

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (“Department” or “NMDWS”) hereby gives notice that the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive public comments regarding proposed amendments to 11.3.300 NMAC (Employment Security – Claims Administration), 11.3.400 NMAC (Employment Security – Tax Administration) and 11.3.500 NMAC (Employment Security – Adjudicatory Hearings, Filing of Appeals and Notice) in the Leo Griego Auditorium located in the State Personnel Office (Willie Ortiz Building) at 2600 Cerrillos Road in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505 on August 19, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input and public comment on the amendments proposed to the 11.3.300 NMAC, 11.3.400 NMAC and 11.3.500 NMAC to clarify the procedures for filing or reopening an unemployment claim to include changes in identity verification processes, update procedures and technology requirements for employers when submitting quarterly wage reports, contribution payments and audit procedures, and update 11.3.500 NMAC to update appeal procedures and processes, as well as to clarify procedures and processes to confirm with USDOL requirements.

Under, Section 9-26-4 NMSA 1978, the NMDWS is responsible for the administration of the workforce technology division and the workforce transition services division. The Department is therefore responsible for the administration of the Unemployment Compensation Law pursuant to Section 51-1-1, et seq. NMSA 1978.

Interested individuals may testify at the public hearing or submit written comments to State of New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, 401 Broadway NE, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N.M., 87103, attention Andrea Christman. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on August 18, 2026. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/>, obtained by calling Andrea Christman at (505) 841-8478 or sending an email to Andrea.Christman@state.nm.us. The proposed rules will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting are asked to contact Ms. Christman as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.