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EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-54

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 25-040, which is in effect through Sunday, May 11, 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 25-040 because the Louisiana Department of Health 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: The Louisiana Department of Health shall identify and designate an experienced certified operator to serve as the operator for the Tallulah Water System within three days of the signing of this order.

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 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: 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 6: This Order is effective Friday, May 9, 2025, and shall continue in effect until Sunday, June 8, 2025, 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 9th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#062

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-55

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 25-41 which is in effect through Sunday, May 11, 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, May 9, 2025, to Sunday, June 8, 2025, 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 9th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#063

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-56

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 25-042, which is in effect through Sunday, May 11, 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, May 9, 2025 to Sunday, June 8, 2025, 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 9th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#064

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-57

Flags at Half-Staff—Lt. Allen “Noochie” Credeur

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2025, Lt. Allen “Noochie” Credeur tragically lost his life while bravely serving in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, he was the son of Allen Joseph Credeur, Sr. and Marilyn Faye Dogua Credeur;

WHEREAS, he dedicated his entire life to serving his community, and his life reflects the heroic and remarkable service he offered to others;

WHEREAS, he joined the Rayne Police Department in 2003, where he served for 22 years;

WHEREAS, he became a D.A.R.E. officer in 2014, a role in which he educated and mentored youth in the community;

WHEREAS, he volunteered countless hours with local youth athletics, serving as a role model both on and off duty;

WHEREAS, Lt. Credeur's life exemplified the courage and commitment of those who stand on the Thin Blue Line, a symbol of the brave men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting our communities. Lt. Credeur, like so many others, faced the dangers and challenges of law enforcement with unwavering resolve, embodying the ideals of justice and service. As we remember Lt. Credeur, we honor not only their ultimate sacrifice but also the profound impact of his brothers and sisters in uniform who stood resolutely on that Thin Blue Line, preserving the safety and peace of our communities;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his unyielding service, compassion, and his laughter and his ability to connect with other people as brother, friend, and role model;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his fiancé of 28 years, Danielle Demette, sister, Monica Credeur, brother, Joseph "Wa" Credeur, half-sister, Beatrice Sonnier, nephew, Hunter Fontenot, godchild, Gavin LaBauve, and other numerous nieces and nephews, and he was preceded in death by his brother Chris Credeur, his sister Robin LaBauve, and his parents;

WHEREAS, Lt. Allen “Noochie” Credeur is a true hero, whose legacy of service and sacrifice will forever inspire the people of our state as his legacy continues.

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: As an expression of respect and to honor Lt. Credeur, 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 until sunset on May 12, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, May 12, 2025.

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 9th day of May 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#065

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-58

Flags at Half-Staff Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week;

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated law enforcement officers serving the State of Louisiana and parishes and municipalities throughout Louisiana;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are 26,959 law enforcement officers in the United States who have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 581 officers who served the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial located in Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery;

WHEREAS, in 2025 the names of the following officers were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC:

Officer Russell R. Croxton
Senior Corporal Segus R. Jolivet, Sr.
Constable Alfred E. Kelly Karlton

WHEREAS, our nation owes a debt of gratitude to our peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our great nation and state safe;

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

WHEREAS, the people of our state join in prayer in memory of all the peace officers who have served our communities and continue to pray for all of the peace officers who protect us every day.

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: The State of Louisiana shall publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation;

Section 2: The week containing May 15th shall be observed in the State of Louisiana as "Police Week."

Section 3: Thursday, May 15th is hereby proclaimed as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Section 4: It is ordered that the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all public buildings throughout the state until sunset on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in honor of the peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of May 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#066

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-59

Fairness to Louisiana's Student-Athletes in Compensation for Their Name, Image, and Likeness

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has numerous postsecondary educational institutions and intercollegiate student athletes excelling at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics and winning championships;

WHEREAS, the National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA") and several athletic conferences have entered into a proposed settlement agreement ("Settlement") in *In re College Athlete NIL Litigation*, No. 4:20-cv-03919-CW (N.D. Cal.) ("Litigation"), which, if approved, would permit postsecondary institutions to provide direct compensation to student athletes for, among other things, the use of such student athletes' name, image, and likeness ("NIL");

WHEREAS, until the Settlement is approved and effective, legislative and executive actions across the country impose a patchwork of inconsistent rules regulating intercollegiate athletics;

WHEREAS, while the Settlement is pending, other states have taken actions that authorize their postsecondary institutions to directly pay their student athletes for NIL; and

WHEREAS, student athletes in the State of Louisiana should compete on a level playing field and not forgo compensation that is available to student athletes in other states or conferences while the Settlement is pending final approval;

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: That neither the NCAA, an athletic conference, nor any other organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics shall take any adverse action against a postsecondary educational institution in the State of Louisiana for such institution facilitating compensation,

offering compensation, or compensating an intercollegiate student athlete for the use of such student athlete's NIL; provided, however, that no postsecondary educational institution shall use funds allocated by the State Louisiana.

Section 2: That the provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until the earlier of:

A. The effective date of any federal law enacted after the date of this Order regulating the rights of student athletes to receive compensation for the use of their NIL; or

B. The effective date of any settlement related to the Litigation.

Section 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until the earlier of one of the events in Section 2, 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 13th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#067

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-60

Operation Geaux

WHEREAS, over the past four years, the Biden Administration systemically reversed and dismantled the vast majority of immigration enforcement mechanisms established by Congress and prior administrations, thereby aiding and abetting the illegal entry in the United States of millions of aliens at the southern border;

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration oversaw the largest wave of illegal immigration in the Nation's history;

WHEREAS, the estimated population of illegal aliens in Louisiana was approximately 97,000 as of 2021, with current figures likely significantly higher;

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of crimes perpetrated by illegal aliens fall under state jurisdiction, requiring substantial state and local resources for investigation, prosecution, adjudication, incarceration, and post-release supervision;

WHEREAS, due to the Biden Administration's non-enforcement policies, large numbers of criminal aliens are released into communities rather than being detained and removed, increasing the risk of recidivism and endangering public safety;

WHEREAS, through his first one hundred days in office, President Donald J. Trump has taken historic action to marshal all available federal resources to safeguard our borders, immediately end the disastrous Biden-era policies, and prioritize the safety, security, and prosperity of all Americans.

WHEREAS, President Trump has implemented a series of executive actions aimed at combating illegal immigration, which include but are not limited to:

- Declaring a national emergency at the southern border;
- Initiating the construction of physical barriers and "obtaining complete operational control of the borders of the United States";
- Implementing measures to deter and prevent unlawful entry into the United States;
- Mandating the detention and expedited removal of "aliens apprehended on suspicion of violating Federal or State law";
- Ending the "catch-and-release" practice and pursuing criminal penalties for "those who facilitate their unlawful presence in the United States";
- Promoting cooperative federal-state partnerships as force multipliers for the effective enforcement of U.S. immigration laws;
- Terminating discretionary parole programs for illegal aliens from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela; and
- Employing advanced vetting procedures, including biometric scanning and verification of familial relationships for individuals encountered or apprehended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS").

WHEREAS, within the first one hundred days, the Trump Administration has secured hundreds of agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies and departments across the country to enforce President Trump's immigration policies, producing remarkable achievements including the largest joint immigration operation in Florida's history in April 2025 that netted 1,120 criminal illegal alien arrests;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections ("DPSC") has already begun to partner with DHS commencing Operation GEAUX to enforce President Trump's immigration policies;

WHEREAS, Operation GEAUX is a proactive approach to safeguarding the citizens of Louisiana through the identification and removal of criminal aliens from the community;

WHEREAS, Operation GEAUX aligns state and federal resources to identify criminal aliens arrested, incarcerated, or on supervised release in Louisiana and collaborate with DHS officials to effectively and efficiently process these criminal aliens for removal and deportation;

WHEREAS, Operation GEAUX is already producing results for the people of Louisiana, and the State is now in a position to capitalize on that progress through the utilization and dedication of all of our excellent and hard-working state and local law enforcement officials in Louisiana working together with the Trump Administration to make America and Louisiana safe, secure, and prosperous once more.

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: Louisiana State Police, Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the State Fire Marshal, and the Louisiana National Guard ("state law enforcement agencies") are to launch a public awareness campaign on Operation GEAUX'S public safety mission.

Section 2: State law enforcement agencies are ordered to explore, and where appropriate, enter into agreements with the United States Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), commonly referred to as 287(g) programs, to enhance collaboration with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to safeguard the people of Louisiana through vigorous enforcement and compliance with applicable Federal and state law.

Section 3: State law enforcement agencies are ordered to collaborate with DHS and ICE to screen and identify all criminal aliens arrested, incarcerated, or on supervision for indicia of gang membership.

Section 4: State law enforcement agencies are ordered to explore and implement any collaborative models with local law enforcement agencies that are deemed appropriate and necessary to further the goals and objectives of any 287(g) agreements entered into pursuant to this executive order or pursuant to any other lawful federal-state law enforcement collaboration.

