

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Public Hearing. The New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, beginning at 9:00am. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public commentary on the proposed rulemaking to amend 5.5.50 NMAC, Industrial Development Training Program, and to address any other proposed amendments suggested by interested parties during the public comment period. The Industrial Development Board will also receive public commentary on proposed policy amendment to the upskills training program, STEP-UP, under the Job Training Incentive Program.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to 5.5.50 NMAC, Industrial Development Training Program (Job Training Incentive Program) and address additional changes that may have been suggested by the Industrial Training Board or other interested parties during the public comment period.

Rule Change Information: The purpose of this proposed rule change is to consider the revision of policy related to the flat rates of reimbursement based on company location, for high-wage positions filled by trainees who do not meet the one-year residency requirement, increasing the reimbursement rate by 10% for urban, rural and frontier areas. Additionally, the revision of policy related to updating the wage table, increasing the minimum wage requirements per O*NET Job Zones using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the guideline.

Statutory Authorization:

Section 21-19-7 NMSA 1978 grants the Industrial Training Board the authority to promulgate and enforce rule.

Public comment: Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to submit written comments regarding the proposed policy amendments relating to the Job Training Incentive Program to Patrick Gannon, JTIP Program Manager, at patrick.gannon@edd.nm.gov. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, June 6, 2025. EDD encourages the early submission of written comments. Individuals may also testify at the public hearing.

For instructions on how to attend this meeting, visit the Department's website at: <https://edd.newmexico.gov/about-us/public-notices>.

The proposed policy amendments and current JTIP Policy Manual may be accessed through EDD's website <https://edd.newmexico.gov/about-us/public-notices/> beginning May 6, 2025 or from Patrick Gannon at the contact above.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact Patrick Gannon as soon as possible. The EDD requests at least ten days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.