes is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS)**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed Rule changes. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$1,250 in FY 26 and \$1,250 in FY 27 for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed Rule changes update the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) rules (LAC 46:LIII, Chapter 27) by adopting applicable federal controlled-substance regulations (21 CFR Parts 1300–1399) by reference, rather than repeating them in state Rule. The Rule consolidates any Louisiana-specific provisions that differ from the federal requirements into §2713 and repeals remaining sections that are redundant. By adopting federal regulations by reference rather than mirroring them, Louisiana's Rule will point directly to the federal requirements; therefore, when the federal regulations are updated, the Board may not need to amend state Rule each time solely to keep the CDS rules consistent with federal law. This approach may generate future savings, though the exact amount is indeterminate. The Rule also changes distributor reporting so Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) related reports are provided to the Board only upon request, which reduces ongoing reporting requirements for licensees.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed Rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed Rule changes are anticipated to benefit Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) licensees by eliminating redundant state requirements and consolidating any provisions that differ from federal regulations into §2713.

Additionally, the proposed Rule changes revise the current requirement for distributors to regularly submit ARCOS reports to the Board. Under the new Rule, reports will only be required upon request, reducing the reporting burden and creating cost savings that are indeterminate.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule changes are not anticipated to impact competition and employment.

M. Joseph Fontenot
Executive Director
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Alan M. Boxberger
Legislative Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Board of Pharmacy**

Institutional Pharmacy (LAC 46:LIII.Chapter 17)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy

Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to amend §1705 and repeal §§1715, 1717, 1719, 1721, 1723, and 1725 of its rules relative to Institutional Pharmacy. The proposed change in §1705 removes the restriction on the type of pharmacy permit that may be issued to a pharmacy located within an institutional facility and removes §1705.B and §1705.C regarding hospital and correctional center pharmacies which are addressed in Chapter 15 and Chapter 18 of the board's rules. The proposed repeal of §§1715, 1717, 1719, 1721, 1723, and 1725 removes regulations regarding Drug Abuse Treatment Center Pharmacies that were determined to be unnecessary following the board's review of its rules in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order No. JML 25-038 and Act 102 of the 2024 Regular Session. Drug Abuse Treatment Center Pharmacies will adhere to the remainder of Chapter 17 and Chapter 11 of the board's rules.

Title 46

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS**

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 17. Institutional Pharmacy

Subchapter A. General Requirements

§1705. Institutional Pharmacy Permit

A. The board may issue an institutional pharmacy permit to operate a pharmacy department located within an institutional facility, other than a hospital or penal institution, for residents or patients of that institutional facility. The permit shall be applied for, and renewed, in the manner prescribed by the board in Chapter 11 of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708 (October 1988), effective January 1, 1989, amended LR 29:2095 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, LR 39:313 (February 2013), amended by Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:584 (April 2020), amended LR 52:

Subchapter C. Drug Abuse Treatment Center Pharmacies

§1715. Purpose

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2096 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, repealed LR 52:

§1717. Cross References

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2096 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended by Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:584 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

§1719. Definitions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2096 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended by Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:584 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

§1721. Drug Abuse Treatment Center Pharmacy Permit

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2097 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended by Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:584 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

§1723. Minimum Security Controls for Drug Abuse Treatment Centers

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2097 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, repealed LR 52:

§1725. Records and Reports of Drug Abuse Treatment Centers

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2097 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended by Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:584 (April 2020), repealed LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the stability of the family.

2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the functioning of the family.

4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.

2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.

5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.

2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small business.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the Proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the proposed Rule changes.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Pharmacy

Remote Access by a Pharmacy Technician
(LAC 46:LIII.1145)

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed Rule changes will have no effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed Rule changes will have no impact on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule changes. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule changes is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr.
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Institutional Pharmacy

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed Rule changes. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 26 and \$500 in FY 27 for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed Rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed Rule changes are not anticipated to result in significant costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-government groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule changes are not anticipated to impact competition or employment.

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Legislative Fiscal Office

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to amend §1145 of its rules relative to remote access to prescription drug orders, medical orders, and chart orders. The proposed Rule change adds pharmacy technicians to those authorized under the rule. The proposed Rule change includes required safeguards for records, supervision requirements for pharmacy technicians, and policies to address quality assurance standards.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies

Subchapter D. Off-Site Services

§1145. Remote Access to Prescription Drug Orders, Medical Orders, and Chart Orders

A. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, a Louisiana-licensed pharmacist who is employed by or contracted with a permitted pharmacy in Louisiana, or a Louisiana credentialed pharmacy technician who is an employee of a permitted pharmacy in Louisiana, may remotely access that pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location for the purpose of processing prescription drug orders, medical orders, or chart orders contained therein, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Privacy and Security Controls. The pharmacy shall establish and maintain appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy and security of all confidential records.

2. Supervision of Remote Pharmacy Technicians. When a pharmacy technician remotely accesses the dispensing information system, the pharmacy shall ensure that the supervising pharmacist:

a. provides direct and immediate supervision of the pharmacy technician through two-way audio and video communication utilizing real-time live interactive technology;

b. has immediate access to the original order and any related documentation; and

c. reviews and verifies the accuracy of all entered information.

3. Data Protection. No part of the pharmacy's dispensing information system may be duplicated, downloaded, or removed from the system at any time.

4. Prohibition on Off-Site Record Handling. The receipt, retention, or storage of prescription drug orders, medical orders, or chart orders at any remote location outside the permitted pharmacy is strictly prohibited.

5. Policy and Procedure Manual. The pharmacy permit holder and the pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures to address quality assurance standards for remote access and processing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:582 (April 2020), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the stability of the family.

2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the functioning of the family.

4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.

2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed Rule change may have a positive effect on employment, depending on the number of pharmacy technicians that are not currently working in a pharmacy but would be willing to work from a location other than a pharmacy. That effect is variable and indeterminate.

4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.

5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.

2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small business.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the Proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the proposed Rule change.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the staffing level requirements required to provide the same level of service.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed Rule change will have no effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service. If the pharmacy elects to have pharmacy technicians remotely access the pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location to process prescription orders, there will be a cost associated with the two-way audio and visual communication. The cost will be variable and indeterminate.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed Rule change will have no impact on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of

Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule change. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule change is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr.
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

**RULE TITLE: Remote Access by a Pharmacy
Technician**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy resulting from the promulgation of the proposed Rule change. The cost to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 26 and \$500 in FY 27 for the notice and Rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed Rule change amends the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's off-site services Rule (LAC 46:LIII.1145) to allow Louisiana-credentialed pharmacy technicians, in addition to Louisiana-licensed pharmacists, to remotely access a permitted pharmacy's dispensing information system from a non-pharmacy location to process prescription drug orders, medical orders, and chart orders. The proposed Rule change also adds safeguards and operating conditions, including required privacy and security controls, real-time two-way audio and video supervision by a pharmacist during remote technician processing, pharmacist review and verification of entered information, prohibitions on duplicating or downloading system data and on receiving or storing orders off-site, and required policies and procedures to support quality assurance.

The cost of the required two-way audio and video communication is indeterminable because it will vary by permit holder and depends on whether a pharmacy chooses to implement remote technician access. Some pharmacies may already have compliant equipment and secure platforms in place, while others may need to purchase equipment or add services.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed Rule change may provide an economic benefit to directly affected pharmacies and pharmacy technicians by allowing pharmacy technicians to process prescription orders from a location other than the permitted pharmacy, provided all conditions and safeguards in the Rule are met. Any associated costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminate.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed Rule change may provide an economic benefit to directly affected pharmacies and pharmacy technicians by allowing pharmacy technicians to process prescription orders from a location other than the permitted pharmacy, provided all conditions and safeguards in the Rule are met. Any associated costs are expected to be minimal and indeterminate.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed Rule change is not anticipated to impact competition. The proposed Rule change may have a positive effect on employment, depending on the number of pharmacy technicians that are not currently working in a pharmacy but would be willing to work from a location other than a pharmacy. That effect is variable and indeterminate.

M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr.
Executive Director
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Alan M. Boxberger
Legislative Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing

Children and Adult Mental Health Services
(LAC 50:XXXIII.2303 and 6307)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:XXXIII. Chapters 23 and 63 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend the provisions governing children and adult mental health services to expand the provider types authorized to render therapeutic services. This proposed Rule would allow Medicaid to pay for therapy services provided by psychology interns in approved American Psychiatric Association internship programs, as well as by provisionally licensed psychologists. The department proposes to promulgate this Rule in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session to help improve health outcomes for people who rely on Medicaid. By allowing more types of practitioners to offer services, this proposed Rule will make it easier for the public to access mental health care and may reduce wait times. It would also create more training opportunities for future psychologists in Louisiana.

The proposed Rule text below has been drafted utilizing plain language principles to ensure clarity and accessibility for all users. It has also been reviewed and tested for compliance with web accessibility standards.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part XXXIII. Behavioral Health Services

Subpart 3. Children's Mental Health Services

Chapter 23. Services

§2303. Covered Services

A. The following behavioral health services shall be reimbursed under the Medicaid Program:

1. therapeutic services delivered by one of the following practitioners:

- a. psychiatrist;
- b. licensed mental health professional;
- c. provisionally licensed professional counselor;
- d. provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist;
- e. licensed master social worker;
- f. psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program; or
- g. provisionally licensed psychologist.

A.2. - B.5. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:364 (February 2012), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 41:2359 (November 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 44:1892 (October 2018), LR 50:983 (July 2024), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 52:

Subpart 7. Adult Mental Health Services

Chapter 63. Services

§6307. Covered Services

A. The following mental health services shall be reimbursed under the Medicaid Program:

1. therapeutic services delivered by one of the following practitioners:

- a. psychiatrist;
- b. licensed mental health professional;
- c. provisionally licensed professional counselor;
- d. provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist;
- e. licensed master social worker;
- f. psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program; or
- g. provisionally licensed psychologist.

A.2. - B.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:359 (February 2012), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 42:61 (January 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 44:1015 (June 2018), LR 46:795 (June 2020), repromulgated LR 46:952 (July 2020), amended LR 46:1680 (December 2020), LR 48:1098 (April 2022), LR 50:984 (July 2024), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 52:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may have a positive impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S.

49:972. This proposed Rule may improve access to mental health therapeutic services.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

In compliance with the Small Business Protection Act, the economic impact of this proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may improve staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, since it increases the number of available practitioners. This proposed Rule is not expected to have fiscal impact to providers and may improve the provider's level of service as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tangela Womack, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. Womack is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is February 19, 2026.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 9, 2026. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on February 26, 2026, in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after February 9, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Children and Adult Mental Health Services

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 25-26. It is anticipated that \$639 (\$320 SGF and \$319 FED) will be expended in FY 25-26 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing children and adult mental health services to expand the provider types authorized to render therapeutic services. This proposed rule would allow Medicaid to pay for therapy services provided by psychology interns in approved American Psychiatric Association internship programs, as well as by provisionally licensed psychologists. The department proposes to promulgate this rule in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session to help improve health outcomes for people who rely on Medicaid. By allowing more types of practitioners to offer services, this proposed rule will make it easier for the public to access mental health care and may reduce wait times. It would also create more training opportunities for future psychologists in Louisiana.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will have no effect on revenue collections other than the federal share of the promulgation costs for FY 25-26. It is anticipated that \$319 will be collected in FY 25-26 for the federal share of the expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing children and adult mental health services to expand the provider types authorized to render therapeutic services. This proposed rule would allow Medicaid to pay for therapy services provided by psychology interns in approved American Psychiatric Association internship programs, as well as by provisionally licensed psychologists. The department proposes to promulgate this rule in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session to help improve health outcomes for people who rely on Medicaid. By allowing more types of practitioners to offer services, this proposed rule will make it easier for the public to access mental health care and may reduce wait times. It would also create more training opportunities for future psychologists in Louisiana. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no fiscal impact on providers or small businesses in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This proposed rule is anticipated to have a positive effect on competition and employment by allowing these providers to render services that help retain these professionals in Louisiana and attract new ones, potentially increasing employment opportunities across both the public and private sectors.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with
Intellectual Disabilities—Reimbursement Methodology
(LAC 50:VII.32917)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:VII.32917 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

In May 2025, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated a rule authorizing a one-time lump sum payment to privately owned or operated intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) that billed Medicaid between August 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024. The department now proposes to amend the provisions governing reimbursement methodology for ICFs/IID to remove the deadline for sending out payments and remove language that limited which facilities were eligible to those active and enrolled on the date of payment. This will provide the department with greater flexibility in distributing payments and will allow facilities to qualify based on the original eligibility date of July 1, 2024.

The proposed Rule text below has been drafted utilizing plain language principles to ensure clarity and accessibility for all users. It has also been reviewed and tested for compliance with web accessibility standards.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part VII. Long Term Care

**Subpart 3. Intermediate Care Facilities for
Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

Chapter 329. Reimbursement Methodology

Subchapter A. Non-State Facilities

§32917. Dedicated Program Funding Pool Payments

A. - C.1.f. ...

D. Effective for providers, active and Medicaid certified as of July 1, 2024, a one-time lump sum payment will be made to non-state, non-public ICFs/IID.

1. Methodology

a. - c. ...

d. - e. Repealed.

f. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 46:28 (January 2020), amended LR 48:2972 (December 2022), LR 51:667 (May 2025), LR 52:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

In compliance with the Small Business Protection Act, the economic impact of this proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may have a minimal impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, no direct or indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, and will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tangela Womack, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. Womack is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is February 19, 2026.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 9, 2026. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on February 26, 2026, in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after February 9, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities—Reimbursement

Methodology

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 25-26. It is anticipated that \$497 (\$249 SGF and \$248 FED) will be expended in FY 25-26 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to remove the deadline for sending out lump-sum payments to facilities that billed Medicaid between August 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024, and to remove language limiting eligible facilities to those that were active and enrolled in Medicaid on the date of payment. This will provide the department with greater flexibility in distributing payments and will allow facilities to qualify based on the original eligibility date of July 1, 2024.

The lump sum payment made in FY 25 will be redistributed among providers based on the language revision above. There will no impact to the state as a result of the proposed rule, as payments are strictly being reallocated between eligible providers.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will have no effect on state or local governmental revenue collections for FY 25-26. It is anticipated that \$248 will be collected in FY 25-26 for the federal share of the expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to remove the deadline for sending out lump-sum payments to facilities that billed Medicaid between August 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024, and to remove language limiting eligible facilities to those that were active and enrolled in Medicaid on the date of payment. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may have a minimal impact on small businesses.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact on competition and employment as a result of this proposed rule.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Office of Public Health

Health Unit Fees (LAC 48:I.4001)

Under the authority of R.S. 40:31.36(A) through (C) and R.S. 40:31.36(F), and in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the surgeon general, acting through the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH-OPH), intends to amend Part I (General Administration) Chapter 40 (Provider Fees) of Title 48. The proposed Rule is written in compliance with the provisions set forth in Act 314 of the 2025 Regular Session, which removed the provisions, relative to public health unit fee collection, from statutory law and relocated them to the administrative code. This section establishes a maximum for fees charged in Parish Health Units. The proposed Rule seeks to align with the newly enacted statute.

Title 48
PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL
Part I. General Administration
Subpart I. General

Public Hearing

Chapter 40. Provider Fees

§4001. Specific Fees

A. - F.3. ...

G. Parish Health Units

1. The department shall charge and collect an administrative fee of ten dollars in parish health units for each childhood vaccination visit by a patient whose other pediatric services are provided outside of the department's system. The department shall charge and collect an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars in parish health units for administering international immunizations for foreign travel. In addition, the patient shall be responsible for the parish health unit's current cost of yellow fever, cholera, and typhoid vaccines.

2. The department shall charge and collect a clinic service copayment fee of ten dollars per clinic service and ten dollars per pharmacy service, for a maximum total of fifty dollars per clinic visit, for each service performed at a parish health unit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:31.36(A) through(C) and R.S. 40.31.36(F).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Management and Finance, LR 19:347 (March 1993), amended LR 20:51 (January 1994), LR 26:1478 (July 2000), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 33:100 (January 2007), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 42:1887, 1888 (November 2016), LR 43:73 (January 2017), repromulgated LR 43:323 (February 2017), amended LR 44:1015 (June 2018), LR 44:1894 (October 2018), LR 45:1597 (November 2019), LR 49:263 (February 2023), LR 49:1559 (September 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on family, formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on staffing requirements, qualifications, and cost for providers as defined by HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Such comments must be received no later than Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at close of business, 4:30 p.m., and should be addressed to Elizabeth Adkins, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 3214, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or emailed to Elizabeth Adkins at elizabeth.adkins@la.gov.