Section 5: Local law enforcement agencies are strongly encouraged to explore and where appropriate, enter into their own agreements with DHS and ICE pursuant to the 287(g) programs to preserve and defend the safety, security, and prosperity of each and every community across Louisiana.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded 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 15th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#068

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-61

Amended State of Emergency
Office of Motor Vehicles

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 March 20, 2025, in JML 25-032;

WHEREAS, JML 25-032 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 25-043 which is in effect through Saturday, May 17, 2025;

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, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, through its services, offices, and officers, has general authority for the security and physical safety of the citizens and property of Louisiana, the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to criminal conduct, the rehabilitation of youthful offenders, automobile and highway safety, motor vehicles and drivers, and fire protection;

WHEREAS, the Department's public safety services include the Office of Motor Vehicles which is charged with performing the functions of the state relative to the examination and licensing of drivers of motor vehicles within the state, the suspension and revocation of such licenses, the approval of driver education programs, issuance of vehicle title and registration certificates, recordation of liens against motor vehicles, and the collection of appropriate fees and motor vehicle sales tax;

WHEREAS, the OMV has consistently experienced system outages, leading to the closure of field offices and preventing public tag agents from processing driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and reinstatement transactions;

WHEREAS, the OMV application and database are over 50 years old and operate on more than 400 programs written in a programming language that is over 60 years old, making support options both limited and costly due to its outdated and complex nature;

WHEREAS, the OMV system has not been purged since 2008;

WHEREAS, modern applications instituted to create public efficiency are instead taxing the mainframe and causing crippling delays for the public;

WHEREAS, the Office of Motor Vehicles has continually experienced issues with searches for VIN numbers, driver's license numbers, and license plates;

WHEREAS, the current mainframe lacks redundancies, leaving the system vulnerable to disruptions;

WHEREAS, the current mainframe is out of space for new license plates, new indicators on driver's licenses, and new flags on driver's licenses;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Office of Motor Vehicles to procure and implement a modernized system to effectively carry out its responsibilities, including driver examination and licensing, license suspension and revocation, vehicle title and registration issuance, lien recordation, and the collection of motor vehicle-related fees and taxes;

WHEREAS, past administrations attempted to procure a new system for OMV but failed to implement it.

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 as a result of the emergency conditions that currently threaten the safety and property of the citizens in Louisiana.

Section 2: 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 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 event.

Section 4: This Order is effective from Friday, May 16, 2025, and shall continue in effect until Sunday, June 15, 2025, 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 16th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#069

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-62

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 25-045, which is in effect through Saturday, May 17, 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 Friday, May 16, 2025 to Sunday, June 15, 2025, 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 16th day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#070

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-63

Orleans Jail Break Investigation

WHEREAS, on the morning of May 16, 2025, a grave and unacceptable security failure occurred at the Orleans Parish Correctional Facility (“OPCF”) that resulted in the escape of ten inmates from lawful custody;

WHEREAS, the inmates brazenly breached their cell by cutting through a wall, and they exploited unsecured areas within the facility, scaled a perimeter wall, and unlawfully crossed a major interstate – all without immediate detection;

WHEREAS, there was an inexcusable delay in alerting external agencies and the public, undermining both community safety and public confidence;

WHEREAS, five of the ten escaped inmates remain at large, posing a continued threat to public safety;

WHEREAS, this incident reflects a systemic and deeply troubling breakdown in leadership, security protocol, and operational oversight within the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office;

WHEREAS, an immediate, independent, and comprehensive investigation must be launched to identify all failures, assign full accountability, and recommend corrective actions;

WHEREAS, protecting the public from violent offenders is a core responsibility of law enforcement, and any breach of that duty demands swift and decisive actions; and

WHEREAS, this investigation must be conducted with complete transparency, full public disclosure, and an unwavering commitment to restoring trust in our criminal justice system.

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: The Inspector General shall obtain an inventory of case files from the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office and the OPCF for all pre-trial detainees and those awaiting sentences.

Section 2: The Department of Corrections (“DOC”) is ordered to conduct a full audit of the OPCF to ensure its complying with basic jail guidelines.

Section 3: The DOC is ordered to remove all DOC inmates in OPCF custody.

Section 4: The Louisiana Supreme Court is requested to continue its in-depth review of the Orleans Criminal Court System.

Section 5: The Judiciary Commission is requested to perform an in-depth review of statistical data for judicial districts, particularly those located within high crime areas such as Orleans, Jefferson, East Baton Rouge, Ouachita, Rapides, and Caddo Parishes, and establish triggers for investigations into the following:

- The number of cases processed, caseload, management of docket, and failure to move cases in a timely manner;
- The number of judge trials that resulted in a disproportionate rate of acquittals;
- The number of acquittals by judge despite clear evidence of guilt;
- The failure of judges to revoke or modify probation despite violations by the criminal; and
- The granting of probation for violent crimes.

Section 6: Upon continuance of a criminal case, the court clerks are requested to make a notation in the minute entry stating which party requested the continuance.

Section 7: The courts are requested to take appropriate action against prosecutors or defense attorneys who are not prepared for court and who continue cases for reasons without merit.

Section 8: The Metropolitan Crime Commission is requested to establish a data modeling system which will include regular reporting of crime data from the point of arrest to the point of conviction, in order to improve the administration of justice and improve the quality of life for citizens of Louisiana.

Section 9: The Office of the Attorney General shall be the lead investigative agency, and all other state agencies are hereby ordered to assist the Attorney General as needed to complete the investigation.

Section 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded 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 21st day of May, 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#071

EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-64

Flags at Half-Staff
Mayor-President Melvin L. “Kip” Holden

WHEREAS, former Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish Melvin L. “Kip” Holden passed away on May 14, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born on August 12, 1952, in New Orleans, LA to his parents Curtis L. Holden, Sr. and Rosa Mae Rogers Holden and was one of five children;

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Scotlandville High School, Southern University, and Louisiana State University;

WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish and Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Southern University Law Center, a Public Information Officer for the Baton Rouge Police Department, and a reporter for WBRZ-TV, WWL-Radio, and the News Director at WXOK-Radio;

WHEREAS, he was elected to numerous roles by the people of East Baton Rouge Parish, including East Baton Rouge Metro Council, Louisiana House of Representatives, Louisiana State Senate, and Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish;

WHEREAS, he served three terms as Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish;

WHEREAS, during his time as Mayor-President, he made many notable achievements. Most notable, he worked to transform Downtown Baton Rouge into a vibrant destination;

WHEREAS, he worked to improve infrastructure, increase economic development, create an arts and entertainment district, and market Baton Rouge to the film industry;

WHEREAS, while Mayor-President, he worked to bring large-scale events to East Baton Rouge Parish and attract many tourists and visitors to the parish;

WHEREAS, he inspired many people from his years of public service;

WHEREAS, he was known for his friendliness, humor, compassion, and vision for the community of Baton Rouge;

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts and contributions to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish and Louisiana will long be remembered;

WHEREAS, his work was well-known and appreciated by those who worked with him;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Lois Stevenson Holden, and five children, Melvin L. “Kip” Holden, II, Angela S. Jackson, Monique L. (Jovon) Holden-Cotton, Myron A. Holden, and Brian M. Holden; two sisters, Evelyn Joan Holden, and Brenda Faye Holden; three aunts; four uncles; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many outstanding contributions to our state.

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: As an expression of respect and to honor Mayor-President Melvin “Kip” Holden, 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 until sunset on May 22, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, May 22, 2025.

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 21st day of May 2025.

Jeff Landry
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
2506#072

Concurrent Resolutions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

House of Representatives House Concurrent Resolution No. 1

Voting System Certification Standards and Procedures
(LAC 31:III.303)

By Representative McMakin

A Concurrent Resolution to repeal the Department of State rule (LAC 31:III.303(B)(1)(j)), which provides relative to password protection and authentication on devices used for tabulation as part of a voting system to be tested and certified for use in Louisiana, and to direct the office of the state register to incorporate the repeal into the Louisiana Administrative Code.

WHEREAS, LAC 31:III.303(B)(1)(j) requires any new voting system to be tested and certified for use in Louisiana to provide password protection and multi-factor user authentication on every device used for tabulation; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:969 provides that the legislature, by concurrent resolution, may suspend, amend, or repeal any rule adopted by a state department, agency, board, or commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that LAC 31:III.303(B)(1)(j) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the office of the state register.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the state register is hereby directed to have the repeal of LAC 31:III.303(B)(1)(j) incorporated into the Louisiana Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on June 12, 2025.

Phillip R. De Villier
Speaker of the House of Representatives
and
J. Cameron Henry, Jr.
President of the Senate

2506#073

Policy and Procedure Memoranda

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MEMORANDA

Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Office of the Commissioner

PPM 49—General Travel Regulations
(LAC 4:V.Chapter 15)

Policy and Procedure Memorandum Number 49, General Travel Regulations, has been amended effective July 1, 2025.

Title 4

ADMINISTRATION

Part V. Policy and Procedure Memoranda

Chapter 15. General Travel Regulations—PPM Number 49

§1501. Authorization and Legal Basis

A. In accordance with the authority vested in the Commissioner of Administration by R.S. 39:231 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950-968. Notice is hereby given of the revisions to Policy and Procedures Memorandum No. 49 (PPM 49), the state's general travel regulations, effective July 1, 2025. These amendments are both technical and substantive in nature and are intended to clarify certain portions of the previous regulations or provide for more efficient administration of travel policies. These regulations apply to all state departments, higher education, boards and commissions created by the legislature or executive order and operating from funds appropriated, dedicated, self-generated, federally funded, or funds generated from any other source.

B. R.S. 28:231(A) states: "The Commissioner of Administration, with the approval of the Governor, shall, by rule or regulation, prescribe the conditions under which each of various forms of transportation may be used by state officers and employees in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices and positions in the state service and the conditions under which allowances will be granted for traveling expenses."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Published in accordance with R.S. 39:231.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Written by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, November 1, 1972, published LR 1:179 (April 1975), amended LR 1:338 (August 1975), LR 2:312 (October 1976), LR 5:93 (May 1979), LR 6:405 (August 1980), LR 7:7 (January 1981), LR 8:406 (August 1982), LR 15:820 (October 1989), LR 16:965 (November 1990), LR 26:1252 (June 2000), LR 27:802 (June 2001), LR 28:1125 (June 2002), LR 29:822 (June 2003), LR 30:1111 (June 2004), LR 31:1183 (June 2005), LR 32:938 (June 2006), LR 33:966 (June 2007), republished LR 33:1314 (July 2007), amended LR 34:1299 (July 2008), LR 35:1192 (July 2009), LR 36:1647 (July 2010), LR 37:2048 (July 2011), LR 38:1475 (July 2012), LR 39:1659 (July 2013), LR 40:1052 (June 2014), LR 41:1043 (June 2015), LR 42:981 (July 2016), LR 43:1110 (June 2017), LR 44:1174 (June 2018), LR 45:811 (June 2019), LR 46:840 (June 2020), LR 47:814 (June

2021), LR 47:1052 (July 2021), LR 48:1446 (June 2022), LR 48:2515 (October 2022), LR 49:1012 (June 2023), LR 51:753 (June 2025), effective July 1, 2025.

