

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND BOARD MEETING

The New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners will hold a rule hearing on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., immediately followed by a meeting of the board to consider any public comment and adoption of the proposed rule listed below. Public participation is welcomed, and comments may be submitted in writing during the public comment period, or in person during the public rule hearing. The hearing and subsequent meeting will take place at the Regulation and Licensing Department, Rio Grande Conference Room, located at 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.

The meeting will also be held via Microsoft Teams for those desiring to attend virtually.

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The purpose of the rule hearing is to consider the initiation of rulemaking for the following rules:

16.63.8 Fee

The agenda for the rule hearing and board meeting will be posted and available at least 72 hours before the meeting on the Board website at <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/social-work-examiners/board-information/>. Copies of the agenda may also be obtained by contacting Roxann Ortiz at 505-795-5576.

The Board of Social Work Examiners will begin accepting public comments regarding the proposed rule changes on November 11, 2025. The Board of Social Work Examiners will accept written public comments received by 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by email to socialworkboard@rld.nm.gov or by postal mail to the following address:

New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department
Attn: New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners
P.O. Box 25101
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Public comment will also be accepted during the rule hearing and may be presented orally, or in writing. Individuals who would like to participate and offer public comment ***must appear in person***. The members of the New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners will not engage in substantive discussion of public comments during the rule hearing but will consider all public comments during the board meeting following the conclusion of the rule hearing.

For inclement weather: If New Mexico state offices are placed on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be pushed back two hours from the noticed hearing time. If New Mexico state offices are closed due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Roxann Ortiz at 505-795-5576.

Statutory Authority:

The proposed rule changes are authorized by the Social Work Practice Act, Sections 61-31-1 through 61-31-25 NMSA 1978 (2023), which provides explicit authority for the board to promulgate rules to protect public health and safety and carry out the provisions of the Act. Section 61-31-8 specifically gives the Board authority to adopt and file rules necessary to carry out the provision of the Act. The rulemaking and public rule hearing is governed by the

State Rules Act, Sections 14-4-1 through 14-4-11 NMSA 1978, and the Default Procedural Rule for Rulemaking promulgated by the New Mexico Department of Justice, Parts 1.24.25.1 through 1.24.25.16 NMAC.

Purpose of the Proposed Rules:

The proposed rule changes are intended to add an administrative fee for electronic processing to allow the board to pay for the ongoing maintenance and licensing of the NM-Plus system.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

16.63.8 NMAC Fee:

Changes to this rule will allow for a ten dollar (\$10) administrative fee for electronic processing per year to fund the ongoing maintenance and licensing of the NM-Plus system.