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing either by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, in Room 173 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after Tuesday, February 10, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage, which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Health Unit Fees**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Office of Public Health is approximately \$266 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule change amends LAC 48:I.4001 (Health Unit Fees) to implement Act 314 of the 2025 Regular Session by moving parish health unit fee-collection provisions from statute into the Louisiana Administrative Code and codifying the statutory maximum fees (i.e., the rule does not change the dollar limits). The amendment establishes: (1) a \$10 administrative fee for certain childhood vaccination visits when the patient's other pediatric services are provided outside the department's system; (2) a \$25 administrative fee for administering international immunizations for foreign travel, with the patient also responsible for the parish health unit's current cost of yellow fever, cholera, and typhoid vaccines; and (3) a \$10 clinic service copayment and a \$10 pharmacy service copayment, capped at \$50 per clinic visit.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on revenue collections for the Parish Health Units. The fee schedule was previously in statute and repealed and replaced with authority to implement through administrative rulemaking. There is no change in the fee schedule from the transfer in statute to rulemaking.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated economic losses or benefits resulting from the proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Treasury
Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees'
Retirement System**

Internal Revenue Code Provisions; Revised Statutes
Clarifications for Employers
(LAC 58:XVIII.101, 102, 103, 106, 501, 1701, and 1901)

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System proposes to amend LAC 58:XVIII Chapters 1, 5, 17, and 19 as authorized by R.S. 11:2225(A)(1). This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System is proposing amendments to the *Louisiana Administrative Code* that identify corresponding Internal Revenue Code provisions, Revenue Rulings, and statutory obligations in Chapters 1, 5, and 17 pertaining to limitation on benefits, required minimum distributions, direct rollovers, participation in group trusts, military service purchases, and statutory mandatory enrollment provisions for employers. Amendment to Chapter 1, Section 101 adds an exemption from adjusted Defined Benefit Dollar Limitation for qualifying members. Amendment to Chapter 19 corrects the referenced Act number under section 1901.

Title 58

RETIREMENT

Part XVIII. Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

Chapter 1. Internal Revenue Code Provisions

§101. Limitation on Benefits

A. - E. ...

F. Definitions

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Maximum Permissible Benefit—the lesser of the defined benefit dollar limitation or the defined benefit compensation limitation (both adjusted where required, as provided below).

a. Adjustment for Less than 10 Years of Participation or Service. If the member has less than 10 years of participation in the plan, the defined benefit dollar limitation shall be multiplied by a fraction:

i. the numerator of which is the number of years (or part thereof, but not less than one year) of participation in the plan; and

ii. the denominator of which is 10. In the case of a member who has less than 10 years of service with the employer, the defined benefit compensation limitation shall be multiplied by a fraction:

(a). the numerator of which is the number of years (or part thereof, but not less than one year) of Service with the employer; and

(b). the denominator of which is 10.

b. Adjustment of Defined Benefit Dollar Limitation for Benefit Commencement before Age 62 or after Age 65. Effective for benefits commencing in limitation years ending after December 31, 2001, the defined benefit dollar limitation shall be adjusted if the annuity starting date of the member's benefit is before age 62 or after age 65. If the annuity starting date is before age 62, the defined benefit dollar limitation shall be adjusted under Clause b.i. of this Paragraph, as modified by Clause b.iii. of this Paragraph. If the annuity starting date is after age 65, the defined benefit dollar limitation shall be adjusted under Clause b.ii. of this Paragraph, as modified by Clause b.iii. of this Paragraph. In the event that the member's benefit is based on at least 15 years of service as a full-time employee of any police or fire department, on 15 years of military service, or on 15 years combined service as a full-time employee of a police department, of a fire department or of military service, the adjustments for retirement before age 62 shall not apply.

b.i. - b.ii.(a).(ii). ...

(b). Limitation Years Beginning on or after July 1, 2007

b.ii.(b).(i). - c.ii.

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G. - G.5. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:2225(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 39:1482 (June 2013), LR 52:

§102. Required Minimum Distributions

A.1. Unless the member has elected otherwise on or before December 31, 1983, the entire benefit of a member shall be distributed over a period not longer than the longest of the following periods:

a. the member's life;

b. subject to Paragraph 2 of this subsection, if the member is married, the life of the member's spouse;

c. the member's life expectancy;

d. the joint life and last survivor life expectancy of the member and his designated beneficiary.

2. If the member is married and his spouse survives him, the spouse shall be a designated beneficiary for at least a qualified joint and survivor annuity and 50 percent of his deferred retirement option plan account, unless such spouse has consented to the contrary in writing before a notary public. For purposes of this Paragraph, *spouse* shall mean that person who is married to the member under a legal regime of community of acquets and gains on his effective date of retirement or effective date of participation in the deferred retirement option plan, whichever is earlier. A surviving spouse who is receiving a joint and survivor benefit shall have the option to elect to be treated as the employee in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 401(a)(9).

3. If the member was a member on or before December 31, 1983, he shall be deemed to have made the election referred to herein. If a member dies after the commencement of his benefits, the remaining portion of his benefit shall be distributed at least as rapidly as before his death. Payment of survivor benefits shall not be considered to violate this provision.

B.1. If the member dies before his required beginning date and the only benefit to be paid to a designated beneficiary is a lump sum, or if the member names his estate, trust or a charity as his designated beneficiary, the remainder of the member's interest shall be distributed to the member's designated beneficiary no later than December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of such member's death.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Subsection shall not apply to any portion of a member's benefit which is payable to or for the benefit of a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, over the life of or over the life expectancy of such beneficiary, so long as such distributions begin not later than December 31 of the year after the year of the member's death, or, in the case of the member's surviving spouse, the date the member would have attained the applicable age. If the designated beneficiary is the member's surviving spouse and if the surviving spouse dies before the distribution of benefits commences, then Paragraph 1 of this Subsection shall be applied as if the surviving spouse were the member. If the designated beneficiary is a child of the member, for purposes of satisfying the requirement of Paragraph 1 of this Subsection, any amount paid to such child shall be treated as if paid to the member's surviving spouse if such amount would become payable to such surviving spouse, if alive, upon the child's reaching the age of majority or, if later, upon the child's completing a designated event. For purposes of the preceding sentence, unless the child becomes married, a designated event shall be the later of the date the child is no longer disabled, or the date the child ceases to be a full-time student or attains age 26, if earlier. A child who is disabled within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code § 72(m)(7) may be treated as having not reached the age of majority as long as the child continues to be disabled.

3. Paragraph 1 of this Subsection shall not apply if the distribution of the member's interest has commenced and is for a term certain over a period permitted in Subsection A of this Section.

4. Paragraph 1 of this Subsection shall not apply if the member has elected otherwise on or before December 31, 1983, or such later date to which such election period shall be subject under *Internal Revenue Code* section 401(a)(9).

5. If the member dies after his required beginning date, the member's entire interest must be distributed to his designated beneficiary at least as rapidly as under the distribution method used by the member or in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this Subsection.

C. As to any benefit payable by the retirement system which is not optional as of December 31, 1983, the member shall be considered to have made the election referred to in Subsections A and B of this Section, if he was a member on or before such time.

D. If by operation of law or by action of the board of trustees, a survivor benefit is payable to a specified person or persons, the member shall be considered to have designated such person as an alternate beneficiary hereunder. If there is more than one such person, then the youngest disabled child shall be considered to have been so designated, or, if none, then the youngest person entitled to receive a survivor benefit shall be considered to have been so designated. The designation of a designated beneficiary hereunder shall not

prevent payment to multiple beneficiaries but shall only establish the permitted period of payments.

E. Payment in accordance with the survivor benefit provisions of R.S. 11:2220.4 and 2222 shall be deemed not to violate Subsections A and B of this Section.

F. This Section shall be effective for members of the system who complete any service under the system on or after July 1, 1992, with employers contributing to the system.

G. Distributions from the system shall be made in accordance with a reasonable and good faith interpretation of the requirements set forth in *Internal Revenue Code* section 401(a)(9) and the regulations thereunder, including the minimum distribution incidental benefit rules.

H.1. A member's benefits shall commence to be paid on or before the required beginning date.

2. The required beginning date shall be April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the calendar year in which the member attains the applicable age, or the calendar year in which the employee retires. Effective for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, the required beginning date shall be April 1 of the year following the later of the year the member attained the applicable age or the year the member terminated employment.

3. For purposes of this Section, the applicable age shall be the age designated in Internal Revenue Code § 401(a)(9) and, unless stated differently means:

a. age 70 and one-half for a member who was born before July 1, 1949;

b. age 72 for a member born on or after July 1, 1949 and before January 1, 1951;

c. age 73 for a member born on or after January 1, 1951 and before January 1, 1960; and

d. age 75 for a member born on or after January 1, 1960.

I. An annuity may not increase or a distribution period be changed unless allowed under Internal Revenue Code §401(a)(9) and the applicable regulations thereunder.

J. A "designated beneficiary" is an individual defined under Internal Revenue Code §401(a)(9)(E) and the applicable regulations thereunder.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:2225(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 39:1487 (June 2013), amended LR 52:

§103. Direct Rollovers

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary that would otherwise limit a distributee's election under this Section, so long as consistent with section 401(a)(31) of the Internal Revenue Code, a distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the board of trustees, to have any portion of an "eligible rollover distribution," as specified by the distributee, paid directly to an "eligible retirement plan", as those terms are defined below.

B. The following definitions shall apply.

Direct Rollover—a payment by the system to the eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee.

Distributee—shall include:

a. a member or former member;

b. the member's or former member's surviving spouse, or the member's or former member's former spouse with whom a benefit or a return of employee contributions is to be divided pursuant to R.S. 11:291(B), with reference to an interest of the member or former spouse;

c. the member's or former member's non-spouse beneficiary, provided the specified distribution is to an eligible retirement plan as defined in Subparagraphs a and b of the definition of eligible retirement plan in this Section.

Eligible Retirement Plan—any of the following:

a. an individual retirement account described in section 408(a) of the *Internal Revenue Code*;

b. an individual retirement annuity described in section 408(b) of the *Internal Revenue Code*;

c. an annuity plan described in section 403(a) of the *Internal Revenue Code*;

d. a qualified trust as described in section 401(a) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, provided that such trust accepts the member's eligible rollover distribution;

e. an eligible deferred compensation plan described in section 457(b) of the *Internal Revenue Code* that is maintained by an eligible governmental employer, provided the plan contains provisions to account separately for amounts transferred into such plan;

f. an annuity contract described in section 403(b) of the *Internal Revenue Code*;

g. a Roth IRA described in section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code; and

h. a SIMPLE IRA that meets the requirements in section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Eligible Rollover Distribution—any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the distributee, except that an *eligible rollover distribution* does not include:

a. any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments, not less frequently than annually, made over the life or life expectancy of the member, or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of the member and the member's designated beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten years or more;

b. any distribution to the extent that such distribution is required under section 401(a)(9) of the United States *Internal Revenue Code*;

c. any distribution which is made upon hardship of the employee;

d. any corrective distribution; and

e. the portion of any distribution that is not includible in gross income, unless the accepting account or plan agrees to separately account for the after-tax dollars (and earnings thereon).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:2225(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 39:1488 (June 2013), amended LR 52:

§106. Participation in Group Trusts

A. To the extent it does not affect the tax qualified status of the retirement system, and is permitted by United States Internal Revenue Code section 401(a)(24) and Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling 81-100, 1981-1 CB 326 (as clarified and modified by Revenue Ruling 2004-67, 2004-2 CB 28, and modified by Revenue Ruling 2011-1,

2011-2 IRB 251, and as modified by Revenue Ruling 2014-24, 2014-37 IRB 529, or any subsequent guidance), the board of trustees is authorized to:

1. for investment purposes, transfer assets of the retirement system to, and pool such assets in, one or more group trust(s); and

2. adopt one or more group trust(s), and/or the terms of such group trust(s), as part of the retirement system to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of applicable law, by executing appropriate participation and/or adoption agreements with the trustee(s) of the group trust(s).

B. For purposes of transferring assets of the retirement system to a trustee(s) of any current or future group trust(s), by the execution of such group trust's participation agreement(s), the board of trustees specifically adopts the trustee's declaration of the group trust as part the retirement system to the extent of its interest in the group trust, or as is required by applicable law, for the purposes of such investment and compliance with Revenue Ruling 81-100, 1981-1 CB 326 (as clarified and modified by Revenue Ruling 2004-67, 2004-2 CB 28, and modified by Revenue Ruling 2011-1, 2011-2 IRB 251, and as modified by Revenue Ruling 2014-24, 2014-37 IRB 529, or any subsequent guidance).

C. For purposes of valuation, the value of the interest maintained by the retirement system in a group trust shall be determined in accordance with the governing instrument of the group trust to determine the fair market value of the portion of the group trust held for the retirement system, determined in accordance with generally recognized valuation procedures.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:2225(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 46:1106 (August 2020), amended LR 52:

Chapter 5. Military Service Purchases

§501. Service Credit

A. This Section is adopted in accordance with R.S. 11:152, R.S. 11:152.1, R.S. 11:153, R.S. 29:411, et seq., and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA, 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.).

B. Purchase of service credit for military service shall be in accordance with R.S. 11:153.

C. The board shall comply with the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA, 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.) as well as rules and regulations issued by the United States Department of Labor relating to USERRA, and Internal Revenue Code section 414(u).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:152.1 and 11:153(I).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 46:1107 (August 2020), amended LR 52:

Chapter 17. Employers

§1701. Mandatory Enrollment of Employees Employed by 11:157 Employers

A. To comply with R.S. 11:157(A), Revenue Ruling 2006-43, and R.S. 11:2214(A)(2)(a)(iii), an R.S. 11:157 affidavit shall be effective only for an employee who

executed an affidavit after being properly enrolled in MPERS and for whom all of the following documents have been received by MPERS within thirty days of the employee first becoming eligible any plan of the employer:

1. a fully completed membership enrollment form;
2. a copy of the birth certificate and Social Security card for each member and his beneficiaries;
3. a fully completed physical examination form pursuant to R.S. 11:2214(A)(2)(a)(iii), which requires fully completed laboratory work; and
4. a R.S. 11:157(C) affidavit.

B. To comply with the mandatory enrollment provisions of R.S. 11:157(A), an employer must enroll each employee in the retirement system on the first day the employee qualifies for membership. The employer shall remit to the retirement system the required employee and employer contributions no later than the fifteenth day of the month following the first day the employee qualifies for membership. If the employee subsequently submits an effective affidavit under R.S. 11:157(C) before the end of the first calendar month during which the employee qualified for membership in the retirement system, the employee shall receive a refund of any contributions made before implementation of the affidavit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:2225(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 48:2190 (August 2022), amended LR 52:

Chapter 19. Remote Meetings

§1901. Agency Eligibility

A. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System meets the below criteria pursuant to Act 393 to be eligible to conduct open public meetings via electronic means:

1. is a state agency as defined by R.S. 49:951;
2. has powers, duties, or functions that are not limited in scope to a particular subdivision or region;
3. conducts at least six regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year; and
4. is not one of the agencies identified by R.S. 42:17.2(I) to which open meetings via electronic means shall not apply.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of the Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, LR 50:517 (April 2024), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an impact on poverty as defined by R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating these proposed amendments. Proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an impact on providers of services funded by the state as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

All interested persons may submit written comments through February 20, 2026, to Emily Thurston, System Analyst, Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, 7722 Office Park Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 or via email to emily@lampers.org.

Benjamin A. Huxen, II.
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Internal Revenue Code Provisions; Revised Statutes Clarifications for Employers

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any costs or savings for the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) as the proposed rule updates language to align with its current practice and the Internal Revenue Code.

MPERS proposes amendments to Sections 101, 102, 103, and 106 of Chapter 1 (Internal Revenue Code Provisions); Section 501 of Chapter 5 (Military Service Purchases); Section 1701 of Chapter 17 (Employers); and Section 1901 of Chapter 19 (Remote Meetings), all within Part XVIII of Title 58 (Retirement) of the Louisiana Administrative Code. The proposed rule accomplishes several updates and clarifications which align with current practice. Specifically, this proposed rule:

- Provides that when a member's benefit is based on at least fifteen (15) years of qualifying service, either as a full-time employee of a police department or fire department, fifteen (15) years of military service, or a combination of such service-the defined benefit dollar limitation will not be reduced for benefit commencement before age 62.

- Clarifies that a surviving spouse receiving a joint and survivor benefit may elect to be treated as the employee for purposes of required minimum distribution rules.

- Aligns the retirement plan with Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(9) by incorporating current federal required minimum distribution age thresholds, which vary based on the member's date of birth.

- Adds a Roth IRA described in Internal Revenue Code Section 408A and a SIMPLE IRA that meets

- the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 408(p) to the types of plans eligible to receive an eligible rollover distribution.

- Adds "any corrective distribution" and "the portion of any distribution that is not includible in gross income, unless the accepting account or plan agrees to separately account for the after-tax dollars (and earnings thereon)" to the list of exceptions defining distributions that are not eligible for rollover.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Implementation of this proposed rule is not anticipated to have an effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

**Hunting Regulations for the 2026-2028 Seasons
(LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)**

Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposes to amend the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2026-2027 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2026-2027 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2027 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2026-2027 hunting season. The department manages the take of resident game, outlaw quadrupeds and migratory birds in Louisiana and this action defines legal participants, sets the legal season bag limits along with legal methods of take and hunting season dates for the 2026-2027 hunting season for wildlife in Louisiana. The new hunting rules and regulations for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 seasons clarify opening and closing dates of certain hunting seasons; adds two days of primitive firearms season on Pomme de Terre WMA; establishes legal weapons during primitive firearms season for disabled hunters; clarifies small game season on certain WMAs; establishes hunting seasons on Bogue Chitto and Flatwoods Savanna WMAs; establishes youth turkey season on certain WMAs; establishes an early bucks season in the CWD control areas; and establishes a black-bellied whistling duck hunting season.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission’s review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed Rule, the secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and file the final Rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

A. The resident game hunting season regulations have been adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A

complete copy of the regulations pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1534 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015), LR 42:1107 (July 2016), LR 44:1273 (July 2018), LR 45:933 (July 2019), LR 46:957 (July 2020), LR 47:901 (July 2021), LR 48:1863 (July 2022), LR 49:1231 (July 2023), LR 50:790 (June 2024), LR 51:825 (June 2025), LR 52:

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for Seasons or Specific Regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or Specific Localities

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: third Saturday of November CLOSES: last day of February	10	30
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: first Saturday of October CLOSES: last day of February	8	24
Squirrel*	OPENS: first Saturday of May for 23 days	3	9
Squirrel**	Youth (Private Lands Only) fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days	8	16
Deer 2026-2027	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	Deer Areas 2,3,5,6,7,8, and 9—6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer). Deer Area 1—6/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 5 antlerless deer). Deer Area 4—4/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer). Deer Area 10—3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

**NOTE: Select state wildlife management areas and other public lands will be open for youth squirrel hunting (check WMA and public lands season schedules).