§1502. Definitions

A. For the purpose of PPM 49, the following words have the meaning indicated.

Agency—any board, commission, department, division, agency, office, or other entity within the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of state government.

Allowance—maximum amount allowed for travel expenses while traveling on official state business.

Authorized Persons—

a. advisors, consultants, contractors, and other persons who are called upon to contribute time and service to the state who are not otherwise required to be reimbursed through a contract for professional, personal, or consulting services. (Contractors are not exempted from paying state sales taxes; therefore, if a contractor is working on behalf of an agency, the agency may reimburse them for the state sales taxes.);

b. members of boards, commissions, and advisory councils required by federal or state legislation or regulation;

c. persons authorized to travel for official state business as deemed by the department head or his/her designee;

d. college/university students must be deemed authorized travelers by the higher education entity head or his/her designee to be reimbursed for state business purposes;

Common Carrier—a business or agency that is available to the public for transportation of persons, goods, or messages.

Conference/Convention—a non-routine event for a specific purpose or objective such as a seminar, conference, convention, or training.

Controlled Billed Account (CBA)—a credit account issued in an agency's name (no plastic card is issued). These accounts are paid by each agency and are a direct liability of the State. CBA accounts are controlled through an authorized approver to provide a means to purchase airfare, registration, lodging, rental vehicles, pre-paid shuttle service, and any other allowable charges outlined in the State of Louisiana Travel and CBA Policy. Each department head determines the extent of the account's use.

Corporate Travel Card—credit cards issued in a state of Louisiana employee's name used for specific, high cost travel expenses. Corporate Travel Cards are State liability cards paid by each agency.

Extended Stays—any assignment made for a period of 30 or more consecutive days at a place other than the traveler's official domicile.

GSA per Diem Rates—U.S. General Services Administration per diem rates: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>

High Cost Travel—airfare, lodging, vehicle rental, and conference registrations.

Higher Education Entities—entities listed under Schedule 19 Higher Education of the general appropriations bill.

In-State Travel—all travel within the borders of Louisiana or travel through adjacent states between points within Louisiana when it is the most efficient route.

International Travel—all travel to destinations outside of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan.

Lowest Logical Airfare—the lowest logical airfare is the cheapest available flight at the time of booking without causing undue inconvenience. These types of airfare are typically non-refundable.

Official Domicile—

a. except where fixed by law, official domicile of a state officer or employee assigned to an office shall be the parish in which the office is located. The department head or his/her designee should determine the extent of any surrounding area to be included, such as a region. As a guideline, a radius of at least 30 miles is recommended;

b. the official domicile of a person that works in the field shall be the parish where most work is performed. The department head may designate this area or region. In all cases, the designation must be in the agency's best interest and not for the person's convenience.

Out-of-State Travel—travel to any other 49 states plus District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan.

Passport—an official document issued by a government, certifying the holder's identity and citizenship and entitling them to travel under its protection to and from foreign countries.

Per Diem—daily allowance to cover meals and incidentals while on official state business.

Routine Travel—travel required in the course of performing his/her regular job duties. This does not include non-routine meetings, conferences, and out-of-state travel.

Sub Recipient—a non-federal entity that receives a sub award from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program.

Temporary Assignment—any assignment made for a period of less than 30 consecutive days at a place other than the official domicile.

Travel Period—the period between the time of departure and the time of return.

Visa—an endorsement on a passport indicating that the holder is allowed to enter, leave, or stay for a specified period of time in a country.

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(June 2020), LR 47:814 (June 2021), LR 47:1053 (July 2021), LR 48:1446 (June 2022), repromulgated LR 48:2515 (October 2022), amended LR 49:1012 (June 2023), LR 51:753 (June 2025), effective July 1, 2025.

§1503. General Specifications

A. General Travel Policies

1. Department heads may establish travel regulations within their respective agencies, but agency regulations shall not exceed the maximum limitations set by the Commissioner of Administration. A final draft and a draft highlighting any deviations from PPM 49 must be submitted via email to StateTravel@LA.Gov for prior review and approval by the Commissioner of Administration.

2. Department heads will take actions necessary to minimize all travel in order to carry on the department's mission.

3. Agencies must place all high-cost expenditures on the LaCarte Purchasing Card, Travel Card, or agency CBA account unless prior approval is granted by the Commissioner of Administration.

4. Department heads or their designee must submit fiscal year exemption requests annually. No exemption requests are granted on a permanent basis.

5. Grant Funds- Any agency that receives grant funds must follow PPM 49 rules and regulations and any travel regulations contained in the grant. Sub recipients that are not classified as a state agency are not subject to PPM49.

Example: DOTD receives a federal grant and the City of New Orleans is a sub recipient of that grant, the City of New Orleans is not required to follow PPM49 but must follow their established policies and any regulations contained in the grant.

6. Travel Scholarships. If any scholarship for travel is received by a state traveler, it is the agency's and employee's responsibility to comply with all ethics laws and requirements.

7. Contracted Travel Services. The state has a mandatory travel agency contract to book airfare unless prior exemptions have been granted by the Office of State Travel before the airfare purchase. The contracted travel agency has an online booking system which should be used by all travelers to book airfare. Use of the online booking systems can drastically reduce the State's agent fee paid per transaction for airfare purchases.

8. Contracted Hotel Services. The state has a contract for hotel booking services with HotelPlanner. Travelers are encouraged to use HotelPlanner. Travelers are responsible for adhering to the hotel's cancellation policy when booking through HotelPlanner. If a traveler does not cancel a hotel stay within the cancellation period set by the hotel, the traveler will be responsible for payment or reimbursing the agency. Any exceptions for hotel rates or cancellation reimbursements must be approved by the Commissioner of Administration. Use of HotelPlanner does not exempt a traveler from adhering to U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) lodging rates, U.S. Department of State rates, or rates within PPM49 for the applicable travel location.

9. Contracted Vehicles Rentals. The state has mandatory contracts for all in-state and out-of-state business travel through Enterprise, National, and Hertz. These contracts are applicable to all authorized travelers and contractors.

10. When a state agency enters into a contract with an out-of-state government entity, the out-of-state government entity may have the authority to conduct any related travel in accordance with their published travel regulations.

11. Authorization to Travel

a. All non-routine travel must be authorized with prior approvals, in writing, by the department head or his/her designee, from whose funds the traveler is paid. Agencies must maintain a file on all approved travel authorizations. Electronic files and approvals are acceptable using certified electronic signatures.

b. Annual travel authorizations for routine travel are allowed if determined to be in your agency's best interest. If annual travel authorizations are used, prior approved travel authorizations are still required for non-routine meetings, conferences, and out-of-state travel. Annual travel authorizations cannot be used for non-routine meetings, conferences, and out-of-state travel.

c. The Commissioner of Administration must sign all authorizations for travel and expenses for the Governor of Louisiana.

d. International travel and travel to U.S Territories require prior approval from the Commissioner of Administration

e. The entity head of higher education institutions or his/her designee may approve international travel and travel to U.S Territories prior to the departure date.

12. A department head or his/her designee may approve a traveler's reimbursement request for a communicable disease test if the employee will be traveling on official state business. Receipts are required to be reimbursed. Hotel, meals, and internet expenses are allowed to be reimbursed per the published rates when quarantine is required for a certain period.

B. Funds for Travel Expenses

1. State Issued Credit Cards and CBA Accounts. All high cost travel expenditures must be placed on the LaCarte Purchasing Card, Travel Card, or agency CBA account unless prior approval is granted from the Commissioner of Administration. The State Travel Office maintains the contract for the State's corporate card program to establish one source of payment for travel expenditures. If a supervisor recommends an employee be issued a state travel card, the employee should make the request through their agency travel program administrator.

a. The employee's corporate travel card is for official state business travel only. Personal use on the travel card shall result in disciplinary action.

b. If a vendor does not accept credit card payment for registration or lodging expenses, the department head may approve for payment(s) to be made by other means. Travelers must submit supporting documentation from the vendor stating they do not accept credit card payments. The supporting documentation must be kept with the travel expense form.

2. Persons traveling on official state business will provide themselves with sufficient funds for all travel expenses that are not covered by the Corporate Travel Card, LaCarte Purchasing Card, and/or agency's CBA account.

3. For agencies participating in the LaCarte, Travel, and/or CBA card programs, group/athletic travel must be placed on one of the card programs. This does not eliminate

any approvals that must be granted from the Commissioner of Administration and/or the Office of State Travel.

4. Advance of funds for travel shall only be made in extraordinary circumstances and any excess funds should be promptly repaid upon return. Cash advances meeting the exception requirement(s) listed below must have an original and itemized receipt to support all expenditures in which a cash advance was given, including meals. At the Agency's discretion, cash advances may be allowed for:

a. state traveler whose salary is less than \$40,000/year;

b. state travelers who accompany and/or are responsible for students or athletes for group travel. For group travel advancements, a roster with signatures of each group member along with the amount of funds received by each group member may be substituted for individual receipts;

c. state travelers who accompany and/or are responsible for client travel;

d. new employee who has not had time to apply for and receive the state's corporate travel card;

e. employees traveling for extended periods, defined as a period exceeding 30 or more consecutive days;

f. employees traveling to remote destinations in foreign countries;

g. lodging costs if the hotel(s) will not allow direct bill or charges to agency's CBA and the traveler's salary is less than \$40,000/year;

h. registration for seminars, conferences, and conventions.

5. Sponsored or Scholarship Travel- Travel expenses paid by a sponsor or scholarship are considered a gift per R.S. 42:1115 and requires completion of Ethics Disclosure Form 413. It is the traveler's responsibility to properly complete and submit to the Board of Ethics in the time required. The form can be downloaded at: <http://ethics.la.gov/pub/CampFinan/Forms/Form413f.pdf?20190402>.

a. Reimbursements are not allowed when the traveler does not incur any expense. This includes, but is not limited to, reimbursements for any lodging or meals provided at a state institution or agency or provided by any other party at no cost to the traveler.

