

Mississippi Secretary of State

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

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EMAIL Lora.tatum@mdhs.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE 1/6/2026	Name or number of rule(s): Rule 12.4 Exemptions to General Work Requirements, Rule 13.1 General Rule, Rule 13.6 Exemptions to ABAWD Work Requirements, Rule 14.2 Exemptions from E&T Work Requirements		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Amends Rule 12.4 to add a statement that individuals age 60 or older remain exempt from the general work requirements and are prohibited from being required to participate in mandatory E&T. Amends Rule 13.1 to increase the upper age exception to 65 and older, establish new exceptions for "an Indian," "Urban Indian," and "California Indian," and repeal exceptions for homeless individuals, veterans, and those 24 and younger who aged out of foster care. Amends Rule 13.6 to increase the upper age exception to 65 and older, establish new exceptions for "an Indian," "Urban Indian," and "California Indian," and add that individuals age 60 or older remain exempt from the general work requirements and are prohibited from being required to participate in mandatory E&T. Amends Rule 14.2 to add a statement that individuals age 60 or older remain exempt from the general work requirements and are prohibited from being required to participate in mandatory E&T. These amendments are necessary to maintain compliance with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. §43-1-2(4)(b)

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Rule 12.4 Exemptions to General Work Requirements, Rule 13.1 General Rule, Rule 13.6 Exemptions to ABAWD Work Requirements, Rule 14.2 Exemptions from E&T Work Requirements

ORAL PROCEEDING:

- ☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____
- ☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

- ☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
☐ Original filing ☐ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: ☐ Immediately upon filing ☐ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: ☐ New rule(s) ☐ Amendment to existing rule(s) ☐ Repeal of existing rule(s) ☐ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: ☐ 30 days after filing ☐ Other (specify): _____ Signed by: _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: 11/5/25 Action taken: ☒ Adopted with no changes in text ☐ Adopted with changes ☐ Adopted by reference ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: ☒ 30 days after filing ☐ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Jennifer Nichols, Special Assistant Attorney General

Signature of person authorized to file rules: /s/ Jennifer Nichols

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.