C. Deer Hunting Schedule 2026-2027

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either-Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: first day of Oct. CLOSES: last day of Jan. (Only within the CWD Control Area: OPENS: second Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: after 9 days [Antlered Bucks Only with or without velvet])	OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after second Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after first Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after first Sat. of Jan.
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3	OPENS: third Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: second Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: after 7 days	OPENS: third Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: after 35 days
4	OPENS: first day of Oct. CLOSES: last day of Jan.	OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after second Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after first Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after first Sat. of Jan.
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D. Deer Hunting Schedule 2027-2028

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E. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31 (either-sex).

F. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. either-sex—no closed season.

G. Spring squirrel hunting:

1. season dates—opens first Saturday of May for 23 days;

2. closed areas:

a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below;

3. wildlife management area schedule—opens first Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk-Vernon, Fort Polk North, Camp Beauregard, Atchafalaya

Delta, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador/Timken. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting;

4. limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is nine.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:109(B) and R.S. 56:141(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1254 (July 2006), LR 33:115 (January 2007), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2207 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1535

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§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by sections 115 and 116 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to section 40.1 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to turkey regulations.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle, archery gear, air rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with no daily limit. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, non-toxic shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F

steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” and wear a “hunter orange” cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the Lafayette Field Office, (337) 735-8672.

4. Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific falconry rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve, October 1-April 30, Pen-Raised Birds Only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific hunting preserve rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP do not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters when legally tagged with DMAP tags. DMAP participants must follow the deer season schedule established for their respective areas, except antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family *Bovidae* (except the tribe *Bovini* [cattle]) or *Cervidae* which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve. *Exotics* shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a supplemented hunting preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised*

Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Supplemented Hunting Preserve—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current farm-raising license has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-Tailed Deer—for purposes of this Rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve.

- b. Seasons:
 - i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: consult the regulations pamphlet;
 - ii. exotics: year-round.
- c. Methods of take:
 - i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
 - ii. exotics: exotics may be taken with traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; centerfire handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber, rimfire no smaller than .30 caliber, pre-charged pneumatic devices no smaller than .30 caliber and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215 foot pounds of energy or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which are designed to have projectiles, ball, shot, or bullet, including sabot bullets, loaded exclusively through the muzzle, or the muzzle end of the cylinder chamber, and is fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap, or centerfire primer, and other approved primitive firearms.
- d. Shooting hours:
 - i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
 - ii. exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- e. Bag limit:
 - i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: same as outside;
 - ii. exotics: no limit.
- f. Hunting licenses:
 - i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
 - ii. exotics: no person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and deer hunting license.
- g. Tagging. White-tailed deer and exotics: each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid basic hunting license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A basic hunting licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A basic hunting licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carré, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not

apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

D. Hunting—General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department. A person who has not completed the firearm and hunter safety course may be issued a valid hunting license by the department. Such license shall be issued with a restriction that requires that person be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A deer or turkey license, whichever is appropriate, is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age engaged in an activity that necessitates the use of deer tags or turkey tags, or involves participation in a youth lottery hunt shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license.

4. A hunting guide license is required for any person or entity who publicly represents himself to be a hunting guide or who transports, aids or provides assistance to another individual(s) in the act of taking, or attempting to take, any wildlife species for compensation on a transactional or for-hire basis. For purposes of this rule, a hunting guide license is not required for any person or entity employed or contracted by a private hunting club to provide hunting guide services exclusively for the club's private members and its invited guests.

5. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

6. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the

shoulder shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3)(a-b)].

7. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found depreddating commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.

8. Threatened and endangered species. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws. (LAC 76:I.317)

Threatened and Endangered Species		
1. Invertebrates		
Pink Mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>	E
Louisiana Pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera hembeli</i>	T

Threatened and Endangered Species		
Fat Pocketbook	<i>Potamilus capax</i>	E
Inflated Heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus inflatus</i>	T
Rabbitsfoot	<i>Quadrula cylindrica</i>	T
2. Fish		
Gulf Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i>	T
Pallid Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	E
Smalltooth Sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	E
3. Amphibians		
Dusky Gopher Frog	<i>Lithobates sevosus</i>	E
4. Reptiles (including eggs)		
Loggerhead Sea Turtle	<i>Caretta</i>	T
Green Sea Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T
Hawksbill Sea Turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E
Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	E
Leatherback Sea Turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E
Ringed Map Turtle	<i>Graptemys oculifera</i>	T
Gopher Tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	T
Black Pinesnake	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi</i>	T
Louisiana Pinesnake	<i>Pituophis ruthveni</i>	T
5. Birds (including eggs)		
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	E
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	T
Interior Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum athalassos</i>	E
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E
6. Mammals		
West Indian Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	T
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	T
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	E
Florida Panther	<i>Felis concolor coryi</i>	E
7. Plants		
American Chaffseed	<i>Schwalbea americana</i>	E
Earth-fruit	<i>Geocarpon minimum</i>	T
Louisiana Quillwort	<i>Isoetes louisianensis</i>	E
Pondberry	<i>Lindera melissifolia</i>	E
E = Endangered; T = Threatened		

9. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs, and armadillos year-round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters. On private property, outlaw quadrupeds may be taken with or by means of an automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells when using buckshot or rifled slug ammunition and may be taken while riding or standing in or upon a moving land vehicle.

10. Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals and Outlaw Quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission from the landowner and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours. However, no person shall be allowed to participate or be present during the nighttime hunting activities if convicted of a Class 3 or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years or if he has any other prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or participation in a hunting activity. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver under the provisions of the Paragraph, shall notify the Sheriff of the Parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria or beaver within twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking or immediately upon taking the animal.

11. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or discharging a firearm on or across an open LMV road or LMV road right-of-way is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited.

12. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and deer or turkey or youth license number, whichever is the appropriate license, of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:V.111) for deer management assistance tagging requirements on lands enrolled in DMAP.

13. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until a deer has been appropriately tagged and validated, and proof of electronic tagging or the carcass tag remains with the carcass, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. Possessors of any portion of a deer or wild turkey, which has been divided in camp or field, without evidence of positive sex identification shall affix a tag in accordance with LAC 76:XIX.111.D.12 identifying the sex of the animal.

14. Use of Drones for the Recovery of Wounded Deer or Bear. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) (commonly referred to as a drone) to aid in the recovery of a wounded deer or bear is prohibited.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain carcass or electronic deer

tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass or electronic tag. Deer tags may only be used by the hunter to whom the tag was issued. Hunters who allow their deer tags to be used by another person, or who use tags issued to another person, are in violation of this Rule and are subject to fines and other administrative penalties, including, but not limited to, the automatic forfeiture of any remaining deer tags for the season for which they are issued. If using physical tag, the parish and date of kill must be documented on the deer tag and the hunter must validate the harvest by calling the validation toll free number or by utilizing the department's website within 72 hours of the kill. Hunters utilizing electronic tags shall electronically tag and validate their harvest before moving the deer. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets.

2. 2026-2027 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP may not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:V.111) for more information.

3. 2027-2028 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP may not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:V.111) for more information.

4. *Bucks Only and Legal Antlered Deer* are defined as a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin or antlered bucks with velvet covered antlers 3" or longer. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. *Either-Sex deer* is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with centerfire firearms smaller than .22 caliber, rimfire firearms smaller than .30 caliber, or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or slug. Pre-charged pneumatic devices may be used during the modern firearm season for deer provided that they fire a projectile of at least .30 caliber in diameter and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215 foot pounds of energy. Arrows or bolts used with a pre-charged pneumatic device shall only be used with well sharpened broadhead points and may be used to hunt deer

only during modern firearm deer season. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A dog may be used to trail and retrieve mortally wounded deer. Except in Wildlife Management Areas, a licensed hunter or tracker may pursue a deer that was legally shot and mortally wounded during legal hunting hours, after legal hunting hours, and to dispatch the deer if the deer is found alive. The licensed hunter or tracker pursuing the mortally wounded deer may utilize lights and a blood-trailing or tracking dog. No more than one dog may be used per tracking party in pursuit of the wounded deer. A second dog may be utilized for the purpose of deer retrieval training. Tracking dogs shall be on a handheld leash or utilize a GPS tracking collar. Any wounded deer, discovered alive, may be dispatched by the licensed hunter or tracker using a centerfire handgun with a barrel no longer than six inches, caliber no larger than .45 or smaller than .25.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

11. It is unlawful to import, sell, use or possess scents or lures that contain natural deer urine or other bodily fluids, except natural deer urine products produced by manufacturers or entities that are actively enrolled and participating in either the Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) or Archery Trade Association Deer Protection Program, which has been tested using real-time quaking induced conversion (RT-QuIC) and certified that no detectable levels of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) are present and is clearly labeled as such.

12. Primitive Firearms Season: Still Hunt Only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. A deer or senior license, whichever is appropriate, is required for all hunters 18 years of age and older. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age hunting the primitive firearms season shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a Bucks Only season is in progress. In such cases, hunters must conform to the bucks only regulations except antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest.

a. Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which are designed to have projectiles, ball, shot, or bullet, including sabot bullets, loaded exclusively through the muzzle, or the muzzle end of the cylinder chamber, and is fired by wheel lock,

flintlock, percussion cap, or centerfire primer, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

ii. Single shot, breech loading rifles or single shot, breech loading pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

iii. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or slug.

iv. Youths 17 or younger, individuals 65 or older, and disabled veteran licensees or properly licensed disabled hunters that meet the requirements of R.S. 56:3000.H(1, 2, 3 or 4) may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

13. Archery Season. A deer or senior license, whichever is appropriate, is required for all bow hunters 18 years of age and older. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age archery deer hunting shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in areas 5, 6 and 9 from October 1-15. Archers must conform to the bucks only regulations except antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA.

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations. Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened broadhead points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a deer or turkey season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;

(b). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;

(c). to hunt with a bow or crossbow equipped with an infrared or laser sight (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) or any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

14. Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink". Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While

a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange" or "blaze pink".

15. Physically Challenged Firearms Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): first Saturday of October for two days. Restricted to individuals with physically challenged hunter permit.

16. Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9: last Saturday of October for seven days; Area 2: second Saturday of October for seven days; and Areas 3, 7, 8 and 10: fourth Saturday of September for seven days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

a. Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License; or

b. U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following DD_214 equivalents:

i. pre DD 214 era documents (1941_1950):

(a). WE AGO (war department adjutant general) forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53_55;

(b). JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553;

ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire;

iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB_22 with 6 or more years of service.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll.

i. High water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in that portion of Madison Parish, east of US-65 and north of the Port Elevator Road, and all lands east of US-65 in East Carroll Parish, will be archery hunting only once the Mississippi River water level at Vicksburg reaches 43.0 feet MSL (flood stage) and will reopen once level recedes below 41.0 feet MSL.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf

River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;

ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8;

iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line;

iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake;

v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;

ii. East Carroll—all;

iii. Franklin—all;

iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake;

v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake;

vi. Richland—all;

vii. West Carroll—all.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;

ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as area 2, except still hunting only for deer.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;

iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;

iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;

vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;

vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line;

viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;

ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;

x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest (see Kisatchie National Forest regulations);

ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;

iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of LA 10 eastward to US 165 at Oakdale, west of US 165 at Oakdale southward to US 190 at Kinder, south of US 190 at Kinder eastward to parish line;

iii. Beaugard—east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—east of LA 113 to Pitkin, south of LA 10 to Allen Parish line, west and north of LA 113, south of

LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

b. Still hunting only for portions of the following parishes:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beaugard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. Livingston—north of I-12;

iv. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

v. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;

ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;

iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA

440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;

iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25.

5. Area 5

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. St. Martin—south of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville—south of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iii. Iberia—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iv. St. Mary—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

v. High water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 17 feet msl at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary and Iberia parishes west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

6. Area 6

a. All of West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;

ii. East Baton Rouge—that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61;

iii. East Feliciana—west of US 61;

iv. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

v. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River;

vi. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;

vii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

viii. St. Landry—east of US 167;

ix. St. Martin—north of I-10;

x. West Baton Rouge—north of I-10.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;

ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to LA 964, east of LA 964 northward to US 61, north of US 61 westward to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90;

ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Beauregard—that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

ii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

9. Area 9

a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—east of US 90 and west of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville—east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;

- iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;
 - iv. Livingston—south of I-12;
 - v. St. Martin—west of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of I-10. East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of I-10;
 - vi. St. Mary—east of US 90 from Iberia Parish line to the Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River except for portion within the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levees;
 - vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;
 - viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12.
- c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
- i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;
 - ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;
 - iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;
 - iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

10. Area 10

- a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Acadia—south of I-10;
 - ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;
 - iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;
 - iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;
 - v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

G. WMA Regulations

1. General

- a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, section 109 of title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.
- b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.
- c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).
- d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. All privately owned property which is completely surrounded by a wildlife management area shall be subject to all state hunting and fishing provisions, including those provisions regarding seasons. Such private property shall not be subject to the special hunting and fishing provisions which govern the wildlife management area, except that deer may not be taken with the aid of dogs. However, the owner or lessee of such property shall be required to participate in the deer management assistance program provided for in R.S. 56:110. In addition, the owner or lessee of such property shall not be allowed to hunt, trap or take resident game by the aid of baiting or placing bait intended to attract or entice the resident game to the area where hunters are attempting to take them.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of American lotus (*grande volée*, *Nelumbo lutea*) seeds and pods, soft fruits, nuts, mushrooms, berries, wild greens shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.

j. Nature Trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed.

k. Deer seasons are for legal antlered deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

o. Operation of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) on WMAs is prohibited.

p. Operating, modifying, tampering with or altering any water control structures on WMAs is prohibited.

q. Limited Access Areas (LAA): Operation of internal combustion powered vessels prohibited September through January. Operation of trolling motors allowed. A *trolling motor* is defined as a self-contained unit that includes a completely submerged electric motor at the end of the shaft, propeller and controls, and is affixed to a vessel, either at the bow or stern. Vehicles prohibited November through January. Limited access areas are on Atchafalaya Delta, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Joyce, Manchac, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Pomme de Terre and Russell Sage WMAs. See WMA maps for specific locations.

r. Trail cameras are prohibited during turkey hunting season.

s. Any person entering or utilizing a LDWF designated shooting range must comply with posted range rules and Range Safety Officer (if present) commands.

2. Permits

a. A valid WMA access permit shall be required for use of department-administered lands including wildlife refuges, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and Wildlife Conservation Areas (WCA). Persons under 18 years of age are exempt from this requirement. WMA access permits are not required for persons only traveling through the department-administered lands provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A self-clearing permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs. The self-clearing permit will consist of two portions: check in, check out. All persons must either check in/check out electronically through the LDWF WMA Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web Portal or obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. Users may check in one day in advance of use. Users that check in by electronic means are required to possess proof of check in and must check out within 24 hours. If utilizing paper self-clearing permit from an information station, check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. When mandatory check in for deer seasons is specified on WMAs, hunters must check in at designated locations, and obtain a daily hunt permit. Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult was born before September 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, this requirement is waived for the youth. Additionally, any youth participating in the hunt shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit,

raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult was born before September 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. Contact region offices for more details.

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult annual trapping regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, two per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open hunting season in progress on WMAs.

Nighttime Experimental—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only.

Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bodcau, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, John Franks, Marsh Bayou, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tunica Hills and Walnut Hill WMAs.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs, WMA check stations, or in camping areas on WMAs.

b. Rifles, shotguns, pre-charged pneumatic devices, and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and for purposes of transport pursuant to R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Any person who meets the qualification of R.S. 14:95(M) may possess handguns on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Hunting with the following firearms or ammunition on any WMA is prohibited, except during modern or primitive firearm deer seasons, or a firearm season established on any WMA for feral hogs:

- i. centerfire rifles;
- ii. centerfire break-action and centerfire bolt-action handguns;
- iii. centerfire scoped handguns;
- iv. shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel. Possession of such ammunition in the presence of a shotgun during closed season shall create a rebuttable presumption of hunting activity.

d. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.

e. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On WMAs, except Floy McElroy WMA, the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed the Deer Area limit for the Deer Area that a WMA is contained within (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs, except bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.

d. During mandatory deer check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's LDWF ID number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Bayou Pierre, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Fort Polk-Vernon, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and West Bay WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides prohibited except allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange" or "blaze pink". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery Season for Deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms Season for Deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

6. Camping

a. A WMA camping permit is required for all persons camping on LDWF operated campgrounds on WMAs. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, vessels, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.

b. Houseboats and vessels utilized for recreational activities are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to designated

camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats and vessels shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by five-year lease through a bid program.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.

h. Burning of trash is prohibited.

i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.

j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In

addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort. Only hunting dogs are allowed in WMA camping areas.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is a wheeled or tracked off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. *Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also Utility Terrain Vehicle)*—any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, wheeled or tracked, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires or tracks, with specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 27 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and refuges, except type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs except Bussey Brake WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only, and except personal water craft allowed on designated portions of Alexander State Forest WMA year-round and except airboats allowed on Maurepas Swamp WMA on designated trails. See WMA map for details. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, or persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only, except that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only. When WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs and UTVs may then use those roads when allowed. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open year-round will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., except raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution. Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV or electric bicycle except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken, Lake Boeuf, Biloxi, and the Crusel Tract of Maurepas Swamp WMAs under the following conditions:

i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;

iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

p. No wake zones. Operation of vessels beyond bare steerage speed (the slowest speed a vessel can travel while allowing the operator to maintain directional control of the vessel) in posted no wake zones is prohibited.

q. Electric bicycles are restricted to designated roads and ATV/UTV trails.

r. Factory OEM installed or OEM equivalent exhausts are required for all boat/powercraft motors. No person shall operate or allow to be operated a powercraft with an altered muffler or muffler cutout or in a manner that bypasses or reduces the effectiveness of the muffler system.

10. Commercial Activities

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters. No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships. This provision does not apply to properly licensed and insured charter fishing guides operating on WMAs, unless specifically prohibited on WMAs identified by the Department. Any person performing for-hire fishing guide activity within a WMA shall possess a valid state charter boat fishing guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, proof of commercial marine insurance, a valid state recreational fishing license that grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity, and a valid state WMA Access Permit.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the secretary of the LDWF.

c. Commercial Fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited except experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Russell Sage WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. WMAs Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot, size 6 or smaller must be used for dove, rail, snipe, and gallinule. Unless otherwise specified under a

specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: first Saturday of May for nine days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 12 noon prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta and Pass-a-Loutre. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs. Areas designated, marked and depicted on WMA maps as Waterfowl Sanctuary, and depicted via "Waterfowl Sanctuary" signage on Biloxi, Boeuf, and Russell Sage WMAs are closed to all public access and activity beginning November 1 through the final day of the Conservation Order for Light Geese in each location's respective waterfowl zone.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Clear Creek, Little River, Pearl River, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay and that portion of Dewey W. Wills north of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire handguns in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor. Self-clearing permit required for all activities.

i. Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

ii. All other seasons closed. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.

b. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands. Self-clearing permits required for hunters only. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreational areas.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Pineville or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. PCHP blind hunting by reservation for Class I, III and IV PCHP permittees only.

- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
 - (b). Firearms: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex. Mandatory deer check; Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.
 - (c). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days. Mandatory deer check.
 - (d). Youth Lottery: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, third Sat. in Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.
 - (e). PCHP Blinds: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, mandatory deer check, second Sat. in Dec. for 2 days.
- ii. Small Game: Same as outside except closed during deer primitive firearms (either-sex), deer firearms (either-sex) and deer firearms (bucks only) and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.
- iii. Waterfowl: Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).
- iv. Turkey: Closed.
- c. Atchafalaya Delta. Self-clearing permit required for all activities. All persons must either check in/check out electronically through the LDWF WMA Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web Portal or obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an information station located at Main Delta campground, Wax Delta Campground, Cul-de-sac on Big Island, and Berwick Public Boat Launch (Jesse Fontenot Boat Launch). Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated campgrounds. Houseboat mooring allowed by permit only during hunting season (see Subparagraph G. 6. Camping b. for details) and by normal means during remainder of the year. Vessels/Vehicles: Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Big Island: Except for youth deer hunting (provided for below), all other hunting closed from October 1 through the last day of youth deer seasons. Main Delta area closed to all hunting except for youth deer hunting during youth deer seasons. Limited Use Area: Access prohibited Mar. 1-Jan. 31. Hunting restricted to rabbit with shotgun only from first day of Feb. through last day of Feb. non-toxic (maximum size #6) shot only, without beagles only. See WMA map for specific location.
 - i. Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 on Main Delta only; no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta.
 - ii. Deer Youth Shotgun (buckshot only, either-sex) and Archery (either-sex): first Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days on Main Delta only; no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta.
 - iii. Small Game: same as outside except Rabbit Only:
 - (a). Wax Lake Delta: first Sat. of Oct. through last day of Feb. Beagles prohibited November through January.

- (b). Main Delta: first day of Feb. through last day of Feb. with or without beagles. Closed October through January.

- iv. Waterfowl: same as outside, except shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season, and except shooting hours are the same as outside for the Youth Hunt weekend.

- v. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

- d. Attakapas. Area closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

- i. Deer

- (a). Deer hunting will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

- (b). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

- (c). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

- (d). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and the second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

- (e). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

- (f). Primitive Firearms (Bucks only): third Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

- ii. Turkey: closed.

- iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except small game hunting closed during either-sex modern firearms seasons closed during youth deer seasons and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

- iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

- e. Bayou Macon. Area Closed: To all except Youth Deer Hunters last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

- i. Deer

- (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

- (b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

- (c). Firearms: Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

- (d). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after firearms either-sex for 7 days.

- ii. Turkey: closed.

- iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for

rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after third Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to firearms either-sex deer, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon: (Nighttime): Sept. 1 for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

f. Bayou Pierre. Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing except for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

i. Deer

(a). Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

ii. Waterfowl: Desoto Tract same as outside. Remainder of the WMA closed to waterfowl hunting.

iii. Other Small Game: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, either-sex and second Sat. of Dec. for 16 days, bucks only.

i. Deer

(a). Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 1 to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after third Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iii. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Area closed to all south of Big Lake and Crystal Roads when youth deer season is open. North of Big Lake and Crystal Roads open to all activities.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Youth hunt on designated portion. See WMA map for specific location.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: second Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens on Good Friday.

(a). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days, except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms deer seasons and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 to the last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive).

iv. Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearms seasons.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

vi. Sport Fishing: yoyos, limblines and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.

vii. Commercial fishing: commercial fishing is prohibited.

i. Biloxi. Self-clearing permits required for all activities. Vessels/Vehicles: All airboats, mud boats, vessels powered by air-cooled engines, ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. All types of mud boats, "long-tail", air cooled propulsion vessels, etc., including "surface-drive" boats, are prohibited. Overnight mooring of vessels 50 feet in length or less is only allowed at the designated camping area (see WMA map for location), vessels greater than 50 feet in length are prohibited from mooring overnight. Dogs are prohibited except retrievers allowed for waterfowl hunting. No structures may be erected including fixed or permanent blinds of any type. All nighttime activities are prohibited EXCEPT hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. during hunting season. Fish may only be taken by rod and reel, and/or hook and line. Bowfishing is prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15.

(b). Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Jan. 31.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except waterfowl closed after 2 p.m. and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

j. Bodcau. Area closed to all except Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt on designated portion. Limited Use Area: Small game and waterfowl same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: Sat. after second Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex on designated portion.

(c). Firearms either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day. Last Sat. of Oct. and Sun. after last Sat. of Oct., mandatory deer check.

(d). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(b). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days. Fourth Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during the youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area first 2 days of modern firearms deer season except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel from the first Sat. of Oct. through the Fri. immediately prior to the opening day of firearms deer season, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-Sept. 30.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb. and May 1-Sept. 30.

v. Bird Dog Training Area: open all year except closed during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Minden Office for information.

vi. Fishing: nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.

k. Boeuf. Area Closed to all south of LA 4 except Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open. North of LA 4 open to all activities. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: first Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after the close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days. Second Sat. of Nov. for 7 days, Sat. and Sun. - mandatory deer check.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms deer season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to the last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive). On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

l. Bogue Chitto: Vessels: Internal combustion engines prohibited. Trolling motors allowed.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex

ii. Turkey: General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 2 days. Second Sat. of statewide season for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrels from Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.

m. Buckhorn. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit; and second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, mandatory deer check.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: third Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after firearms bucks only season ends for 14 days.

(f). Youth and Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: check map for location. Access restricted. Call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for further details.

(g). Youth Lottery: second weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. except when either of those days falls on Dec. 24 or 25, then it will be the third weekend of Dec. and first consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.

(h). Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined: second weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. except when either of those days falls on Dec. 24 or 25, then it will be the third weekend of Dec. and first consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined. PCHP permittees only.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearm season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

n. Bussey Brake. Area closed to all hunting and trapping activity. Area closed to all activities between two hours after sunset until 4 a.m. with the exception of rod and reel or cane pole fishing. Fishing may take place between these hours at the north fishing pier or by boat. Access to all other areas are prohibited between these hours. Recreational fishing and all other allowed non-consumptive uses only. No personal watercraft or water skiing. No camping. No ATVs/UTVs or electric bicycles allowed. No motorized vehicles of any type allowed on reservoir levee except at boat launch for purpose of launching boat or to access fishing pier. Pulling boats over levees or any other activities that cause detriment to the levees is prohibited. Horseback riding and non-motorized bicycles are allowed only on the designated trail named Levee Trail (see map at boat launch kiosk). Access is granted at two marked locations, adjacent to the boat launch and just beyond the boat launch parking area. No tying boats to channel marker poles. A No-Wake Zone is in effect in the harbor inside the wave break. No boats allowed within 30 feet of fishing piers.

i. Fishing: fish may be taken only by rod and reel or cane pole for recreational purposes. Tournament fishing allowed by Special Use Permit only. All types of nets, including but not limited to gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, wire nets, fyke nets and fish seines are prohibited. Trotlines,

yo-yos, limb lines, stump lines, slat traps, jugs, cans, and pipes are prohibited. Shoreline (non-boat) fishing only allowed at designated locations. No fishing or lake access from rocks along interior of reservoir levee.

(a). Black Bass (*Micropterus spp.*)

(i). Daily limit: recreational daily creel limit shall be five fish, in the aggregate;

(ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be five fish while on water and ten fish while off water, in the aggregate;

(iii). Length: the maximum total length limit shall be 16 inches, with the exception that one fish over 16 inches may be kept.

(b). Crappie (*Pomoxis spp.*)

(i). Daily limit: recreational daily limit shall be 25 fish in the aggregate;

(ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be 25 fish while on water and 50 fish while off water, in the aggregate;

(iii). Length: the minimum total length shall be 10 inches.

(c). Bream (*Lepomis spp.*)

(i). Daily limit: recreational daily creel limit shall be 50 fish, in the aggregate;

(ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be 50 fish while on the water and 100 while off the water in the aggregate;

(iii). Length: no minimum length.

o. Camp Beauregard. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. No hunting in Restricted Areas. Swimming in Twin Lakes prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Area closed: to all except youth deer hunters second full weekend in November.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: second full weekend in Nov., either-sex on designated portion of the WMA.

(c). Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

(d). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station. Second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, self-clearing permit.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside, except closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. to last day of Feb.

v. Fishing: special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

p. Clear Creek. Area Closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications.

Hunting blind reservations for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, mandatory deer check and Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after first either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Mon. after second Sat. of April for 21 days.

(b). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 2 days, second Sat. of April for 2 days.

(c). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex gun hunts and except spring squirrel season will be open first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

q. Dewey Wills. Area Closed: to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters during the Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal. High Water Benchmark Road Closures: Hunt Road (South of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal) and Muddy Bayou Road east of Nolan Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gauge reaches 45.0 ft. msl, and will reopen when water levels recede to 43.0 ft. msl, and Muddy Bayou Road west of the intersection of Nolan Bayou Road and Sandy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gauge reaches 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 ft. msl.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Physically Challenged and Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to Physically Challenged and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all.

(c). Youth Lottery: first Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, first Sat. of Jan. for 2 days except when Jan. 1 falls on one of those days, then there will be no hunt that weekend, second Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and third Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Pineville Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit. No hunting allowed in the greentree impoundment or within 100 feet of the greentree levee if duck season is in progress.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms (Bucks Only): second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area during the either-sex firearm hunt except waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment and Catahoula Basin during the firearm either-sex season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to the last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive). On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside. Catahoula Basin: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 2 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season except for the Catahoula Basin buffer zone, which will remain open to motorized vessels year-round for recreation and navigation.

iv. Raccoon

(a). Nighttime: day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

(b). Nighttime Chase only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

v. Crawfish: limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

vi. Larto Tracts: all season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, except deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles, including ATVs, are prohibited.

r. Elbow Slough

i. Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during first and second split of the outside season, and except by lottery only opening Sat. and second Sat. of first 8 days of first split. Applications available at Pineville office and online. Contact Pineville office for details.

ii. Rabbit: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

iii. Crawfish: March-July. Limit: 100 lbs. per person per day. Recreational crawfishing only. No traps or nets left overnight.

iv. Woodcock: same as outside.

v. All other seasons closed. Non-toxic (minimum size #6) shot only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

s. Elm Hall. ATVs/UTVs prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

(b). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

(c). Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(d). Primitive Firearms: next to last Sat. in Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearm seasons for deer, beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the close of primitive firearms to the end of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

t. Flatwoods Savanna.

i. Deer: same as outside, archery only, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

u. Floy Ward McElroy. Access restricted. Contact Monroe Wildlife Field Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

i. Deer: limit 1 deer per participant per weekend for all hunts.

(a). Youth Lottery: second weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. except when either of those days falls on Dec. 24 or 25, then it will be the third weekend of Dec., and second consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan., either-sex. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

(b). Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Lottery Deer Hunt: first weekend in Dec. Hunt restricted to those that have successfully completed the Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deer Management Course. Must be Hunter Education certified. Contact LDWF Education Section, 318-343-1241, for more information.

v. Fort Polk North. Self-clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Check LDWF Hunting Pamphlet for information on open areas and special ATV regulations. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures. Magnet fishing is prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex except restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, self-clearing permit required.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, self-clearing permit, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. "Hunter orange" or "blaze pink" must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

w. Fort Polk-Vernon. Self-clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Check LDWF Hunting Pamphlet for information on open areas and special ATV regulations. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles Office for details and applications. Hunting blind reservations for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below. Magnet fishing is prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex. Special Archery regulations for Archery Only Area, check locally at Building 2396 on 22nd St., either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, self-clearing permit required.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days self-clearing permit, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. "Hunter orange" or "blaze pink" must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

v. Fishing: special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

x. Grassy Lake. Area Closed: To all except Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends for 12 days and Monday after firearms buck only season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Sport Fishing: same as outside except allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, and except allowed after 10 a.m. during early Teal Season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

v. Commercial Fishing: permitted except on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from Lafayette Field Office.

vi. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days, day after primitive firearms season ends for 12 days, and day after bucks only firearm season ends to the last day of Feb.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 pounds per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

y. Hutchinson Creek

i. Deer:

same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

(a). Youth: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting first Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon: second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

z. J. C. Sonny Gilbert. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

- (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
- (b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.
- (c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit.
- (d). Firearms Bucks Only: first Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.
- (e). Primitive Firearms: day after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days.
- ii. Turkey
 - (a). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, with three consecutive 3-day hunts.
 - (b). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days, except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.
 - iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearms seasons for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.
 - iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.
 - v. Sport Fishing: restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.
- aa. John Franks
 - i. Deer
 - (a). Archery Only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
 - ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel Sat. before Christmas to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.
 - bb. Joyce. Swamp Walk: closed from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.
- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.
 - (b). Youth: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.
 - (c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit.
 - (d). Firearms bucks only: third Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.
 - (e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): second Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days.
 - ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.
 - (a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
 - iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb.
 - iv. Crawfish: limited to 100 pounds per person per day.
- cc. Lake Boeuf. Self-clearing permit required for all activities. Self-clearing permit available at Theriot Canal boat

- landing off LA 308. All nighttime activities prohibited except that hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. and must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified. ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited.
- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15
 - (b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31
- ii. Waterfowl: same as outside.
- iii. Small Game: first day of Nov. to the last day of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season from the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited November and December.
- dd. Lake Ramsey. All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads and designated parking areas.
- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
- ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 16 days, except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.
 - (a). Youth: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.
- iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.
- iv. Foot traffic only—all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads, except ATVs allowed for hunters retrieving downed deer or feral hogs.
- v. Bird Dog Training Area: open all year except closed during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.
- ee. Little River
 - i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
 - (b). Firearms Bucks Only: last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.
 - (c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.
 - ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 16 days, except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.
 - iii. Raccoon
 - (a). Nighttime: Mon. after second Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.
 - (b). Nighttime Chase Only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.
 - iv. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.
 - (a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
 - v. Crawfish: March-July. Limit: 100 pounds per person per day. Recreational crawfishing only. No traps or nets left overnight.
 - ff. Loggy Bayou. Limited Use Area: small game and waterfowl same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

iv. Commercial Fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

kk. Pearl River. Shooting range: Self-clearing permit not required but all range users must obtain a daily check in validation slip at the range upon sign-in at the range. For dates, time or more information call 985-643-3938 or www.honeyisland.org. No loaded firearms or hunting within 100 yards of Boardwalk. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90 will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Area Closed to all hunters except Youth Hunters during Youth deer hunt.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: first Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: two Sats. prior to Thanksgiving for 7 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 2 days.