6. Travel expenses shall be limited to the necessary expenses incurred by a traveler and must be within the limitations set by PPM 49.

C. Requests for Reimbursement

1. Official domicile/temporary assignment travelers are eligible to receive reimbursement for travel only when they are away from their "official domicile" or on a temporary assignment unless exemption is granted in accordance with these regulations. Temporary assignments will end after a period of thirty consecutive calendar days. After thirty days, the place of assignment shall be deemed his/her official domicile. The traveler shall not be allowed travel and subsistence reimbursement unless permission to extend the thirty-day period has been previously approved by the Commissioner of Administration.

a. Travelers cannot be reimbursed while traveling within their official domicile.

b. Travelers cannot be reimbursed when traveling to/from their residence when their residence location is different from their official domicile.

c. At the discretion of the department head or his/her designee, an exception may be allowed for mileage to/from airports as stated in §1504.E.3.

d. The department head or his/her designee may approve an authorization for routine travel for an employee who must travel to perform his/her regular job duties. This may include traveling within the employee's official domicile if it is a regular and necessary part of the employee's duties. Attending infrequent/irregular meetings and conferences within their official domicile are not reimbursable.

2. All claims for travel reimbursement shall be submitted on the State's Travel Expense Form, BA-12, or in your agency's travel expense management system. Travel Expense Forms must include all travel details and be signed by the person claiming reimbursement and approved by his/her immediate supervisor. In all cases, the date and hour of departure and return to domicile must be shown along with each final destination throughout the trip clearly defined on the form. Agencies must get an exemption from the Commissioner of Administration to use a Travel Expense form other than the BA-12. For every travel authorization request, the purpose of the trip for travel must be stated in the space provided on the front of the form. The second page of the BA-12 must be completed with the breakdown of the travel expenses. This is required for every trip. Form BA-12 can be found at: <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/apro1q2x/travelexpense.docx>.

3. Air transportation, registration, lodging, rental vehicles, shuttle service, and all other allowable charges outlined in section II(F)(4) of the State of Louisiana State Liability Travel and CBA policy should be invoiced directly to the agency, or charged to a state liability card. The traveler must provide receipts for all items charged or billed directly to the agency.

4. Cost of meals shall be paid by the traveler and claimed on the travel expense form for reimbursement.

5. Travel Expense Forms must include all expenses related to the trip, which includes expenses paid by the agency and reimbursable expenses paid by the traveler. Expenses paid by the agency must be noted on the Travel Expense Form or marked "prepaid" on the LaGov expense statement and these expenses must be excluded from the traveler's reimbursable costs.

6. Travelers should submit claims within 30 days of the travelers' return date. If a travel reimbursement is less than \$25, it is recommended that the traveler wait until a minimum of \$25 is reimbursable to submit the request unless there is no travel scheduled for the traveler in the future. Department heads may make the 30-day submittal mandatory on a department wide basis.

7. Any person who submits a claim pursuant to these regulations and who willfully makes any claim which he/she does not believe to be true and correct or who willfully aids, procures, counsels, or advises the preparation of a false or fraudulent claim, shall be guilty of official misconduct. If a traveler receives an allowance or reimbursement by means

of a false or fraudulent claim, the traveler(s) involved shall be subject to disciplinary actions as well as being criminally and civilly liable within the provisions of state law.

8. Agencies shall review travel reimbursements to verify the documentation and complete processing within 30 days of receiving the final reimbursement submission.

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§1504. Methods of Transportation

The most cost-effective method of transportation that will accomplish the purpose of the travel shall be selected. Official state travelers must use the most direct travel route. Among the factors to be considered are the length of travel time, vehicle operation cost, and cost/availability of common carrier services. Common carriers shall be used for out-of-state travel unless it is documented that utilization of another method of travel is more cost efficient or practical and approved in accordance with these regulations.

A. Air Travel

1. Privately Owned or Charter Planes. Prior approval is required by the department head when traveling by privately-owned or chartered aircraft. The traveler must certify:

1. at least two hours of working time will be saved by such travel; and

2. no other form of transportation such as commercial air travel or a state plane will serve the same purpose.

a. Chartering a privately owned aircraft must be in accordance with the Procurement Code.

b. Reimbursement for using a chartered or un-chartered privately owned aircraft under the above guidelines will be made per the published GSA rate or the cost of coach economy airfare, whichever is the lesser. GSA Airplane mileage rate: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/transportation-airfare-pov-etc/privately-owned-vehicle-pov-mileage-reimbursement-rates>

c. If there are extenuating circumstances requiring reimbursement not listed above, approval must be granted by the Commissioner of Administration.

d. When common carrier services are unavailable and time is at a premium, travel via state aircraft shall be requested and if a state aircraft is not available, the file shall be documented to show non-availability of a common carrier and state aircraft. The documentation shall be readily available in the department's travel reimbursement files.

2. Commercial Airlines

a. All state travelers are to purchase commercial airline tickets through the state contracted travel agency. This requirement is mandatory unless approval is granted from the Office of State Travel. In the event travelers seek approval to book without using the state's travel agency, the traveler shall submit their request through their agency's travel program administrator, who will determine if the request should be submitted to the Office of State Travel.

b. State contractors are not required to use the state's contracted travel agency when purchasing airfare, but it is the agency's responsibility to monitor costs to ensure the contractors are purchasing the lowest, most logical airfare.

c. The State supports purchasing the lowest logical ticket. Once all rates are received, the traveler must compare costs and options to determine which fare will be the best value ticket for their trip. To make this determination, the traveler must consider whether or not there is a likelihood the itinerary will change or be cancelled. Depending on this assessment, the traveler must determine if the additional costs associated with changing a non-refundable ticket alters the determination of the lowest logical ticket.

d. Travelers should advise the agent of their flexibility with dates and/or time of travel to ensure the most cost-effective rate.

e. Travelers are to seek airfare allowing a sufficient amount of lead-time prior to departure date. The lead-time should be no less than 10 to 14 days in advance of travel dates to ensure the lowest fares are available.

f. Commercial air travel will not be reimbursed in excess of the lowest logical airfare. Receipts are required for reimbursement for commercial air travel. Upgrades above economy at the expense of the State are not permitted without prior approval from the Commissioner of Administration or in accordance with Subparagraph h of this Subsection. If an upgrade is not approved prior to the travel date and the traveler chooses to upgrade, the cost associated with the upgrade must be paid separately by the traveler. If space is not available in economy in enough time to carry out the purpose of the travel, the traveler must obtain a statement from the airline or contracted travel agency with this information. The certification is required for travel reimbursement.

g. The state will pay for the airfare and/or penalty incurred for a change in plans or cancellation when the change or cancellation is required by the State or there are unavoidable circumstances approved by the agency's department head. Justification for the change or cancellation by the traveler's department head is required on the travel expense form.

h. When an international flight segment is more than 10 hours in duration, the state will allow the business class rate provided it does not exceed the economy rate by more than 10 percent. The traveler's itinerary, provided by the travel agency, must document the flight segment as more than 10 hours and must be attached to the travel expense form.

i. Travelers may retain frequent flyer miles earned on official state travel unless an agency deems the points as property of the state. If a traveler makes travel arrangements that favor a preferred airline/supplier to receive these reward

points and this circumvents purchasing the lowest logical airfare, they are in violation of this travel policy. Any costs in excess of the lowest logical airfare resulting from this violation are not reimbursable.

B. Unused Tickets

1. A lost or unused airline ticket is the responsibility of the person to whom the ticket was issued. Unused tickets should always be monitored by the traveler and the agency. Travelers should ensure that any unused ticket is considered when planning future travel arrangements. Some airlines have a policy that will allow for a name change to another traveler within the agency. A view of the latest airline policies regarding unused tickets are available at the Office of State Travel's website: <https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/ost/transportation/airfare-airport/>

2. Upon initial notification, it is the traveler's responsibility to determine if the ticket will be used in the future. Unused tickets are to be monitored every 30 days. If it is determined that the ticket will not be used prior to expiration and there is a possibility to transfer the ticket, the traveler must immediately advise the agency's travel administrator that the ticket is available for use by another traveler, section, or agency. The travel administrator should attempt to use the ticket for another traveler within the agency.

3. Department heads must review all unused airfare and the traveler's justification to determine if reimbursement from the traveler must be made to the agency for the cost of the unused ticket. All files must be properly documented.

4. Monitoring unused tickets can be accomplished with the unused ticket report sent to the agency's program administrator each month from the contracted travel agency. This report, in conjunction with traveler notifications while booking other flights and traveler email notifications every 120, 90, 60, 30 and 14 days prior to ticket expiration should be sufficient to reduce the loss of unused airfare.

C. Motor Vehicle

1. No vehicle may be operated in violation of state or local laws. No traveler may operate a vehicle without having a valid U.S. driver's license in his/her possession. All occupants must use safety restraints. Accidents, major or minor, shall be reported first to the local police department or appropriate law enforcement agency. An accident report form, available from the Division of Administration's Office of Risk Management (ORM), should be completed as soon as possible and must be returned to ORM with names, addresses, and phone numbers of principals and witnesses. Contact ORM with questions regarding this report.

2. Operating a state-owned, non-state owned, state-rented, or state leased vehicle for business while intoxicated, as set forth in R.S. 14:98 and 14:98.1, is strictly prohibited, unauthorized, and expressly violates the terms and conditions of use. In the event such operation results in the traveler being convicted of, pleading nolo contendere to, or pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated under R.S. 14:98 or 14:98.1, would constitute evidence of the traveler:

a. violating the terms and conditions of use of the vehicle

b. violating the direction of his/her employer, and

c. acting beyond the course and scope of his/her employment with the state of Louisiana.

3. A person should not be authorized to operate or travel in a state-owned or state-rented vehicle unless the person is an employee of the state of Louisiana or deemed an authorized traveler. All authorized traveler approvals must be kept on file at the agency.

4. Students and non-state employees are not authorized to drive state-owned or state-rented vehicle unless deemed an “authorized traveler” on behalf of the State by the department head or his/her designee. Authorized travelers can be reimbursed for their travel expenses. Anyone who is not an employee of the State of Louisiana must sign the Acknowledgement of Non-State Employees Utilizing State Vehicles form, located on the Office of State Travel’s website, <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/jcfji2il/nse-acknowledgement.pdf>, prior to riding in or driving a state-owned or state-rented vehicle. Each agency is responsible for ensuring that this form and any other necessary requirements are completed and made part of the travel file prior to travel dates.

5. Persons operating a state-owned, state-rented, or personal vehicle on official state business are responsible for all traffic, driving, and parking violations. This does not include vehicle violations for registration or inspection sticker for state-owned or state rented-vehicles, as the State and/or rental company would be liable for any cost associated with these types of violations.

6. For official in-state business, travelers must use the options below in sequential order:

a. first: a traveler should utilize a state vehicle when available;

b. second: a traveler should rent a vehicle from the State’s in-state contracts with Enterprise, National, or Hertz for travel over 99 miles;

c. third: a traveler must receive prior approval from their department head to use his/her personal vehicle and be reimbursed more than 99 miles. Reimbursements must be based on the GSA rate for mileage rounded down to the penny. The current GSA mileage rate can be found here: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/transportation-airfare-pov-etc/private-owned-vehicle-pov-mileage-reimbursement-rates>

7. Motorcycles/bicycles/mopeds/motorized scooters (including e-scooters) shall not be used for official State travel. No passengers may be transported, at any time on official State Travel, on motorcycles/bicycles/mopeds/motorized scooters (including e-scooters).

D. State-Owned Vehicles

1. Travelers in state-owned automobiles who purchase fuel, repairs, and equipment needed while in travel status shall make use of the Statewide Fleet Fuel and Repair/Maintenance and bulk fuel contracts, when applicable. Purchases require receipts and only the lowest manufacturer recommended fuel should be reimbursed.

2. Department heads must give prior approval for State-owned vehicles to be used for out-of-state travel. If a state-owned vehicle is used to travel to a destination more than 500 miles from its usual location, documentation that this is the most cost-effective means of travel must be kept in the department’s travel reimbursement files. When the use of a state-owned vehicle has been approved by the department head for out-of-state travel for the traveler’s

convenience, the traveler is personally responsible for any other expense en route to and from their destination, which includes meals and lodging.

3. If a state vehicle is needed or requested to be kept at the home of a state traveler overnight, the agency and traveler should ensure it is in accordance with requirements outlined in R.S. 39:361-364.

E. Personally Owned Vehicles

1. Personal vehicle mileage is reimbursed at the published GSA rate for mileage rounded down to the penny. Personal vehicle mileage reimbursements should be based on actual physical addresses and require an odometer reading or website mileage calculator. The current GSA mileage rate can be found here: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/transportation-airfare-pov-etc/private-owned-vehicle-pov-mileage-reimbursement-rates>.

2. When two or more persons travel in the same personally owned vehicle, only one reimbursement is allowed for the expense of the vehicle. The person claiming reimbursement shall report the names of the other passengers on the travel expense form.

3. At the discretion of the department head or his/her designee, mileage to and from airport(s) may be allowed while on official state business. This approval may include reimbursement for a traveler who is being dropped off and/or picked up from the airport.

4. Mileage reimbursements must not exceed the cost of the lowest logical airfare for the same trip. Travelers are personally responsible for any other expenses en route to and from the destination, which includes meals and lodging.

5. If a traveler is requested to take his/her personally owned vehicle out-of-state for a purpose that will benefit the agency, then the department head may, on a case- by-case basis, determine to pay a traveler for all or part of en route travel expenses (for example – lodging, meals, and mileage). Documentation must be kept on file to show cost savings or justification as to why personal vehicle mileage, lodging, and meals while in transit were approved for out-of-state travel exceeding 99 miles.

6. A traveler shall never receive any benefits or reimbursements because his/her residence is different from his/her official domicile. A traveler may be reimbursed mileage when starting travel from his/her residence if the mileage is less than starting travel in the traveler’s official domicile. If a traveler is leaving on a non-work day or leaving before or after work hours, the department head may determine to pay the actual mileage from the traveler’s residence.

7. When a traveler is required to regularly use his/her personally owned vehicle for agency activities, the agency head may request prior authorization from the Commissioner of Administration for a vehicle allowance. Requests for vehicle allowances must contain a detailed account of routine travel listing exact mileage for each route and justification as to why a rental vehicle is not feasible. Justifications should include a three-month travel history with a complete mileage log for all travel incurred, showing all points traveled to/from and the exact mileage. Requests for vehicle allowances are granted for one fiscal year and must be requested again each fiscal year if there is still a need. A centralized file must be kept containing all approvals.

a. If an employee is granted a vehicle allowance then mileage, fuel, and rental vehicle reimbursements or charges are not allowed for that employee. Rental vehicles are allowed for these employees when traveling out-of-state.

8. Travelers are required to pay all operating expenses for his/her personal vehicle including fuel, repairs, and insurance.

F. State-Rented Vehicles

1. The state has mandatory contracts for in-state and out-of-state vehicle rentals for business travel with Enterprise, National, and Hertz. These contracts also apply to all authorized travelers and contractors. The state does not have international vehicle rental contracts.

2. Employees receiving a vehicle allowance are only allowed to rent a vehicle when traveling out-of-state.

3. In-State and Out-of-State Vehicle Rentals

a. A rental vehicle should be used if a state owned vehicle is not available for all travel over 99 miles. In the event that an agency or traveler chooses to use a personal vehicle, refer to §150.E, of this policy, Personally Owned Vehicles.

b. All state contractors who have entered into a contract with the State of Louisiana on or after March 1, 2013, and whose contracts are required to follow PPM 49 for travel reimbursements, must use the state's mandatory contracts while conducting business on behalf of the State.

c. In-state rental vehicle reservations shall not be made at an airport location for daily routine travel unless prior approval is granted by the department head. Airport rental locations charge extra fees that will add unnecessary costs to your rental charges.

d. Charges added to the vehicle rental price must be in accordance with the mandatory rental vehicle contracts.

4. Payments. Rentals through the vehicle rental contracts shall be made using the "LaCarte" purchasing card, an agency's CBA account, an employee's state corporate travel card, or through direct bill to the agency. Agencies may decide which of these forms of payment to be used.

5. Approvals. Travel authorization forms must be approved by the department head or his/her designee prior to renting a vehicle. Agencies are allowed to approve rental vehicles on an annual basis if the travel is routine and a regular part of an employee's job duties.

6. Vehicle Rental Size

a. Only the cost of an economy, compact, intermediate, or standard vehicle is reimbursable, unless:

1. non-availability is documented; or
2. the vehicle will be used to transport more than two persons.

3. if a larger vehicle is necessary to carry equipment or multiple passengers, the vehicle shall be upgraded only to the next smallest size and lowest price necessary to accommodate the need. The file must include a justification approved by the department head or his/her designee.

b. A department head or his/her designee may authorize a larger vehicle on a case-by-case basis and provide detailed justification in the file. Justification could include, but is not limited to, specific medical requirements when supported by a doctor's recommendation or traveling with equipment.

7. Personal use of a State-rented vehicle is not allowed.

8. Fuel

a. Fuel should be placed on an agency's fuel card for rental vehicles. If your agency does not have a fuel card, reimbursements require an original receipt. If you are not able to obtain a receipt from the pump or cashier, a time stamped photo of the pump showing the number of gallons purchased and total price will suffice.

b. A traveler must purchase fuel with the State's Fuel Card, other approved credit card, or with personal funds at reasonable cost from a fuel station prior to returning the rental. Pre-paid fuel options or replacement of gasoline from the rental company is not allowed. If a traveler purchases any fuel options or programs allowing the rental vehicle company to replace gasoline without justification and prior approval from the department head, the traveler must reimburse the agency. Each agency shall familiarize itself with the Statewide Fleet Fuel and Repair/Maintenance and bulk fuel contracts. Agencies and travelers should review the terms, conditions, and locations of vendors for each contract.

9. Insurance for Vehicle Rentals within the United States

a. State rental contracts include Collision and Damage Waiver (CDW) insurance and \$1,000,000 Liability Protection Coverage. Additional insurance billed by car rental companies is not reimbursable and must not be billed to an agency.

b. Should a collision occur while on official state business, the accident should immediately be reported to the Office of Risk Management and the rental company. Any damage involving a third party must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency to obtain a police report.

c. Lost keys and unlocking services for rental vehicles are not covered under the damage waiver policy and can be costly. Agencies should establish an internal procedure regarding the liability of these costs.

10. Insurance for Vehicle Rentals Outside of the United States

a. The Office of Risk Management (ORM) recommends the appropriate insurance (liability and physical damage) provided through the car rental companies be purchased when the traveler is renting a vehicle outside of the United States. With the approval of the department head or his/her designee, required insurance costs must have receipts and may be reimbursed for travel outside of the United States only.

b. The following insurance packages are available by rental vehicle companies which are reimbursable:

1. collision damage waiver (CDW), should a collision occur while on official state business, the cost of the deductible should be paid by the traveler and submit a reimbursement claim on a travel expense form. The accident must also be reported to the Office of Risk Management;

2. loss damage waiver (LDW);

3. auto tow protection (ATP);

4. supplementary liability insurance (SLI);

5. theft and/or super theft protection (coverage of contents lost during a theft or fire);

6. vehicle coverage for attempted theft or partial damage due to fire by the car rental company.

c. The following are examples of insurance packages available by rental vehicle companies that are not reimbursable:

- i. personal accident coverage insurance (PAC);
- ii. emergency sickness protection (ESP).

d. Insurance is only allowed to be charged or reimbursed when renting outside of the United States.

11. Navigation Equipment (GPS System). Must be rented, not purchased, from a rental car company and may only be reimbursed if the traveler justifies the need for such equipment. Prior approval from the department head or his/her designee must be obtained and included with the travel file.