(b). Youth: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms deer seasons, youth deer hunts and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive).

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Waterfowl: same as outside except no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and except closed Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, and during youth deer hunt north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

vi. Crawfish: commercial crawfishing prohibited. Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

ll. Pointe-Aux-Chenes. All nighttime activities prohibited except that hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. and must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified. Possession of more than one daily limit of fish/crab/shrimp while on the WMA is prohibited. Self-clearing permits available at Island Road Boat Launch, Grand Bayou Boat Launch and at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle

School. Parking of vehicles on levees prohibited. Vessels/Vehicles: All boats powered by internal combustion engines having total horsepower above 25 Hp are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Cutoff Canal, Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal, and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by LDWF. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited. Fishing, crabbing, cast netting or any other activities or trespassing on water control structures are prohibited.

i. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16-March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs. All Point-aux-Chenes Property except Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas

ii. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15.

(b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Feb. 15.

(c). Firearms (bucks only): Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and second Sat. of Dec. for 7 days.

iii. Waterfowl: same as outside.

iv. Small Game: same as outside except closed during bucks only firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season from the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October through December.

v. Recreational Fishing: the harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All cast net contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

vi. Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs. per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs. per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

vii. Oyster Harvesting Prohibited.

viii. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

ix. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. No drop net is allowed to be left unattended at any time. A maximum of 12 drop nets may be possessed/attended per boat or vehicle. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

x. Crawfish: may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs. per person per day. Gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

xi. Point Farm Unit (Pointe-aux-Chenes). An approximately 1300-acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School, the Point Farm levee and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA

boundary, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all Saturdays during the month of February, weather permitting. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Except for mourning dove hunting, (provided for below) all other hunting closed until after the last day of youth deer hunts. Area closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open. Limited Use Area: archery only, firearms prohibited. See WMA map for specific location.

(a). Deer

(i). Youth Lottery (either-sex): first Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, daily youth hunt permit required. Call the Lafayette Field Office, Coastal WMAs, 337-735-8720 for details.

(ii). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Jan. 14.

(b). Waterfowl: closed.

(c). Small Game: same as outside, except closed until the day after the last youth deer hunt day and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season from the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October and November. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

(d). Mourning Dove: hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (AFTER the last youth deer hunt day). Gates will be opened on Saturdays during the first and second segments, weather permitting, except during waterfowl season and Youth Deer Hunt weekends. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

mm. Pomme de Terre. Area Closed: to all except Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days and the third Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: fourth Sat. of April for 9 days.

(a). Youth: third Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunt for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends for 12 days and Monday after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.-day before last Sat. of Oct., Mon. after Thanksgiving for 12 days, and Mon. after primitive firearms season for 12 days and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from Lafayette Field Office.

vi. Sport Fishing: same as outside except allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, and except allowed after 10 a.m. during early Teal Season.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

nn. Richard K. Yancey. Area closed on that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. The remainder of the WMA is open to all users.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Lottery: third and fourth Sat. of Dec. except if the fourth Sat. is Christmas Day, then the hunt will be the second and third Sat. of Dec. and the first and second Sat. in Jan. except when the first Sat. of Jan. is New Year's Day then the hunt will be the second and third Sat. of Jan., either-sex.

(c). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms (Either-Sex): second Saturday in December for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during the either-sex firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive). On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside.

iv. Quail: closed.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

vi. Crawfish: recreational crawfishing allowed west of the Mississippi River Levee only Mar. 15 to July 31, recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvested limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

vii. Sport Fishing and Commercial Fishing: same as outside except closed from 30 minutes before sunrise until 2 p.m. on: Grand Bay, Silver Lake, Lower Sunk Lake, Lac A' Sostien, and Moreau Lake during open waterfowl seasons,

except during early Teal Season, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

oo. Russell Sage. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days South of I-20 only to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities. Wham Brake: closed to all motorized vessels 14 days prior to opening day of duck and teal seasons, excluding youth and Veteran days. Also closed to all motorized vessels during waterfowl season splits, and September 1-Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 2 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season. Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Highway 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl Season. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only, except deer hunting restricted to archery only, and except small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited. Wham Brake Area: Waterfowl hunting open during either-sex deer season.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: second Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e) Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Nov. for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms deer seasons, except Wham Brake area, South Bosco Tract and Pintail Alley area will remain open during either-sex firearms deer seasons, and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive). On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): first Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.

iv. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

pp. Sabine. Area Closed: to all activities third Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but Youth Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: third Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: fourth Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: day after primitive firearm season to day before Thanksgiving Day. First Sat. of December for 9 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after the fourth Sat. in Oct. for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: second Fri. of April for 3 days, fourth Fri. of April for 3 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

qq. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east. Self-clearing permits required for hunters only. Area Closed: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Same as Area 8 Deer Season except still hunt only.

(b). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(c). Youth: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from third Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.

rr. Salvador/Timken. Self-clearing permit required for all activities. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche, Bayou Segnette State Park landings, and at Airboat Adventures in Lafitte. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited. Use of mud boats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. AREA Closed: During the month of October to all activities except fishing, Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the latter is provided for.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (either-sex): Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
(b). Youth (either-sex): Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each except when the last Sat. is the 31st in which case the season will be the first four Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each, either-sex.

(c). Firearms (either-sex): Fri. before Thanksgiving for 3 days.

(d). Firearms (bucks only): Mon. before Thanksgiving Day for 28 days.

(e). Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): day after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

ii. Waterfowl: same as outside.
iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed October through December. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. through last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16-March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

v. Recreational Fishing: the harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

vi. Shrimp: may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs. per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs. per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All cast net contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

vii. Fish: may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes.

viii. Crabs: may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

ix. Crawfish: may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs. per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

x. Experimental Nighttime Activity Season

(a). 12 a.m., June 1 through official sunrise Aug. 15. Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of 50 frogs per vessel in aggregate (bull frogs/pig frogs). If engaged in frogging on or while traversing the WMA, all frogs in possession will be deemed to have been taken from the WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water.

(b). Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs). Bull frogs harvested must be 5 inches or larger. Pig frogs harvested must be 3 inches or larger.

(c). Check out portion of self-clearing permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participation in any experimental nighttime activity is prohibited.

ss. Sandy Hollow. No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Hammond office (985-543-4777). Area Closed: North tract closed to all hunters first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Blind: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Hammond Office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

(a). Youth/Physically Challenged: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(b). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and third Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, fourth Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, and the first Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 16 days, except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days and Youth/Physically Challenged hunt, and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-Aug. 31.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Mourning Dove: first day and second Sat. through end of first split. Closed remainder of first split. Second and third splits are same as outside except Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment. Hunt restricted to youths younger than 18 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

vi. Bird Dog Training: Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., except restricted to that portion north of Verberne Road, and east of Atherton Road (see WMA map), and except blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

vii. Bird Dog Training Area: an area has been designated to allow use of released birds for dog training purposes. Open all year except closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season and opening weekend of the first segment of dove season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

viii. Bird Dog Field Trials: permit required from Hammond Office.

ix. Horseback Riding: Self-clearing permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails (see WMA map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances prohibited.

tt. Sherburne. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all hunters except to Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters and South Farm closed to all hunters except youth lottery deer hunters. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Restricted Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lafayette or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by

reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons as listed below. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Hunting Restricted Area: Access restricted. Call Lafayette or Baton Rouge Offices for further details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA as depicted on the WMA map. No hunting will be allowed on South Farm except specified lottery hunts, and except open migratory game bird hunting will be allowed during early teal season, statewide youth and veteran waterfowl seasons, and any open goose seasons that occur after the close of duck season.

- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.
 - (b). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, all other seasons closed, self-clearing permit.
 - (c). Youth Lottery: last Sat. and Sun. of Oct., fourth Mon. of Dec., and first and second Sun. of Jan. except no hunt on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, either-sex. Contact Lafayette office, 337-262-2080 for details and applications.
 - (d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, mandatory deer check and Sun. after Thanksgiving, self-clearing permit, and second Sat. after Thanksgiving for 2 days, self-clearing permit.
 - (e). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.
 - (f). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 3 days.
 - ii. Turkey: closed.
 - iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms deer seasons and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive). On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside.
 - (a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
 - iv. Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, and Gallinules: same as outside except closed during Firearms Either-Sex Deer and except hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except no hunting in Restricted Area.
 - (a). Youth Waterfowl Lottery: hunting by pre-application lottery only.
 - (b). General Waterfowl Lottery: hunting by pre-application lottery only.
 - v. Quail: closed.
 - vi. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.
 - vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

viii. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

ix. Bird Dog Training Area: Open to bird dog training all year except closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season, and opening weekend of first and second segments of dove season.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings within/adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

uu. Soda Lake

i. Deer

(a). Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: portion west of Twelve Mile Bayou same as outside, falconry only and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, Falconry only. Portion east of Twelve Mile Bayou open same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel Sat. before Christmas to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

vv. Spring Bayou. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters. No hunting allowed in Headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Youth: third Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except small game closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Waterfowl to remain open during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Commercial Fishing: gill nets and trammel nets 3.5 inches and greater permitted from close of waterfowl seasons to last day of Feb., via permit only, issued from the Lafayette Field Office.

vi. Sport Fishing: same as outside except only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, except during early Teal Season, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day.

ww. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. Self-clearing permits required for all activities. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

i. Deer: same as outside.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

(a). Youth: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

xx. Thistlethwaite. Restricted Area: small game hunting allowed with shotgun only loaded with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel. Deer hunting allowed by archery only. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, except to Youth Deer Hunters. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, first Saturday of Dec. for 9 days, and fourth Saturday of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Either-Sex Firearm hunt in Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. in Nov. for 2 days and Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting February 1-28.

yy. Tunica Hills. Area Closed Fri. through Sun. before opening day of statewide turkey season except youth turkey hunters and remain closed through the first nine days of the statewide turkey season except for turkey hunters. Area Closed: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters. Camping limited to tents only in designated areas.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, Oct. 16-Jan. 31, either-sex, Feb. 1-15, bucks only.

(b). Youth Hunt: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing permit, either-sex, third Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, except when there are 5 Sats. in Dec. then it will open on the fourth Sat. of Dec., the initial Sat. and Sun. either-sex, the remaining 7 days bucks only, self-clearing permit.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except 10 days when opening day of statewide season is on Good Friday.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during Youth Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting third Saturday of Oct. for 7 days and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area (South Tract Only), training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

zz. Walnut Hill

i. Deer: same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

iii. Small Game: same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.-Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon: second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

aaa. West Bay. Area Closed: next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Limited Use Area: small game same as outside except shotgun only and deer hunting—Archery only. See WMA map for specific location. PCHP Limited Use Area (PCHP Wheelchair Bound Hunting Area): Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer season listed below.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, mandatory deer check and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, self-clearing.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after first either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 2 days, second Sat. of April for 2 days, third Sat. of April for 2 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms deer seasons and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 to last

day of Feb. except the use of dogs prohibited during any open firearms season for deer (modern or primitive).

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

18. Other Areas

a. Camp Avondale Scout Reservation

i. Deer

(a). Firearms Either-sex: second Sat. in Nov. for 3 days. Restricted to scout program.

19. U.S. Forest Service Areas

a. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF)

i. Vehicles

(a). Motorized travel off designated roads and trails and outside designated areas is prohibited on the entire KNF. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) showing designated roads and trails and associated vehicles and travel seasons are available in all Forest Service offices and on the Kisatchie website (www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie).

(b). ATV/UTV (50" maximum width); operation is prohibited on public roads and road right of way. Use is allowed on Forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Use is prohibited in some campsites and recreation areas; see bulletin boards for additional information. (Also see MVUM)

(c). Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. ATV/UTV travel is allowed between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset.

(d). Game retrieval with an ATV/UTV is only allowed along specifically designated 300-foot corridors (see MVUM).

(e). Camping corridors for highway legal vehicles to drive within 100 feet of the road and camp are designated on the Caney District and in the National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve.

ii. Firearms

(a). Hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited as follows:

(i). In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area;

(ii). Across/on/from a National Forest System Road (NFSR) legally open to motorized use;

(iii). Across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such a discharge;

(iv). Hunting within 50 feet of any NFSR.

(b). It is prohibited to possess a firearm having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip (when attached to a firearm), or crossbow cocked and in the ready position in or on any type vehicle while on KNF.

(c). All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.

(d). Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, Federal Law

Enforcement Officers, holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state, who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations, may possess firearms while on KNF lands, provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purposes.

(e). The following cannot be carried while hunting on KNF lands except during modern and primitive deer seasons.

(i). centerfire rifles;

(ii). break-action centerfire and bolt-action centerfire handguns;

(iii). scoped centerfire handguns;

(iv). shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.

iii. Hunter Orange: LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange and blaze pink apply.

iv. General: Hunting or discharging a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, across/on a NFSR legally open to motorized use, across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such discharge, is prohibited.

v. Hunting General

(a). Deer Bag Limit: one per day up to the statewide seasonal limit.

(b). All deer hunting is still-hunting only.

(c). All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.

(d). Hunting stand, blind, tripod, baiting, spot-lighting, etc. regulations applicable to LDWF WMAs are in effect on KNF (unless otherwise specified, refer to "Methods of Taking Game" section of the LDWF WMA Regulations) excluding the "Bag Limit" section and "Horses and Mules" section.

(e). Hunting from a permanent stand prohibited. Placing or leaving a temporary stand limited to 24 hours.

(f). The training of deer dogs is prohibited year-round.

(g). LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply for all KNF lands except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed (excluding those portions of the Vernon Unit within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).

(h). LDWF WMA regulations for using dogs on leash to recover downed deer are in effect on KNF (unless otherwise specified, refer to "Dogs" section of the LDWF WMA Regulations). No dogs allowed to hunt deer or hogs.

vi. Archery Deer Hunting

(a). Either-sex deer may be taken at any time by archers during the archery season except when bucks-only firearms seasons are in progress on KNF (archers must hunt only bucks during bucks-only firearm seasons).

(b). Archers must adhere to the full hunter orange requirements during any firearm season for deer.

(c). Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA): Same as outside.

(d). Catahoula (Grant and Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant and Natchitoches Parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and Caney Range District (Webster and Claiborne Parishes): same as outside (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

vii. Firearms for Deer Hunting (excludes the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves)

(a). Catahoula (Grant and Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant and Natchitoches Parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and the Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).

(b). Youth only, either-sex, same as outside, still hunt only; LDWF regulations for hunter orange apply.

(c). Primitive Firearms, either-sex: next to last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the next to last Sat. of Oct., Sat. after close of Dec. firearms bucks only hunt for 2 days, still hunt only.

(d). Firearms, either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the last Sat. of Oct., Fri. after Thanksgiving, still hunt only.

(e). Firearms, bucks only: Sat. after the last Sat. of Oct. through Thanksgiving, Sat. after Thanksgiving through Sun. after Thanksgiving, second Sat. of Dec. for 16 days, still hunt only.

viii. Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne Parishes): same as outside including Youth Only Hunt and Primitive Firearms (Area 2) except still hunt only. Either-sex entire season.

ix. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 23 days except season will open for 24 days when statewide season opens Good Friday (on all ranger districts except the Caney Ranger District); Caney Ranger District: opening day of statewide season for 16 days except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

x. Turkey Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days (on all Ranger Districts except Vernon Unit lands within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).

xi. Other seasons on entire KNF (See Catahoula/Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve section for additional information)

(a). Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail and Migratory Game Birds: same dates and bag limits as outside except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Youth squirrel: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

(b). Waterfowl: same as outside except waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m. If hunting on Corney Lake (Caney Ranger District), a permit (free of charge) is required for the use of a duck blind on the lake.

(c). Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos and Beavers: may be taken during daylight hours only, on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with weapons legal for that hunt.

(d). Fox (chase only), Raccoons, Opossums (nighttime, chase only): may be hunted during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 1 through Feb. 28 unless otherwise

stated. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, two per person per day, except during the trapping season when there shall be no limit. (Please see Louisiana Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information. Also please see "Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons" section below for exceptions).

(e). Bobcat and Nutria: LDWF regulations apply.

(f). Crows: may be taken Sept. 1 through Jan. 1 only.

(g). Fishing: LDWF state creel limits apply (See Louisiana Fishing Regulations pamphlet for additional information).

(h). Trapping: see LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information.

(i). Hunting Dog Usage: Hunting dog usage during deer firearm seasons (only for KNF areas outside the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves): hunting dogs that are legal for hunting species other than deer, and that stay within voice-command distance of handler are allowed during deer gun hunts. Hunting dogs that range beyond voice-command distance of handler are prohibited during deer gun hunts. The training of deer or hog dogs is prohibited year-round. Hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable.

(j). Hunting-dog training: March 1 through Sept. 30 (except all dogs prohibited during turkey hunting season), allowed only in the following circumstances: dogs are within voice-command distance of handler; dogs are participating in nighttime raccoon chases mentioned above; dogs are participating in licensed events conducted by nationally recognized kennel clubs (KNF permit required-contact Forest Supervisor's office); dogs are under close control of hikers; and any dog on a leash. No firearms allowed while training dogs. Hunting-dog training prohibited in Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.

(k). Bird Dog Training Area: only that portion of the Vernon Unit known as the "dove field". Bird dogs may be trained year-round except closed during turkey season. Permit required from LDWF to use pen-raised quail.

(l). Hunting-Dog Nighttime Chase Only: (All breeds allowed, no deer dogs or hog dogs). May 1 through Sept. 30, Tuesdays and Fridays only. No firearms allowed. Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. Hunting-dog nighttime chase is prohibited in the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves during this period.

xii. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves (NWMP). Owner: U.S. Forest Service: Catahoula NWMP – 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn Parishes; Red Dirt NWMP – 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish.

(a). Season Permit required for hunting, fishing and/or trapping on the preserve; for a permit or to get additional information contact the Forest Supervisor's Office, Winn, Catahoula or Kisatchie Ranger District offices or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kisatchie/recreation/hunting>. In

addition to the Season Permit, a Self-Clearing Daily Permit is required for all hunters during all deer gun hunts and turkey hunts. The Self-Clearing Daily Permits will be available at the main check stations, hunter-camps within the NWMPs, Kisatchie, Winn and Catahoula district offices, and at the Forest Supervisor's Office. Permits are free of charge. The self-clearing permit consists of two portions: check-in and check-out. The check-in portion must be completed and put in the permit box before each hunt on the day of the hunt. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the NWMP and must be completed and put in the permit box immediately at the end of the day's hunt. Hunters can also check in/check out electronically through the LDWF WMA Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web Portal. Users that check in by electronic means are required to possess proof of check in and must check out within 24 hours. Note: When mandatory deer checks are specified (see below), all hunters must check deer at the NWMPs main check stations.

(b). Hunting with Dogs: hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season, and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable. No training of dogs in the NWMPs outside of pertinent seasons.

(c). Select Prohibitions: additional information and prohibitions are provided on Season Permit for the NWMPs.

(d). Deer

(i). Archery Season: same as Area 2. Archers are required to check harvested deer at the main check station during the mandatory deer check days, see dates below.

(ii). Youth Only Hunt, Either-Sex: same as outside, still hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required.

(iii). Physically Challenged Hunt, Either-Sex: second Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the second Sat. of Oct., still hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required; hunters must also have in possession a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunters Permit.

(iv). Primitive Firearms, Either-Sex: next to last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the next to last Sat. of Oct., still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

(v). Firearms, Either-Sex: last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the last Sat. of Oct., and Fri. after Thanksgiving, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

(vi). Firearms, Bucks Only: Sat. after Thanksgiving through Sun. after Thanksgiving, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required.

(e). Turkey

(i). Opening day of statewide season for 23 days except season will open for 24 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(ii). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

(f). Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock and Waterfowl (without dogs): all seasons same as outside (unless otherwise stated) except closed during deer firearm hunts. Consult LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information. No spring squirrel season.

(g). Youth Squirrel: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

(h). Squirrel/Rabbit (with dogs): first Sat. of Jan. through last day of Feb.

(i). Quail (with dogs): same as outside.

(j). Raccoon/Opossum (non-dog season/daylight hours): may be taken by properly licensed hunter as incidental take with gear legal for the season in progress.

(k). Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): first Sat. of Jan. through last day of Feb.

(l). Fishing: closed to fishing during deer gun hunts.

20. Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge: Owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9,028 acres within St. Mary Parish

a. Deer

i. Archery: same as outside, except closed during youth and firearms deer seasons, limit one deer per day.

ii. Youth Firearms: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, limit one deer per day; Mitigation Unit closed.

iii. Firearms: last full weekend including Fri. in Nov., either-sex, limit one deer per day; Mitigation Unit closed.

b. Small Game: same as outside, except closed during youth and firearms deer seasons; Franklin Unit closed.

c. Waterfowl: same as outside except closed after 12 noon, and except closed during firearms deer season; Franklin Unit closed.

21. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Areas

a. Bonnet Carre' Spillway: The use and/or possession of firearms is prohibited in the ARCHERY-ONLY area. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while in possession of a firearm.

i. Vehicles. Motorized Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles: all motorized vehicles, including automobiles, ATVs and motorcycles are restricted to designated roads and trails. ATVs must be operated under a valid permit from Spillway Office, be brought in to the area by vehicle or trailer, off loaded in parking areas and may only be operated on designated trails. Vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Blocking gates or roads with a vehicle or ATV is prohibited. ATVs are not allowed off designated trails. The use of ATVs outside of the ATV area without a permit is strictly prohibited, No Exceptions! Designated trails are open from 5 a.m. until two hours after sunset.

ii. Firearms. The possession of firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons are prohibited except during designated area hunts. Hunters must have firearms unloaded at all times while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, horse, bicycle and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Loaded weapons are not allowed within 100 feet of designated ATV trails, foot trails, and roads; or within 100 yards of designated parking areas. Loaded is defined as shells or cartridges in the gun's chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms or

crossbows cocked and in the ready position, or caps on muzzleloader.

iii. Deer: All users except waterfowl hunters must display a total of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during the open gun hunts for deer. Hunter orange must be worn the entire time while in the field.

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15.

(b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Feb. 15, UNLESS a bucks only season is in progress.

(c). Shotgun (either-sex): Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

(d). Shotgun (bucks only): Sat. before Christmas for 16 days.

(e). Youth (either-sex): last Sat. in Oct. for 2 days. Additional permit required from Spillway office.

iv. Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: same as outside. Shotgun only. Hunting waterfowl after 12 p.m. (noon) prohibited. During shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only. Dove hunting zone is the South Zone. Waterfowl hunting zone is the East Zone. Squirrel and Rabbit: hunting with dogs not allowed north of US 61 during shotgun season for deer.

v. Armadillos, Beaver, Feral Hogs, Nutria, and Coyote: may be taken incidental to any Spillway hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

b. Indian Bayou Area. Additional Permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, phone (337) 585-0853 or visit the project website <https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/> (then click on Atchafalaya Basin). All hunting shall be still hunting only, except as otherwise specified.

i. Deer: daily limit on deer is one per day. Antler Deer Point Restriction: A legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only. Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: fourth Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex, no antler restrictions, mandatory deer check. All other seasons CLOSED.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, first Sat. of Dec. for 2 days. Mandatory deer check.

(d). Primitive Firearms Either-sex: second Fri. of Dec. for 3 days.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, mandatory deer check.

(f). Deer Youth Lottery: third Sat. of Nov., third Sat. of Dec., Tues. after third Sat. of Dec.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: same as outside except CLOSED during Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt, and during Firearms Either-sex deer season (except waterfowl season will remain open during all deer gun hunts). Hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed second Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Youth squirrel hunt fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days, Mon. after second Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Special use permit required.

iv. Hogs, Coyote, Beaver, and Armadillos: may be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. All visitors except waterfowl hunters must display a total of 400 square inches "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during the open gun and primitive weapons season for deer. Hunters participating in dog seasons for rabbit, squirrels and woodcock must wear a minimum of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap. All hunters and archers (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters, also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during the special dog season for rabbits and squirrels. Consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Hunting Guide to Indian Bayou" brochure for additional posted restrictions.

v. Crawfishing: Commercial and recreational crawfishing is permitted from Oct. 1-Jan. 31 starting at 12 p.m. each day and all day from Feb. 1-July 31 with an additional annual permit required. A maximum limit of 500 traps for Commercial Crawfishing. All equipment left on the area (including traps) must also be tagged with the permit number issued. The permit is available Jan. 1. Call USACE Port Barre Office for more details, 337-585-0853 or visit www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/AtchafalayaBasin.aspx.

vi. Prohibited Activities:

(a). Possessing a loaded firearm while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, UTV, horse, bicycle and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Possessing a loaded weapon within 100 feet of a parking area or designated trail. Hunting or possessing loaded weapons within 100 feet of pipelines during deer gun and primitive weapon hunts. Hunting, possessing weapons, in any No Hunting Areas, except registered Wheelchair Bound Hunters within that designated area. See project map for locations. Loaded is defined as a firearm having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to the firearm or crossbow cocked and in the ready position. Target practicing or skeet shooting.

(b). Operation of motorized vehicles, which includes automobiles, ATVs, UTVs, electronic bicycles and motorcycles off specifically designated roads and trails as indicated on area map. Operating motorized vehicles on Physically Challenged trails while being under the age of 60 or without a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit issued by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Operating an ATV or UTV with a tire lug greater than one inch. Use of airboats.

(c). Camping, parking or mooring houseboats overnight.

(d). Hunting from a permanent blind or stand constructed of non-natural vegetation or held together by metallic fasteners. Natural vegetation is defined as natural branches that are two inches or less in diameter. Leaving personal property on project property overnight including tree stands, blinds, decoys and trail cameras, etc.

(e). Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait, salt or ingestible attractant while on project property. Feeding of any wildlife including alligators.

(f). Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers, standers and/or noise-making devices.

(g). Cutting trees, limbs or brush.

c. Old River Control and Lock Area: Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit: see brown box in front of Old River campground for *Old River Hunting and Trail Guide* or visit the Old River website www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Old-River-Control or call phone 225-492-2169. All hunters must have in their possession a picture ID and valid State Hunting License and a signed Corps of Engineers hunting permit. Use of DOGS is RESTRICTED during the deer season, except for duck hunting. Raccoon, rabbit and squirrel hunting with dogs are permitted after deer season, unless otherwise specified. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited. The possession of loaded weapons and the discharging of firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of designated roads, levees, and parking areas and 200 feet of water control structures and navigational locks.

i. Deer: all deer hunting shall be STILL HUNTING ONLY. Moving deer or hogs on Corps land with organized drivers and standers, or making use of noises or noise making devices is prohibited.

(a). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

(b). Muzzleloader (blackpowder only): second Sat. in December for 2 days. During the Muzzleloader season you may only use black powder weapons or archery equipment. Black powder weapons must use black powder or approved substitute only and must be loaded from the muzzle.

(c). Shotgun (either-sex): Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

(d). Shotgun (bucks only): last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(e). Youth (either-sex): 17 years and under: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: same as outside, except hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited, no firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire and except beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after Thanksgiving for 12 days and end of Shotgun bucks only to last day of Feb.

iv. Woodcock: same as outside except hunting with dogs prohibited.

v. Raccoon: day after Shotgun bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

vi. Hogs, Coyote, Beaver, and Nutria: may be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

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§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only adult gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers that have white barring all the way to the tip, tail feathers that are the same length, beard that is longer than 6 inches, or a spur that is at least ½-inch long. Properly licensed youth under 18 years of age may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) with a beard less than six inches per season. Any turkey harvested during the youth season are part of the season bag limit of two. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices, motorized decoys and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B. Tags

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Turkey tags may only be used by the hunter to whom the tag was issued. Hunters who allow their turkey tags to be used by another person, or who use tags issued to another person, are in violation of this Rule and are subject to fines and other administrative penalties, including, but not limited to, the automatic forfeiture of any remaining turkey tags for the

season for which they are issued. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to or electronically tag the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. If using carcass tags, the date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag, and the tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within 72 hours of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys electronically, calling the validation phone number, or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No pen-raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age shall have in their immediate possession a valid,

original youth license. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler (male turkey) per day may be taken and any gobbler (male turkey) taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Beauregard;
- ii. Bienville;
- iii. Bossier;
- iv. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- v. East Baton Rouge;
- vi. East Feliciana;
- vii. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

- viii. Jackson;
- ix. LaSalle;
- x. Lincoln;
- xi. Livingston;
- xii. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xiii. Sabine;
- xiv. St. Helena;
- xv. St. Tammany;
- xvi. Tangipahoa;
- xvii. Union;
- xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xix. Washington;
- xx. Webster
- xxi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);
- xxii. Winn.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen—north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;
- ii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;
- iii. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;
- iv. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;
- v. East Carroll—that portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

vii. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

viii. Madison—that portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

ix. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

x. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;

xi. Rapides—all west of Red River and north of LA 28 east from Pineville, LA east to LaSalle Parish line;

xii. Tensas—that portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

2. Area B

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caddo;
- ii. DeSoto;
- iii. Red River.

3. Area C

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Ascension;
- ii. Concordia;
- iii. Franklin;
- iv. Iberville;
- v. Pointe Coupee;
- vi. West Baton Rouge.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;

ii. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;

iii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;

iv. East Carroll—that portion east of the main line levee to the Mississippi River;

v. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;

vi. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80;

vii. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line and that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

viii. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

ix. Tensas—that portion west of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin; in addition, that area bounded on the North by LA 352; on the West by LA 349, to LA 3039, to LA 347, to the Catahoula Hwy. (LA 96), to LA 679, to LA 345; and on the south by LA 3242;

Exceptions: Indian Bayou area, see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2874 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2469 (November 2007), LR 35:91 (January 2009), LR 35:2478 (November 2009), LR 36:2581 (November 2010), LR 37:3535 (December 2011), LR 38:2941 (November 2012), LR 40:96 (January 2014), LR 40:1554 (August 2014), LR 41:977 (May 2015), LR 42:1127 (July 2016), LR 43:1426 (July 2017), LR 44:1303 (July 2018), LR 45:964 (July 2019), LR 46:988 (July 2020), LR 47:934 (July 2021), LR 48:1897 (July 2022), LR 49:1266 (July 2023), LR 50:422 (March 2024), LR 50:826 (June 2024), LR 51:861 (June 2025), LR 52:

§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one adult gobbler (male turkey). An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers that have white barring all the way to the tip, tail feathers that are the same length, beard that is longer than 6 inches, or a spur that is at least ½-inch long. Properly licensed youth under 18 years of age may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) with a beard less than six inches per season. Season limit is two gobblers (male turkey). Any turkey harvested during the youth season are part of the season bag limit. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open on the first Saturday in April. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. On those years when the first Saturday in April falls the day

before Easter, then the season will open the Friday before the first Saturday in April, and Area A turkey season will be 31 consecutive days in length, Area B turkey season will be 24 consecutive days in length, and Area C turkey season will be 17 consecutive days in length.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season. On those years when the weekend prior to the start of regular turkey seasons falls on Easter weekend, then the youth and physically challenged season will open on Good Friday.

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§117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	South Zone: Sept.5-Sept. 20 Oct. 17-Nov. 29 Dec. 12-Jan. 10 North Zone: Sept. 5-Sept. 27 Oct. 10-Nov. 15 Dec. 19-Jan. 17	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	6	18
Black-Bellied Whistling Duck	Oct. 3-Oct. 11	4	8
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 19-Sept. 27 Nov. 7-Jan. 6	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	Nov. 7-Jan. 6		
Gallinules	Sept. 19-Sept. 27 Nov. 7-Jan. 6	15	45
Snipe	Oct. 31-Jan. 10 Jan. 25-Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	West Zone: Nov. 7-Nov. 8 Youth and Veteran's only) Nov. 14-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Jan. 24 East Zone: Nov. 14 and Feb. 6 (Youth and Veteran's only) Nov. 21-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Jan. 31	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 females), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 black duck and 3 pintails (no more than 1 female). Only 1 scaup may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 2 per day allowed for the remainder. No mottled ducks may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 1 per day allowed for the remainder. Daily bag limit on coots is 15. Mergansers-The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers, in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	Three times the daily bag limit.
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese	East Zone: Nov. 14-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Feb. 7 West Zone: Nov. 14-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Feb. 7	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20. Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 3.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 9.
Canada Geese	East Zone: Nov. 14-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Feb. 7 West Zone: Nov. 14-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Feb. 7	1	3

B. Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	East Zone: Dec. 7-Dec. 18 Feb. 8-March 7 West Zone: Dec. 7-Dec. 18 Feb. 8-March 7	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.

C. Extended Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 21-Oct. 7	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.
Woodcock	Nov. 1-Dec. 17	
Rails and Gallinule	Oct. 31-Nov. 6 Jan. 7-Jan. 31	
Ducks	East Zone: Oct. 31-Nov. 20 Dec. 7-Dec. 18 West Zone: Oct. 31-Nov. 13 Dec. 7-Dec. 18 Jan. 25-Jan. 31	

D. Dove Hunting Regulations

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

2. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared-doves or Ringed Turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the aggregate bag.

3. The following boundary divides the dove season zones: beginning at the Texas-Louisiana border on LA Hwy. 12; thence east along LA Hwy 12 to its intersection with U.S. Hwy 190; thence east along U.S. Hwy 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10; then east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

E. Black-Bellied Whistling Duck Regulations. All hunters participating in the Black-Bellied Whistling Duck only season in October are required to have a free Black-Bellied Whistling Duck hunting permit from LDWF and are required to report Black-Bellied Whistling Duck hunter effort and harvest within 15 days of the Black-Bellied Whistling Duck season closure.

F. Snipe Hunting Regulations. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake recreation area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the conservation end at 2 p.m.

G. Conservation Order for light geese. Only snow, blue, and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order. Electronic calls and unplugged shotguns

allowed. No daily bag or possession limit. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

H. Canada Goose Season Closure. The Canada goose season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana described as follows: beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along LA Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River, from the Hwy 14 bridge southward, will also be closed.

I. Statewide Youth Waterfowl and Veterans Season Regulations.

1. Only youths 17 years of age or younger may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

2. Veterans refers to those persons who served in the active military, naval or air service who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans and active duty military personnel must possess a valid proof of service such as DD214 form, Active Military ID, Retired Military ID, Veterans Administration ID, or Veterans designation on their Driver's License as well as mandatory waterfowl license(s), HIP certification, and Federal duck stamp to participate on these hunt days.