G. Ground Transportation

1. The cost of public ground transportation such as buses, subways, airport shuttles/limousines, ferries, tolls, and taxis are reimbursable when the expenses are incurred as part of approved State travel. Credit card fees charged by these services are reimbursable.

2. Public transportation to and from the airport may be reimbursed with a receipt while on official state business.

3. Uber or Lyft type services, are reimbursable with an itemized receipt. Premium vehicles are not reimbursable. Agencies may reimburse tolls, surcharges, and fees (excluding wait time fees) when it is determined that these services are the most cost effective option. Wait time fees are not a reimbursable expense. Travelers should try to utilize the most economic ground transportation without incurring additional fees or surge pricing.

a. Uber Black, Uber Black XL, and Uber Premier are not reimbursable

b. Lyft Lux, Lyft Lux Black, and Lyft Lux Black XL are not reimbursable

c. UberXL and Lyft XL are reimbursable with two or more passengers.

4. When travelers utilize a free shuttle service, a \$5 tip may be allowed (no receipt is required).

5. Airport shuttles, taxis, and all other public transportation require a receipt for reimbursement. A driver's tip may be given and the tip must not exceed 20 percent of the total charge. The tip amount must be included on the receipt received from the driver/company.

6. All other forms of public ground transportation other than those listed above are limited to \$10 per day when a receipt is not possible. Claims in excess of \$10 per day require a receipt. At an agency's discretion, the department head may implement an agency policy requiring receipts for all public transportation requests less than \$10 per day.

7. To assist agencies with verification of taxi fares, you may contact the taxi company for an estimate or visit an online taxi fare estimator. A traveler should obtain prior approval if multiple taxis will be used during a trip (not just to and from an airport). It may be in the agency's best interest to rent a vehicle rather than reimbursing multiple taxi expenses.

H. Parking and Related Parking Expenses

1. Baton Rouge Airport. The State has contracted rates for parking in the indoor parking garage and the outside fenced parking lot at the Baton Rouge Airport. The airport parking certificate and State Employee ID must be presented

to receive the contract price. If the agency does not issue a State ID, the traveler will need a business card and a driver's license along with the certificate to be eligible for the state contracted rate. Receipts are required for reimbursement of the contracted rates listed in the resource section. The airport certificate may be found on the State Travel Office's website at: <https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/ost/parking/>

2. New Orleans Airport Parking. Travelers have the option to park at New Orleans Airport in the Surface Lot or the Airline Economy Garage. Receipts are required for reimbursement for the allowable rates listed in the resource section.

3. Travelers using motor vehicles on official state business may be reimbursed for all other parking, including airport parking except as listed in A and B above, ferry fares, and road/bridge tolls. For each transaction over \$5, a receipt is required.

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§1505. Lodging

(Formerly §1506)

A. General Lodging Information

1. Lodging rates for the 48 contiguous states are based on the GSA lodging rates for the applicable location. The GSA lodging rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

2. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories shall follow the rate below:

a. Lodging Rate- \$225 per night

3. The state has contracted with HotelPlanner for hotel booking (use is not mandatory). Lodging rate, plus tax (other than Louisiana Sales Tax) and any mandatory surcharges are allowed.

4. When traveling in-state on official state business and expenses are being charged to an employee's State Corporate Travel Card, State's LaCarte Card, or the agency's CBA account, it is the employee's responsibility to ensure state sales taxes are not charged.

5. When two or more employees, on official state business, share a lodging room, the state will allow the actual cost of the room; subject to a maximum amount allowed for an individual traveler multiplied by the number of employees per room.

B. Conference Lodging Allowance

1. Travelers may be allowed the conference lodging rates, plus tax (other than Louisiana Sales Tax) and any

mandatory surcharge. Receipts are required along with documentation showing the actual conference rate. Department heads or his/her designee have the authority to approve the actual cost of conference lodging for a single occupancy or standard room when the traveler is staying at the designated conference hotel. If there are multiple designated conference hotels, the lower cost conference hotel should be booked, if available. In the event the designated conference hotel(s) have no room availability, a department head or his/her designee may approve to pay the actual hotel cost not to exceed the conference lodging rates for other hotels in the immediate vicinity of the conference hotel. Rates exceeding the Conference Lodging Rate must be approved by the Commissioner of Administration. This allowance does not include Agency Hosted Conference Lodging Allowances. Documentation required is a formal agenda, program, letter of invitation, or registration fee. Participation as an exhibiting vendor in an exhibit /trade show also qualifies as a conference. For a hotel to qualify for conference rate lodging, it requires that the hotel is hosting or is in conjunction with hosting the meeting.

2. Training courses held over several consecutive days and have a designated hotel and rate, could be considered a "conference hotel."

3. If staying at a designated conference hotel or an overflow hotel(s), you may not rent a vehicle unless prior approval is granted from the department head. Rental vehicles must be for official state business needs and supporting documentation must be maintained in the file.

4. No reimbursements are allowed for functions not related to a conference. Examples include tours, dances, and golf tournaments.

C. Extended Stays

1. For travel assignments approved by the Commissioner of Administration involving duty for extended periods (30 or more consecutive days) at a fixed location, the reimbursement rates indicated should be adjusted downward whenever possible. Claims for meals and lodging may be reimbursed on a per diem basis supported by a lodging receipt.

2. The only exemptions which do not require the Commissioner of Administration's approval when traveling 30 days or more are students, professors, or other state travelers which are traveling on a grant, scholarship, studying aboard or any other occasion where funds utilized are not state funds. Department head approval is required for these travelers.

D. Lodging Fees

1. Non-Conference Related Fees. Many hotels charge mandatory fees variously termed *resort fees*, *amenity fees*, *urban destination fees*, *facilities fees* and *daily destination fees*, among others. Agencies should review these fees and see what they include before authorizing reimbursement, as they can vary from simply covering internet access to including items that may be considered gifts, like tours or tickets. If the fees do not include an item that can be considered a gift, these fees are reimbursable but should not exceed the applicable lodging rate when combined with the daily room rate. These fees require department head approval if the additional cost is less than a 50 percent

increase of the daily lodging rate. Increases above 50 percent require prior approval from the Commissioner of Administration.

2. Added value charges which include, but are not limited to, early check-in fees, additional person fees, mini-bar/snack fees, gym fees, and spa fees are not reimbursable.

3. Tax recovery charges are not allowed when booking through companies other than the State of Louisiana's travel agency or its affiliated company.

E. Louisiana Sales Tax

1. Travelers are responsible for reimbursing the agency for any Louisiana sales taxes when the agency's tax exemption form is not presented at time of check-in at hotel. Contractors are subject to Louisiana sales tax and can be reimbursed for this expense.

2. Travelers should use the tax-exempt form located on the State Travel Office website for all in-state lodging: <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/er0b2lwj/travelexemption-travelexpense.pdf>

F. Lodging with Relative or Friends

1. May not be reimbursed unless the host can substantiate costs for accommodating the traveler. The reimbursement will be at the actual cost of lodging but must not exceed the lodging rate for the applicable area. The host must show proof of the added costs for water, electricity, and other expenses.

G. Hotel Reward Points

1. Travelers may retain hotel reward points earned on official state travel unless an agency deems the points as property of the state.

H. Lodging Exceptions

1. Non-Conference Lodging Overage Allowances. Department head or his/her designee has the authority to approve actual costs for routine lodging on a case by case basis, but shall not exceed 50 percent over the lodging rate for the applicable travel location. (This authority is for routine lodging only and not for conference lodging or any other area of PPM 49). Receipts, justification, and approval must be maintained in the file to show that attempts were made with hotels in the area to receive the best rate.

a. Travelers are responsible for reimbursing the agency for lodging rates that exceed the published lodging rates for the travel location unless prior approval is granted by the Commissioner of Administration.

2. In areas where the Governor has declared an emergency, a department head or his/her designee has the authority to approve actual routine lodging provisions on a case-by-case basis, but shall not exceed 75 percent over the lodging rate for the applicable travel location. Each case must be documented to justify necessity (e.g. proximity to meeting place) and cost effectiveness. Documentation, including receipts, must be readily available in the agency's travel reimbursement files and kept in accordance with record retention policies.

3. Lodging overages in excess of 1 and 2 of this Section require approval from the Commissioner of Administration prior to being paid or reimbursed by the agency. Requests for approval must contain justification and estimated costs. If prior approval is not obtained, overages must be repaid to the agency by the traveler.

4. Actual expenses for Elected Officials, Board Members (if allowed by the Board), State Officers, persons authorized by statute, or any individual with a preapproved exception will be reimbursed on an actual expense basis, for meals and lodging only, while in travel status, except in cases where other provisions for reimbursement have been made by statute. Itemized receipts are required for reimbursement. Requests must be reasonable in relation to the purpose of travel. Travelers entitled to actual expense reimbursement are only exempt from meals and lodging rates; they are subject to all other requirements as listed in these travel regulations.

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§1506. Meals and Incidentals (M&IE)

A. Meals and Incidentals While In Travel Status

1. Meal and incidental rates based on the GSA meal rates for the 48 contiguous states. The GSA meal and incidental rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

2. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories shall follow the rates below:

a. Meals—Breakfast \$20/, Lunch \$34, Dinner \$51

b. Incidentals—\$5 per day

c. First and last day meal and incidental reimbursements shall not exceed \$82.50

3. Meal rates include taxes and tips, travelers cannot be reimbursed separately for those items. Receipts are not required for meals within these rates unless a cash advance was received.

4. Meal and Incidental Reimbursement for Single Day Travel - Meals are not eligible for reimbursement on single day travel. When an authorized traveler of the State is in travel status where no overnight stay is required, meals are not eligible for reimbursement. However, the department head is allowed to authorize single day meal reimbursements on a case-by-case basis or by types(s) of single day travel when it is determined to be in the best interest of the agency. In those cases, the agency must keep the approvals in the travel file and agencies are responsible for reporting the reimbursement as taxable wages to the traveler. Each department head or his/her designee is to determine whether the travel is best suited for single day or overnight.

a. If a department head or his/her designee determines that single day meals will be reimbursed, they must adhere to the following allowances: To receive meal reimbursements on single day travel, a traveler must be in travel status for more than 12 but less than 24 hours. Reimbursements for single day travel must not exceed 75 percent of the total M&IE rate for the applicable travel location meal rates. This rate is listed as the first and last day of travel on the M&IE rates page of the applicable location.

5. Meal and Incidental Reimbursement for Travel with Over Night Stay

a. On the first and last travel day, employees are only eligible for 75 percent of the total M&IE rate for the applicable travel location. The Meals & Incidental Expense breakdown page has a table showing the calculated amount for the "First and Last Day of Travel."

b. Student group trips including employees required to travel with student groups (including athletic travel) are eligible for the full M&IE rate on the first and last day of travel for the applicable travel location when travel begins prior to 8 a.m. and ends beyond 8 p.m..

c. Incidental expenses are limited to \$5 per day for domestic travel. Domestic incidental expenses include tips for valet, porters, baggage carriers, and hotel staff.

6. Reimbursement for alcohol is prohibited

7. If meals are included in a conference schedule, including continental breakfast and are part of the registration fee, the traveler cannot request/receive additional reimbursement for that meal. If a traveler has dietary restrictions, agencies may allow the traveler to claim reimbursements for any meals provided at a conference, meeting, or other work function that may pose a health risk to the traveler if consumed.

8. Meals provided by relatives and/or friends may not be reimbursed unless the host can substantiate costs for providing meals to the traveler. The reimbursement amount for the traveler's portion of the meal must be reimbursed at the actual cost but shall not exceed the published meal rate for the applicable travel location. The traveler must provide documentation and obtain approval from the department head.

B. Special Meals

1. Special meal needs are infrequent, extraordinary, and/or emergency situations when state employees are required by their supervisor to work more than a twelve-hour weekday or six-hours on a weekend. Special meals also includes meals provided during working meetings of department staff. Special meals do not include normal visits, meetings, or reviews.

a. Special meals should not be served at brief meetings, particularly meetings that could be scheduled at times other than meal times.

2. Special meals must have prior approval from the Commissioner of Administration for all state agencies other than higher education. The entity head of higher education institutions or his/her designee may approve special meals prior to the meal date. Special meals should be placed on a state issued credit card.

3. All special meals must have a sign-in sheet.

4. Requests for one-time special meals must be signed by the department head and require prior approval by the Commissioner of Administration. These requests must include:

- a. date of event;
- b. name of each recipient;
- c. total number of attendees;
- d. estimated cost of meal;
- e. estimated cost per person;
- f. justification for special meal.

5. The Commissioner of Administration may delegate approval to a department head on a fiscal year basis. Requests must be submitted every fiscal year the delegation is needed. Once approval is received, the department head may authorize a special meal within the published meal rate of the meeting location. A reasonable delivery fee and tip may be allowed if ordered from an outside vendor. Tips should never exceed 20 percent of the meal cost.

a. Requests to the Commissioner of Administration for special meal delegations must:

- i. be submitted on agency letterhead and signed by the department head;
- ii. include clear justification of the necessity and appropriateness of the request;
- iii. include a statement that rates for meal reimbursements will be in accordance with PPM 49 unless specific approval is received from the Commissioner of Administration to exceed meal rates.

6. Agencies with a special meals delegation must report all special meals on a quarterly basis to StateTravel@LA.Gov. Higher education institutions must send the special meals report to the entity's management board. The Special Meals Report template can be found here: <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/s43etwyx/special-meals-report-template.xlsx>. The special meals report must include:

- a. year and quarter being reported;
- b. agency name;
- c. name of report preparer;
- d. phone number and email address of report preparer;
- e. date of event;
- f. event title;
- g. name and title of person(s) receiving reimbursement, if applicable;
- h. if a state credit card was used, the name and title of the cardholder must be reported;
- i. name and title of each recipient;
- j. total number of attendees;
- k. total cost of meal;
- l. cost per person;
- m. justification for special meal.

7. In order for an agency's special meals delegation renewal to be considered for approval, the special meals quarterly reports must be submitted.

8. Special meals also apply to visiting dignitaries or executive-level persons from other governmental units.

9. Special meal documentation must be kept on file and must include:

- a. a detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred, with appropriate receipts(s);

- b. subtraction of any alcoholic beverage costs.

c. copy of prior written approval from the Commissioner of Administration or for higher education, the entity head or his/her designee.

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§1507. Reimbursement for Other Expenses while in Travel Status (Formerly §1508)

A. Communication and Internet Expenses

1. Travelers with a state issued phone or receiving a monthly stipend are not allowed communication reimbursements for domestic travel.

2. State business communication costs may be reimbursed with receipts.

3. For international travel: up to \$10 for personal calls upon arrival at each destination and up to \$10 for personal calls every second night after the first night, if the travel extends several days. International charges by mobile service providers may be reimbursed with receipts and justification of the business need. If travelers are reimbursed for international charges, the traveler is not allowed to receive an allowance for personal calls.

4. Internet access charges for official state business from hotels or other travel locations are reimbursable with receipts.

B. Storage and Handling Charges

1. Storage and handling charges for state equipment/materials are allowed to be placed on the agency's CBA account. Receipts are required for these transactions.

C. Luggage Allowances

1. Department head or his/her designee may approve reimbursement to a traveler for airline charges for one checked bag for a business trip of five days or less and for two checked bags for business trips exceeding five days. Additional luggage or equipment required for the business travel may be reimbursed with justification and receipts.

2. Travelers will be reimbursed for excess baggage charges (overweight baggage) only in the following circumstances:

- a. when traveling with heavy or bulky materials or equipment necessary for business.
- b. the excess baggage contains agency records or property.

3. The traveler should always consider shipping material to the final destination or splitting material into additional pieces of luggage to determine the most cost-effective method for the State.

4. Laundry Services (Domestic Travel Only). If traveling for more than seven days, laundry services may be reimbursed with the department head or his/her designee's prior approval. Receipts are required and may be reimbursed up to the actual cost.

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§1508. Agency-Hosted Conferences (Formerly §1510)

A. Applies to both in-state and out-of-state. State Sponsored Conferences: agencies must solicit three bona fide competitive quotes in accordance with the current Governor's Small Purchase Executive Order.

1. Attendee Verification. All state sponsored conferences must have a sign-in sheet or some type of attendee acknowledgment to justify the number of meals charged.

2. Conference Lunch Allowance. Lunch directly billed to an agency in conjunction with a state sponsored conference shall not exceed the combined breakfast and lunch rates of the conference location. Any gratuity not required by the caterer must not exceed 20 percent of the total meal cost.

Example: If the GSA meal rates for New Orleans are \$17 for breakfast and \$18 for lunch, the conference lunch allowance will be \$35.

3. Breakfast and dinner require approval from the Commissioner of Administration. Approvals for higher education entities can be made by the entity head or his/her designee.

4. Conference Refreshment Allowance. Cost for break allowances for meetings, conferences, or conventions are not to exceed \$5.50 per person. Refreshments are allowed twice per day, morning and afternoon. Gratuity may be added if refreshments are being catered.

5. Conference Lodging Allowances. Conference lodging rates should be within the published PPM 49 lodging rates for the conference location but cannot exceed 50 percent over the published rate without prior approval from the Commissioner of Administration.

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§1509. International Travel (Formerly §1511)

A. International travel must be approved by the Commissioner of Administration for all state agencies other than higher education.

B. The entity head of higher education institutions or his/her designee may approve international travel prior to the departure date.

C. All requests for approval must be accompanied by a detailed account of expected expenditures including airfare, room rates, dates, meals, local transportation, and any other known travel costs.

D. International travelers will be reimbursed based on the U.S. Department of State per diem rates for meals and lodging.

U.S. Department of State Per Diem Rates -
https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp
U.S. Department of State Meal Per Diem Breakdown -
https://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=114&menu_id=75

E. Agencies may decide to allow state travelers to be reimbursed for a Visa and/or immunizations when the traveler is traveling on behalf of the agency/university on official state business and must keep justification with the travel file. Passport reimbursements must be submitted to the department head for approval along with detailed justification as to why this reimbursement is being requested/approved.

F. Incidentals for international travel cannot exceed the listed allowance issued by the U.S. Department of State.

1. Incidentals for international travel are reimbursable at \$5 per day without receipts.

2. Incidentals exceeding \$5 require receipts and/or supporting documentation. (Not to exceed U.S. Department of State Allowance)

3. Incidental expenses for international travel are fees for laundry services and tips given to valets, porters, baggage carriers, and hotel staff.

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§1510. Waivers (Formerly §1512)

A. The Commissioner of Administration may waive, in writing, any provision in these regulations when the State's best interest will be served. All waivers of PPM 49 must receive prior approval from the Commissioner of Administration, except in declared emergencies.

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PPM Number 74—Web Accessibility Compliance
(LAC 4:V.Chapter 61)

Policy and Procedure Memorandum Number 74, Web Accessibility Compliance, has been revised effective June 9, 2025. Due to unexpected administrative challenges, the minimum web accessibility standard has been revised from WCAG 2.2 to WCAG 2.1.

Title 4

ADMINISTRATION

Part V. Policy and Procedure Memoranda

Chapter 61. Web Accessibility Compliance—PPM Number 74

§6101. Purpose

A. The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure people with disabilities can access online government services. It also provides consistency for web users across state websites and mobile applications.

B. All boards, commissions, departments, agencies, institutions, and offices of the executive branch of state government shall comply with this memorandum.

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§6103. Definitions

A. For purposes of this memorandum, the following definitions shall apply.

Agency—a board, commission, department, agency, institution, or office of the executive branch of state government.

Agency Home Page—the starting point for an agency website or mobile application. It is the first page presented whenever a user goes to the agency website or opens the mobile application.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)—a federal law that prohibits discrimination based on disability in all areas of public life.

DOJ Final Rule—a set of requirements issued by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in 28 CFR Part 35, Subpart H. It sets minimum standards for web content and mobile applications so that they are accessible by people with disabilities.