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Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule is expected to have no known impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.2 through R.S. 49:965.8.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until March 5, 2026 to Dr. Jeff Duguay, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 or via e-mail to jduguay@wlf.la.gov.

Kevin Sagrera
Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: **Hunting Regulations for the 2026-2028 Seasons**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes have no anticipated impact on local governmental units.

The proposed rule changes do the following:

(1) Alters the possession limits for antlered deer in Area 1 from three antlered deer to two antlered deer and raises the possession limit for antlerless deer from four antlerless deer to five antlerless deer, but keeps the possession limit for all deer combined unchanged at six deer

(2) Adds two days of squirrel hunting by youth on private land

(3) Adds nine days of archery hunting for antlered bucks with or without velvet within chronic wasting disease (CWD) areas

(4) Replaces references to Esler Field, Fort Johnson-North, and Fort Johnson-Vernon with Camp Beauregard, Fort Polk-North and Fort Polk-Vernon, respectively'

(5) Allows disabled veteran licensees and other properly licensed disabled hunters to hunt with any legal weapon during primitive firearms season

(6) Allows the increased removal of edible wild greens on wildlife management areas (WMA) to give gallons per day

(7) Removes prohibition on the removal of vegetation on nature trails

(8) Changes the closure of duck hunting on most WMAs from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon

(9) Reduces the primitive firearms season on the Bayou Macon from nine days beginning the third Saturday of December to seven days beginning the Monday after firearms season for deer of either sex

(8) Adds waterfowl sanctuary on the Biloxi WMA, Boeuf WMA, and the Russell Sage WMA which will be closed to all public access between November 1st and the final days of the Conservation Order of Light Geese season

(9) Adds two of days of squirrel hunting for youth on the Boeuf WMA

(10) Adds rules for hunting deer, turkey, small game, waterfowl, and raccoon on the newly established Bogue Chitto WMA and the Flatwoods Savannah WMA

(11) Adds two days of turkey hunting for youth on the Hutchinson Creek WMA and Lake Ramsey WMA

(12) Converts the youth lottery for turkey on the J.C. Sonny Gilbert WMA to a standard turkey hunter for youth

(13) Adds the Cutoff Canal to the list of accessible waterways on the Pointe aux Chenes WMA

(14) Adds two days of primitive firearms deer hunting on the Pomme de Terre WMA

(15) Alters descriptions of Small Game rules on the Pearl River WMA, Richard K. Yancey WMA, Russell Sage WMA, and West Bay WMA

(16) Opens the Tangipahoa Parish School Board WMA to turkey hunting for youth for two days on the Saturday and Sunday before the opening of the statewide turkey hunting season

(17) Moves the opening of the primitive firearms deer hunting season on the Tunica Hills WMA from the second Saturday in December to the third Saturday in December in most years and beginning the fourth Saturday in December in years with five Saturdays in December

(18) Adjusts dates for mourning doves, white winged doves, Eurasian and collared doves, teal, king rails, clapper rails, Sora rails, Virginia rails, and gallinules for variations in the calendar

(19) Establishes an eight-day season for black-bellied whistling ducks in early October with a bag limit of four ducks and a possession limit of eight ducks

(20) Adjusts dates for the first split and second splits in the east zone and west zone for ducks, coots, and mergansers, light geese (snow, blue, and Ross'), white fronted geese, and Canada geese

(21) Adjusts dates for the Conservation Order season or light geese (snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese)

(22) Adjusts dates for the falconry season for mourning doves, white winged doves, Eurasian doves, and collared doves

(23) Requires hunters participating in the black-bellied whistling ducks only season to possess a complimentary Black-Bellied Whistling Duck Hunting Permit and to report hunter effort and harvest data within 15 days of the closure of the season

(24) Clarifies the rules regarding legal antlered deer, charter fishing guides on wildlife management areas (WMA), commercial fishing on certain WMA, clarifies the rule closing turkey season on the Alexander State Forest, small game hunting rules on the Big Lake WMA and the Boeuf WMA, small game hunting on the Dewey Wills WMA, the area supervisor for the Spring Bayou Headquarters on the Grassy Lake WMA and the Pomme de Terre WMA, the telephone number for the Pointe aux Chenes WMA, game hunting on the Sandy Hollow WMA, the Small Game Emphasis Area and the rifle and pistol range on the Sherburne WMA, and turkey hunting season on the Tunica Hills WMA

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are expected to have no effect on revenue collections of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) or other state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The addition of eight days of turkey hunting opportunities for youth hunters may result in an increase in hunting costs for young hunters or their parents.

The proposed establishment of two WMA may result in an increase in hunting and fishing costs associated with the increase in activities that may be expected to occur on the properties.

The proposed establishment of an eight-day season for black-bellied whistling ducks may result in an increase in hunting costs associated with the increase in duck hunting activities.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rules change may have a minor positive effect on competition or employment.

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Administrative Code Update

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XV.126		Amended	Jan.	26	LXV.109		Amended	Jan.	34	
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XXI.1705		Amended	Nov.	1820	LXXIX.107,121,123,1303,1903,2107,2109		Amended	Dec.	2053	
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		I.553,555,557,559,561,563,565,567,569	Amended	Mar.	366	CXV.326,2316		Adopted	Dec.	2053
		I.5301,5303,5305,5307,5309,5311,5313,5315	Adopted	Dec.	2101	CXV.331,332		Amended	Dec.	2066
		VII.101,103,105,107	Adopted	Jan.	33	CXV.333,337,1107,1135,1143		Amended	Jan.	48
19	I.101,103,301,303,305,501	Repealed	Dec.	2108	CXV.339,519,1117,1127,1141,1301,1302		Amended	Jan.	54	
	II.101,105,107,111,113,115,117,301	Amended	Nov.	1863	CXV.353		Adopted	Jan.	54	
	III.101,301,501,503,505,507,509,511,513,515	Repealed	Dec.	2105	CXV.1119		Amended	Oct.	1577	
	III.517,519,521,523,701,703,901,903,905,907	Repealed	Dec.	2105	CXV.1129,1304		Repealed	Jan.	54	
	III.909,911,913,1101,1103,1105,1107,1301	Repealed	Dec.	2105	CXV.1155		Adopted	Jan.	48	
	III.1303,1501,1503,1505,1507,1509,1511,1513	Repealed	Dec.	2105	CXV.1303,1307,1309,2303,2305		Amended	Jan.	54	
	III.1515,1517,1701,1703,1705,1707,1901,1903	Repealed	Dec.	2105	CXV.1315,2302,2318,2319,2324		Amended	Jan.	48	
	III.1905,1907,1909,2101,2103,2301	Repealed	Dec.	2105	CXV.1319		Amended	Jan.	34	
	I.340	Amended	Dec.	2113	CXV.1319		Repealed	Dec.	2053	
	I.303	Amended	Oct.	1681	CXV.1701,2101,2103,2302,2303,2305,2317		Amended	Dec.	2053	
22	I.323	Amended	Nov.	1866	CXV.2317		Amended	Aug.	1128	
	I.341	Amended	Oct.	1667	CXV.2318,2319,3113		Amended	Dec.	2053	
	I.405	Amended	Feb.	301	CXXI.1103,1303		Amended	Sep.	1343	
	V.201,203,204,205,209,211	Amended	Feb.	292	CXXXI.101,301,303,507,531,537,543,1315		Amended	Feb.	271	
	V.211	Amended	Dec.	2080	CXXXI.305,307,309,311,313,315,317,319		Repealed	Feb.	271	
	XI.510	Amended	Dec.	2081	CXXXI.321,323,325,327,329,331,333,335		Repealed	Feb.	271	
25	XI.1601,1602,1603,1604,1605,1606	Adopted	Dec.	2081	CXXXI.337,339,341,343,345,347		Repealed	Feb.	271	
	IX.101,303,305,307,308,309,313,321,331	Amended	Mar.	360	CXXXI.507,1315		Amended	Aug.	1129	
28	IX.500,501,502,503,504,505,506,507	Amended	Mar.	360	CXXXI.507,1505		Amended	Dec.	2048	
	I.501	Amended	Feb.	292	CXXXI.1373,1375		Adopted	Feb.	271	
	I.503,505	Amended	Jan.	34	CXXXVII.101,301,303,305,307,309,311		Repealed	Feb.	271	
	I.507	Adopted	Jan.	34	CXXXVII.313,501		Repealed	Feb.	270	
	I.801,802,803,804,805,806,807,808	Adopted	June	819	CXXXIX.305		Repealed	Dec.	2063	
	IV.301,704,804,1203	Amended	Jan.	63	CXXXIX.503,2103,2509,4003,4313		Amended	Dec.	2063	
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	IV.2203,2205,2209,2213	Amended	Jan.	66	CXXXIX.1301,1303,1501,1505,1507,1509		Amended	Jan.	37	
	IV.2215	Adopted	Jan.	66	CXXXIX.1701,2107,2501,2705,2707,2709		Amended	Jan.	37	
	VI.315	Amended	Jan.	67	CXXXIX.2105,2907		Adopted	Jan.	37	
	XI.103	Amended	Jan.	34	CXXXIX.2713,2905,3903,4003,4005,4301		Amended	Jan.	37	
	XI.405,5107,5701,6115,6813	Amended	Dec.	2035	CXXXIX.2903,4307		Repealed	Jan.	37	

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	CXLVI.101,301,303,305,307,309,311,313	Adopted	Feb.	271		I.5501,5507,5525,5533,5534,5537,5539,5541	Amended	Oct.	1617
	CXLVI.301,303,315,325	Amended	Dec.	2048		I.5503,5505,5509,5511,5515,5535,5703,5805	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CXLVI.315,317,319,321,323,325,327,329	Adopted	Feb.	271		I.5543,5545,5547,5701,5705,5709,5710,5809	Amended	Oct.	1617
	CXLVI.331,333,335,337,339,501,503,505	Adopted	Feb.	271		I.5811,5813,5817,5824,5831,5833,5835,5905	Amended	Oct.	1617
	CXLVI.507,509,511,513	Adopted	Feb.	271		I.5821,5823,5913,5915,5921,5927,5931,5941	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CXLVII.307,701	Amended	Aug.	1129		I.5909,5911,5933,5955,5963,6001,6005,6007	Amended	Oct.	1617
	CXLVII.313	Amended	Jan.	44		I.5943,5953,6101,6203,6205,6211,6215,6305	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CXLVII.325	Amended	Dec.	2048		I.6102,6103,6104,6301,6315,6503,6509,6601	Amended	Oct.	1617
	CXLVII.331	Adopted	Jan.	44		I.6311,6313,6317,6401,6405,6603,6627,6629	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CLI.101	Repealed	Feb.	265		I.6605,6613	Amended	Oct.	1617
	CLI.103,105,303,501,503,505,507,701,703	Amended	Feb.	265		I.6631,6633,6635,6637,6639,6641,6643,6645	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CLI.901,1101,1301	Amended	Feb.	265		I.6647,6649,6651,6653,6655,6657,6659,6661	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CLIII.1506	Amended	Feb.	268		I.6662,6663,6664,6665,6667	Repealed	Oct.	1617
	CLV.103,303,311,1109	Amended	Dec.	2063		I.6713,6715,6717,6719,6721,6725,6727,6729	Adopted	Oct.	1617
	CLVII.303,305,309,313,503	Amended	Jan.	45		I.6731,6733,6735,6737,6739,6741,6743,6745	Adopted	Oct.	1617
	CLVII.303	Amended	May	650		I.6747	Adopted	Oct.	1617
	CLVII.307	Amended	Dec.	2063		IV.107,109	Amended	Sep.	1351
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	CLXI.1515,1721,1725,1805,1806,1907	Amended	Apr.	523		IV.371	Amended	Sep.	1352
	CLXI.1909,1917,2105	Amended	Apr.	523		IV.501,503,505,507,509,511,513	Repealed	Sep.	1350
	CLXV.103,305,309,311,313,319,509,512	Amended	Apr.	523	42	III.2905	Amended	Feb.	303
	CLXV.323,325	Adopted	Apr.	523		XV.1301,1303,1305,1307	Adopted	Mar.	404
	CLXV.515	Amended	Apr.	523	43	XI.5903,6101,6103,6301,6501,6503	Amended	Dec.	2033
	CLXVII.1101	Amended	Jan.	34		XIII.301,322,501,503,507,509,511,513,912,913			
31	III.301,303	Amended	Mar.	405		XIII.921,1105,1107,1113,1123,1305,1509,1511	Amended	Nov.	1823
32	I.307	Amended	Nov.	1857		I			
	VII.101,301,303,307,313,701,709	Amended	Nov.	1887		XIII.1719,1727,2117,2130,2712,2717,2914	Amended	Nov.	1823
	VII.2101,2103,2105,2107	Adopted	Nov.	1887		XIII.2927,3303,3307,3311,3317,3321,3323	Amended	Nov.	1823
33	III.321	Amended	Aug.	1135		XIII.3325,3327,3333,3335,3337,5103	Amended	Nov.	1823
	III.501,502,507,535	Amended	Jan.	69		XVII.3601,3603,3605,3607,3609,3611	Amended	Mar.	375
	III.505,507,2160,3003,5116,5122,5311,5901	Amended	Nov.	1840		XVII.3615,3617,3621,3623,3625,3629	Amended	Mar.	375
	III.535	Amended	Nov.	1847		XVII.3801,3803,3805,3807,3811	Amended	Mar.	374
	III.919	Amended	Jan.	68		XIX.4301,4303,4305	Amended	Nov.	1838
	III.2103	Amended	Aug.	1158		XIX.4307	Adopted	Nov.	1838
	III.2132	Amended	Dec.	2075		III.101,307,501,503,505,507,1001,1113,1115	Amended	Dec.	2076
	V.105,1009	Amended	Nov.	1848	46	III.1118,1119,1120,1201,1503,2901	Amended	Dec.	2076
	V.105,305,1501,2201,3801,3805,3812,3813	Amended	Nov.	1850		VIII.301	Amended	Dec.	2096
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	V.2245,4301,4901	Amended	Dec.	2070		XXXVIII.101,103,301,303,306,308,501,505	Amended	May	673
	V.3821,3823,3841,3843,3845,4301	Amended	Nov.	1850		XXXVIII.511,519	Amended	May	673
	V.4999	Amended	Aug.	1134		XL.309,313	Amended	Aug.	1159
	V.10111	Amended	May	686		XLI.725	Amended	May	651
	V.30103,30105,30107,30111,30140,30141	Amended	Nov.	1823		XLIII.118,305,306,501,503,703,705,802,803	Amended	Nov.	1855
	V.30146,30161,30165,30173,30214,30246	Amended	Nov.	1823		XLIII.804,806,903,911,913	Amended	Nov.	1855
	V.30248,30307,30405,30406,30413,30428	Amended	Nov.	1823		XLV.171,173,175,177,1901,1903,1905,1907	Amended	May	652
	V.30565,30588	Amended	Nov.	1823		XLV.303	Amended	June	797
	VII.115,301,401,10303	Amended	Aug.	1131		XLV.303	Amended	June	797
	IX.2515,2519,2521	Amended	July	955		XLV.305,416	Amended	Aug.	1162
	IX.4901,4903	Amended	Mar.	379		XLV.398	Adopted	June	788
	IX.7301,7303,7305,7309,7311,7313,7315,7397	Amended	Aug.	1136		XLV.417,418,435,447	Adopted	Aug.	1162
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	XI.301,403,509,1121	Amended	June	785		XLV.1943,1945,1947,1949,1951,1957,1959	Amended	May	652
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	XV.778	Adopted	Dec.	2075		XLV.1977,1979,4905,4907,4909,4911,4913	Amended	May	652
34	V.3601,3603,3605,3607	Adopted	Aug.	1160		XLV.3303,3339,3343,6305,6311	Amended	Mar.	398
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	XIII.6901	Repealed	May	679		XLV.9920	Repealed	June	791
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	XIII.11501,11503,11505,11507,11509,11511	Amended	July	962		LIII.905	Repealed	Oct.	1588
	XIII.11513,11515,11517,11519,11521,11523	Amended	July	962		LIII.1711,1105	Amended	Oct.	1589
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	XIII.20513,20515,20517,20519,20521,20523	Adopted	July	965		LX.611,707,3315,3503	Amended	Nov.	1862
	XIII.20525,20527,20529,20531,20533,20535	Adopted	July	965		LX.707	Repromulgated	Mar.	403
	XIII.20537	Adopted	July	965		LX.707	Amended	Sep.	1346
	XIII.20701,20703,20705,20707,20709,20711	Adopted	Aug.	1167		LX.707	Amended	Sep.	1347
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	LXIII.6703,6901,6903,7101,7301,7303,7305	Adopted	Oct.	1579	51	I.127	Adopted	Feb.	301
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	LXXXV.1511,1513,1515,1517,1519	Repromulgated				III.401,403,405,411,413,415,451	Amended	June	806
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50	I.3113	Amended	Dec.	2096		V.101,103,105	Repealed	Nov.	1887
	III.2303	Amended	Nov.	1857		XXI.101,103,105,107,109,111,113,115,117	Repealed	Nov.	1883
	III.2309	Amended	May	668	73	XXI.119,121	Repealed	Nov.	1883
	V.120	Adopted	Oct.	1610	76	I.2101,2103,2105,2107,2109,2111	Amended	Dec.	2114
	V.1201,1225	Adopted	Feb.	299		I.313,315	Amended	Oct.	1685
	V.7901,7903	Adopted	Feb.	300		V.113,125,126,127,135	Amended	Nov.	1894
	VII.20001,20005,20006,20007,20013,20029	Amended	Oct.	1610		V.137	Amended	Sep.	1349
	VII.32903,32917	Amended	May	667		V.701	Amended	June	822
	VII.32904	Amended	May	668		VII.357	Amended	Jan.	84
	IX.8305,8505,15113,15133,15135	Amended	Nov.	1859		VII.367	Amended	Nov.	1892
	IX.15113	Amended	Jan.	70		VII.391	Adopted	Nov.	865
	XI.10703	Amended	May	666		XV.101	Amended	Jan.	75
	XV.10101,10701	Amended	Dec.	2097		XIX.101,103,111,115,117	Amended	June	824
	XV.11101,11103	Adopted	Dec.	2097		XIX.109	Amended	June	822
	XIX.4334	Amended	Nov.	1859		XIX.111	Amended	Aug.	1168

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Board Nominations, Examination Dates, and
Board Meeting Dates

Board Nominations

The Board of Veterinary Medicine announces that the nomination slate for the open board member position for the 2026 appointment will be presented at the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA) 2026 Business Meeting being held in late-March 2026.

In accordance with R.S. 37:1515, a person shall be qualified to serve as a member of the board if he is a graduate of a veterinary school, a resident of this state, and has been licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state for the five years immediately preceding the time of his appointment. Additionally, no person may serve on the board who is or was during the two years immediately preceding his appointment, a member of the faculty, trustee or advisory board of a veterinary school. It is not necessary to be a member of the LVMA to be nominated.

Interested persons should submit the names of nominees directly to the LVMA for future consideration. For more details, the LVMA may be contacted via telephone at (225) 928-5862 or via email at office@lvma.org.

Jared Granier, MBA
Executive Director

Examination Dates

The Board of Veterinary Medicine will administer the State Board Examination (SBE) for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in-person in the board office on the first Tuesday of every month but subject to change due to office closure (i.e. - holiday, weather). The SBE can also be taken online once an application for licensure is submitted and fees are paid. Updated exam dates, deadlines, and sign-up instructions can be found at www.lsbvm.org/sbe.

There are three testing windows to take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) which will be administered through the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA). Applicants for NAVLE testing should visit the ICVA's website at www.icva.net/navle. NAVLE candidates need only to apply online with ICVA to sit for the NAVLE.

Those interested in taking the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) should apply through the AAVSB by visiting the AAVSB's website at www.aavsb.org. Current students of or graduates from AVMA-accredited institutions need only to apply online with AAVSB to sit for the VTNE. For those from non-AVMA-accredited institutions, approval from the LBVM will also be required

The exam window dates and application deadlines for the NAVLE and the VTNE can be found at www.lsbvm.org/deadlines. No late application will be accepted. Requests for special accommodations must be made directly with the testing vendors as early as possible for review and acceptance. Application for licensure and exam information is available online at www.lsbvm.org. Call 225-925-6620 or email admin@lsbvm.org with any questions.

Board Meeting Dates

The members of the Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates through 2026:

Thursday, February 5, 2026
Thursday, April 2, 2026
Thursday, June 4, 2026
Thursday, August 6, 2026
Thursday, October 8, 2026
Thursday, December 3, 2026

Dates and locations are subject to change. All Board meetings will be held on these dates and at the Board office at 5825 Florida Blvd (LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry Building), unless noted otherwise. For more information, please visit www.lsbvm.org/meetingdates or contact the board office via telephone at (225) 925-6620 or via email at admin@lsbvm.org.

Jared Granier, MBA
Executive Director

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Department of Conservation and Energy Office of Enforcement

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Enforcement records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Bourne SWD	001	105424
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Eva Whatley	001	169122
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Louis Bourne	001	169123
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Miller Eubanks SWD	004	171242

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	H C Whatley	001	173064
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	H C Whatley	002	173065
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	H C Whatley	003	173196
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Eva Whatley	002	173838
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Tullos Urania	M	W L & Mary Rambo	002	178968
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Tullos Urania	M	W L & Mary Rambo	004	182819
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Tullos Urania	M	W L & Mary Rambo	001	182820
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	009	183558
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	010	186719
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Little Creek	M	Bordan	001	186873
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Little Creek	M	Bordan SWD	002	187803
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Little Creek	M	Bordan	003	188589
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Miller-York	006	188808
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Miller-York	008	188810
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Little Creek	M	Bordan	004	189289
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Little Creek	M	Bordan	005	189290
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Eva Whatley	003	190458
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Eva Whatley	006	190606
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Eva Whatley	007	190607
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Eva Whatley	008	190609
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Tullos Urania	M	W L & Mary Rambo SWD	003	191049
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	004	202680
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	001	202681

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle SWD	002	202682
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	003	202683
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	005	202730
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	006	202862
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	007	202892
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle	008	202893
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	Griffin-Pyle SWD	001	202896
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Tullos Urania	M	Ainsworth NGT	001	230393
Ainsworth Rig Service, LLC	Trout Creek	M	WX A RC SUU; Ainsworth et al	001	249847
CPI Operating Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Land C SWD	002	36249
Milton Baker	Spider	S	Iva S Baker	001	79945(24)
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	JENK RA SUW; Marie Terrell	001	174526
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	LAF RA SUAA; Joann Terrell	001	176507
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	LAF RA SUEE; Marie Terrell	002	181515
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	Ajax	S	Evans FEE G SWD	002	182854
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	Cook-Taylor	001	188571
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	Cook	001	190353
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	Ajax	S	Evans FEE	001	193083
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	Cook	004	195763 (24)
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	Ajax	S	Evans FEE	002	197250
Northwest Oil & Gas Inc.	San Miguel Creek	S	Dans	001	223055
Phoenix-Comco, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Crystal Oil Co-	086	194788

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
			LA Petrol II		
The Union Sulphur Company	Bosco	L	EST J D Arceneaux Sr Inc	001	31602

Manny Acosta
Executive Director

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**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division**

Substantive Changes to the Proposed Regional Haze Second Planning Period—State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2051 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Air Planning and Assessment Division, is seeking to incorporate substantive changes to the proposed revision of the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze, namely the Regional Haze Second Planning Period, as required by 40 CFR 51.308 (g). (2601Pot1)

The Air Planning and Assessment Division is proposing the following substantive changes described below.

The Louisiana Generating LLC – Big Cajun II Power Plant and Union Carbide Corp – St. Charles Operations Site Administrative Orders on Consent (AOCs) are being removed from the proposed plan, as they are no longer necessary. Both facilities have completed and commissioned the projects that would have been required by the AOCs. The text in the SIP narrative is updated to reflect the removal of the two AOCs.

Please refer to the list below for the proposed substantive changes available for public comment. Substantive changes can be identified by red and underlined text for added language and strikethrough text for removed language. Comments will only be considered and addressed for language that has been added or removed.

- V.B.5. Louisiana Generating LLC – Big Cajun II Power Plant
- V.E.1. Union Carbide Corp – St. Charles Operations Site
- VI.B. Source Specific Measures to Reduce Emissions
- VII.A.1. Adoption of Reasonable Progress Goals
- IX.B. Consultation with Federal Land Managers
- IX.C. Public Review and Comment
- Appendix A. Public Notice
- Appendix C.5 Big Cajun II
- Appendix C.6 – Union Carbide – St. Charles
- Appendix E. Federal Land Manager Consultation

All interested persons may submit written comments concerning the substantive changes no later than 4:30 p.m., February 27, 2026, to Arlys Dalton, Office of Environmental

Assessment, P.O. Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314, or by e-mail at arlys.dalton@la.gov.

A public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96984013461> or by phone at (309) 740-3221. Meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The substantive changes revision is available for review via LDEQ’s electronic document management system (EDMS), AI# 174156, or at LDEQ Headquarters, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802.

Jill C. Clark
General Counsel

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**Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Office of Facility Planning and Control**

Contract Limit Adjustment

Pursuant to authority granted by Act 111 of the Regular Session of 2020, the Office of Facility Planning and Control within the Division of Administration has determined that, effective upon the date of this publication, except as provided in Paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of R.S. 38:2212(C), the term "contract limit" as used in Chapter 10 of Title 38 (Public Bid Law) shall be equal to the sum of \$260,000.00 per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed fifteen percent. This limit was adjusted after applying the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year.

It is the responsibility of the approving authority to comply with all applicable requirements of R.S. 38:2212 in regards to the “contract limit” as adjusted herein.

Matthew H. Baker
Director

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**Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Racing Commission**

Notice of Public Hearing
Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule
Voided and Voidable Claims (LAC 35:XI.9914)

The Racing Commission published a Notice of Intent to promulgate §9914, Voided and Voidable Claims, in the June 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 51:867-868).

The notice solicited comments and testimony. As a result of its analysis of the comments and testimony received, the commission proposes to amend certain portions of the proposed Rule. Within Subsection A, the commission proposes to reinstate and amend the circumstances in which a claim on a horse that is declared a starter will be voided. Within Subsection B, the commission proposes to reinstate the ability of the new owner to void a claim at their discretion, so long as the horse meets the newly established guidelines. The proposed amendments to the Rule take into consideration public feedback and the needs of the horseracing industry, in addition to clarifying the standards for cases in which horse claims can be voided.

Title 35

HORSE RACING

Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims

A. A claim shall be voided if a horse is entered in a race but fails to be declared a starter, or the horse is declared to be a starter and:

1. dies on the racetrack before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race; or

2. suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse as determined by a commission veterinarian before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race.

B. A claim is voidable at the discretion of the new owner if the horse indicates a severe non-weight-bearing lameness where the horse cannot or will not put weight on a limb, as determined by a commission veterinarian, before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR 48:2290 (September 2022), amended LR 52:

Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically R.S. 49:966(H)(2), the Louisiana State Racing Commission gives notice of a public hearing to receive additional comments and testimony on these substantive changes to the proposed Rule. The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026 in the Black Gold Room of Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, located at 1751 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119. At the public hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing.

Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100. Comments must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Stephen Landry
Executive Director

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Department of Health Health Standards Section

Notice of Public Hearing Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule Nurse Staffing Agencies—Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.Chapter 77)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), published a Notice of Intent in the June 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 51:888-894) to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 77, as authorized by R.S. 36:254. This Notice of Intent proposed to amend the provisions governing the licensing of nurse staffing agencies in order to add and update definitions, adjust social media policy requirements, revise administrator qualifications, and modify initial licensure, renewal of licensure, and change of ownership requirements.

As a result of comments received in response to the proposed Rule, the department determined that additional, non-technical revisions were necessary to the provisions of the June 20, 2025 Notice of Intent. A Potpourri was published in the September 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 51:1530-1532) to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 77 as authorized by R.S. 36:254. This Potpourri proposed to amend definitions, licensure requirements, and the process for license application and license renewal.

As a result of comments received in response to the proposed Rule, the department determined that additional, non-technical revisions were necessary to the provisions of the June 20, 2025 Notice of Intent and the September 20, 2025 Potpourri.

Taken together, these revisions will closely align the proposed Rule with the department's original intent and the concerns brought forth during the comment period for the Notice of Intent and the Potpourri as originally published.

The proposed Rule text below has been drafted utilizing plain language principles to ensure clarity and accessibility for all users. It has also been reviewed and tested for compliance with web accessibility standards.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 77. Nurse Staffing Agencies Licensing Standards

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§7703. Definitions

Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)—an individual who has completed a Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program approved by the state as meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 483.151 and 483.154, or has been determined competent as provided in 42 CFR 483.150(a) and (b) and is

listed as certified and in good standing on the state's certified nurse aide registry. For purposes of this licensing rule, a CNA who is engaged through a licensed NSA may be considered a contractor, provided that such classification is consistent with state and federal law, and the CNA in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work.

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Employee or Contracted Staff—a person employed or engaged as a contractor by the nurse staffing agency (NSA) to perform healthcare services in a healthcare facility.

Healthcare Technology Platform or Platform—any person, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association or other legal entity that develops and operates, offers, or maintains a system or technology that provides an internet-based or application-based marketplace through which a contracted nurse, who has a current Louisiana license in good standing practicing within the scope of the nursing license, or certified nurse aide bids on, selects, or accepts open shifts posted by a healthcare facility to provide services for the healthcare facility. A NSA operating as a healthcare technology platform shall designate a nurse as a person of contact for all healthcare facilities.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)—a person who practices practical nursing and who is licensed to practice practical nursing in accordance with R.S. 38:961, or current law. For purposes of this licensing rule, an LPN who is engaged through a licensed NSA may be considered a contractor, provided that such classification is consistent with state and federal law, and the LPN in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work. The LPN shall have a current Louisiana license in good standing, and shall practice within the scope of the LPN license.

Nurse—a registered nurse as defined in R.S. 37:913, or current law, or a licensed practical nurse as defined in R.S. 37:961, or current law. For purposes of this licensing rule, a nurse who is engaged through a licensed NSA may be considered a contractor, provided that such classification is consistent with the state and federal law, and the nurse in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work. The nurse shall have a current Louisiana license in good standing, and shall practice within the scope of the nursing license.

Nurse Staffing Agency (NSA)—any person, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or other legal entity, including a healthcare technology platform, that employs, contracts with, assigns, or refers nurses or CNAs to render healthcare services in a healthcare facility for a fee. For purposes of this definition, a fee does not mean damages recovered in a breach of contract matter. For purposes of these regulations, NSA does not include the following:

1. - 4. ...

Registered Nurse (RN)—any individual licensed in accordance with R.S. 37:911 et seq., or current law, to engage in the practice of nursing as defined in R.S. 37:913, or current law. For purposes of this licensing rule, an RN who is engaged through a licensed NSA may be considered a contractor, provided that such classification is consistent with the state and federal law, and the RN in his or her sole discretion bids

on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work. The RN shall have a current Louisiana license in good standing, and shall practice within the scope of the RN license.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1729 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:

§7705. Licensure Requirements

A. - E. ...

F. The NSA shall maintain evidence of the following:

1. ...

2. current compliance with the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Law, R.S. 23:1020.1, et seq., or current law, with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000, or equivalent coverage, such as occupational accident insurance, for those contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1730 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:

§7707. Initial Licensure Application Process

A. ...

B. The initial licensing application packet shall include:

1. - 5. ...

6. evidence of the following:

a. - b. ...

c. compliance with the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Law, R.S. 23:1020.1 et seq., or current law, with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000, or equivalent coverage, such as occupational accident insurance, for those contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation law;

7. - 9. ...

10. - 11. Repealed.

C. - F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1730 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:

§7715. Change of Ownership of a Nurse Staffing Agency Provider

A. ...

B. Before a license can be issued to the new owner, the new owner shall meet all licensing application requirements. The new owner shall submit to the department for approval, a change of ownership (CHOW) application packet that includes:

1. - 5. ...

6. evidence of the following:

a. - b. ...

c. current compliance with the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Law, R.S. 23:1020.1 et seq., or current law, with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000, or equivalent coverage, such as occupational accident insurance,

for those contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation Law;

B.7. - G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1733 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:

§7717. Renewal of License

A. The NSA shall submit a completed license renewal application packet to the department at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current license. The completed license renewal application packet shall include:

1. ...

2. evidence of the following:

a. - b. ...

c. evidence of current compliance with the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Law, R.S. 23:1020.1 et seq., or current law, with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000, or equivalent coverage, such as occupational accident insurance, for those contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation law;

A.3. - C.1. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1734 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 52:

Interested persons may submit written comments to Cecile Castello, RN, Health Standards Section, P.O. Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Castello is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. A public hearing on the substantive changes to the proposed Rule is scheduled for March 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Bienville Building, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is March 4, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

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Louisiana Works

Office of Workers' Compensation Administration

Mileage Reimbursement Limits

Pursuant to R.S. 23:1203(D), and based on the statewide mileage reimbursement as determined by the Louisiana Department of Administration, the following limits shall apply to workers' compensation's mileage reimbursement effective January 1, 2026.

Mileage Reimbursement
\$ 0.725 (cents) per mile

Date	Mileage
2001 - 2002	\$0.30
2002 - 2003	\$0.32
2003 - 2004	\$0.32
2004 - 2005	\$0.34
2005 - 2006	\$0.36
2006 - 2007	\$0.40
2007 - 2008	\$0.44
2008 - 2009	\$0.52
07/01/2009 to 12/20/2009	\$0.52
12/21/2009 to 06/30/2010	\$0.48
2010 - 2011	\$0.48
2011 - 2012	\$0.51
2012 - 2013	\$0.51
2013 - 2014	\$0.51
2014 - 2015	\$0.51
2015 - 2016	\$0.51
2016 - 2017	\$0.51
2017 - 2018	\$0.53
2018 - 2019	\$0.54
07/01/2019 to 12/31/2019	\$0.58
01/01/2020 to 06/30/2020	\$0.575
07/01/2020 to 12/31/2020	\$0.57
01/01/2021 to 06/30/2021	\$0.56
07/01/2021 to 01/09/2022	\$0.56
01/10/2022 to 6/30/2022	\$0.58
07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022	\$0.62
10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	\$0.625
01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023	\$0.655
01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024	\$0.67
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	\$0.70

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