Exceptions to DOJ Final Rule—in limited situations, certain web content does not have to comply with the DOJ Final Rule. The exceptions include:

- a. archived web content;
- b. electronic documents posted before April 24, 2026;
- c. content posted on the agency's website or mobile application by a member of the public;
- d. individualized documents that are password-protected;
- e. social media posts before April 24, 2026.

Mobile Applications—software applications (referred to as apps) that are downloaded and designed to run on mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets.

Web Content—the information and sensory experience communicated to the user of a website or mobile application. This may be achieved through the use of text, images, sound, videos, documents, and social media posts.

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)—a set of technical standards issued by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). For each standard, there are three levels of conformance: A, AA, and AAA.

Web Properties—the various points of presence on the web that an agency uses to represent itself. This may include websites, mobile applications, and social media accounts that serve different purposes or audiences.

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§6105. Web Accessibility Coordinator

A. Agency heads shall designate at least one full-time employee of the agency to serve as web accessibility coordinator.

B. The web accessibility coordinator shall:

1. complete web accessibility training within 90 days of hire or designation to the role. The training materials may be determined by the agency head;

2. resolve accessibility issues reported by web or mobile application users;

3. provide assistance to agency staff, as needed, to create and manage web content that complies with this PPM.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 39:8 and 28 CFR Part 35, Subpart H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 51:327 (February 2025), amended LR 51:765 (June 2025), effective June 9, 2025.

§6107. Agency Policy

A. Agencies shall develop a Web Accessibility Policy. At a minimum, the policy shall include the following.

1. Content Standards. The policy must, at a minimum, adopt WCAG 2.1, Level AA. The standards are available at <https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>. Given how quickly technology advances, agencies are encouraged to adopt increased standards whenever possible.

2. Accessibility Statements. The policy shall require that an accessibility statement be posted as a link directly from the agency home page. The statement must:

a. express a commitment by the agency to making their web content accessible for people with disabilities;

b. include the name, email address and telephone number of the agency's web accessibility coordinator. This ensures that people with disabilities know who to contact, and how, if they experience any accessibility issues.

3. Internal Controls. The policy must set appropriate internal controls in order to achieve and maintain web accessibility requirements. Internal controls should be based on organizational, staffing and financial considerations specific to each agency. Examples of possible internal controls may include but are not limited to:

a. approval procedures for how web content will be screened for accessibility prior to publication;

b. reducing the number of web content authors and managers;

c. contracting with a vendor to fix web content that is not compliant.

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§6109. Implementation

A. Agencies shall submit the following to the State ADA Coordinator, Rikki David, at rikki.david@la.gov by the deadlines given below.

1. By March 31, 2025: Agencies are to complete and submit the designation of agency contacts form to identify their web accessibility coordinator.

2. By June 30, 2025: Agencies are to submit an inventory of their major web properties, to include who is responsible for managing each web property.

3. By September 30, 2025: Agencies are to submit an action plan identifying the steps that they intend to take in order to update their major web properties so that they comply with the content standards.

4. By December 31, 2025: Agencies are to submit a report regarding the completion status of each step in the action plan.

5. By March 31, 2026: Agencies are to submit a copy of their Web Accessibility Policy that meets the requirements of §6107 above.

6. On/After April 24, 2026: Web content (not subject to exception from the DOJ final rule) shall be compliant.

B. Agencies should refer to the Web Accessibility Roadmap at <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/3k4it0jg/web-accessibility-roadmap.docx> for further information regarding how to complete each implementation step.

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§6111. Roles and Responsibilities

A. The Office of State ADA Coordinator (OSADAC) provides administrative support and recordkeeping for all agency forms, reports and policies required by this PPM.

B. The Office of Technology Services (OTS) provides technical and educational support to help understand the WCAG standards.

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Taylor F. Barras
Commissioner

2506#030

Emergency Rules

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Animal Health and Food Safety

Alternative Livestock—Chronic Wasting Disease; Transport of Deer Heads from Quarantined Facility within Louisiana for Taxidermy Purposes (LAC 7:XXI.1705 and 1730)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:962, and under the authority of R.S. 3:3101, the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry declares an emergency to exist and adopts by emergency process the regulations set forth herein for Chronic Wasting Disease for alternative livestock facilities.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a neurodegenerative disease found in most deer species, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, red deer, moose, and caribou. It is infectious, always fatal, and has no known treatment. These diseases cause irreversible damage to brain tissue, which leads to salivation, neurological symptoms, emaciation, and death of the animal.

Pursuant to R.S. 3:3101, the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry is vested with authority to regulate alternative livestock, including imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, facility-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae within the state of Louisiana.

Since 2009, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) has been working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) CWD Program, and since 2011, Louisiana, through LDAF, has been a Participating Approved State, as defined by that program. In compliance with that program, LDAF submits annual comprehensive Herd Certification Program (HCP) Reports to APHIS for review and endorsement, whereby the state's compliance with the program requirements and disease control efforts is monitored.

Despite the successful measures by LDAF to control the transmission and environmental contamination of CWD within alternative livestock populations, CWD continues to pose threats to cervid populations across Louisiana. Left unchecked, CWD has the potential to infect entire cervid herds resulting in considerable economic loss to cervid farmers, the deer-hunting industry, and the state of Louisiana.

On November 7, 2024, LSU Diagnostics (Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory), in coordination with the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL), confirmed to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Office of the State Veterinarian a positive (CWD) test from a deceased deer at a deer farm in Jefferson Davis Parish. The farm, a participant in the USDA CWD Voluntary Herd Certification Program administered by LDAF, has been issued a quarantine restricting movement into or out of the facility, including live deer or deer products, and a 25-mile radius surveillance zone has been activated.

The Office of the State Veterinarian has established a surveillance zone for herds near the affected deer farm and is diligently reviewing recent movement records. All deer farms in the surveillance zone are under restricted movement until further notice.

The provisions established in this emergency regulation are necessary to prevent the spread of CWD in Louisiana into alternative livestock facilities in the state of Louisiana. For these reasons, the potential spread of CWD in Louisiana presents an imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare to Louisiana's citizens, the state's alternative livestock, and the state's alternative livestock industry, as set forth in R.S. 49:962(A)(1)(a).

This Emergency Rule shall have the force and effect of law upon signature, on June 10, 2025, and will remain in effect for 180 days, unless renewed by the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry. For more information about this Emergency Rule, please contact Amy L. McInnis at (225) 922-1250.

Title 7

AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS

Part XXI. Animals and Animal Health

Chapter 17. Alternative Livestock—White-Tailed Deer and other Captive Cervids (Formerly Chapter 15)

§1705. Definitions

(Formerly §1503)

A.

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Quarantined Facility—any farm or deer pen that has been placed under quarantine by order of the state veterinarian.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3101.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner, LR 24:282 (February 1998), amended LR 24:1671 (September 1998), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Animal Health, LR 38:961 (April 2012), repromulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety and the Board of Animal Health, LR 40:971 (May 2014), amended LR 42:1864 (November 2016), amended LR 49:234 (February 2023); amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:

§1730. Chronic Wasting Disease; Transport of Deer Heads from Quarantined Facility within Louisiana for Taxidermy Purposes

A. Except as otherwise indicated herein, the transport of intact deer heads from within a LDAF-designated CWD Quarantined Facility to areas outside of the CWD Quarantined Facility is prohibited and shall be subject to enforcement action as set forth in this Chapter, including but not limited to seizure of deer parts.

B. Intact deer heads from within a LDAF-designated CWD Quarantined Facility may be transported to taxidermists within Louisiana for taxidermy purposes outside of the CWD Quarantined Facility only if:

1. a permit is first obtained from LDAF, specifically authorizing the transport of that particular intact deer head from the Quarantined Facility to a specified Louisiana taxidermist or taxidermy business;

2. deer head; and

3. the intact deer head must be delivered to the taxidermist or taxidermy business within 72 hours of the issuance of the permit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3101 and 3:2094.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:

Mike Strain, DVM
Commissioner

2506#061

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2025 Recreational Gag Grouper Season Modification

Louisiana's recreational gag grouper season was previously scheduled to open on June 1, 2025. The regional administrator of NOAA Fisheries has informed the secretary that the 2025 recreational season for the harvest of gag grouper in the federal waters of the Gulf of America has been modified by action of the Gulf Council and will open on September 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025 or until NOAA Fisheries projects the annual allocation has been met.

The most recent gag grouper population assessment indicated the stock is overfished and undergoing overfishing. Compatible season regulations in state waters are preferable to provide effective rules and efficient enforcement for the fishery, and to prevent overfishing of the species in the long term.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:962, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the secretary by the commission in LAC 76:VII.335.G.5 to modify opening and closing dates of any commercial or recreational reef fish seasons in Louisiana state waters as deemed necessary in order to maintain consistency with modifications in adjacent federal waters, the secretary hereby declares:

The season for the recreational harvest of gag grouper in Louisiana state waters shall remain closed until 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2025, at which time it will open and remain open until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2025, or until otherwise modified. The season for the recreational harvest of gag grouper will then remain closed until the regularly scheduled opening of the 2026 season, currently September 1, 2026. During the closure periods above, no person shall recreationally harvest or possess gag grouper whether within or without Louisiana waters.

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

2506#001

Rules

RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Animal Health and Food Safety and Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission

Commercial Feed (LAC 7:XVII.Chapter 1)

Editor's Note: This Rule is being repromulgated to correct a manifest typographical error. The original Rule may be viewed in its entirety on pages 647-650 of the May 20, 2025 *Louisiana Register*.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority set forth in R.S. 3:1391 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry ("Department"), through the Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, has amended LAC 7:XVII.101, 103, 117, 119, 121, 123, 127, 136, 137, 139, 141, and 167 of the Commercial Feed Rules and Regulations. The Rule change incorporates recent statutory changes for raw milk and raw milk products in animal feed, pursuant to Act 699 of the 2024 Regular Session. The Rule change further incorporates statutory changes set forth in Act 101 of the 2024 Regular Session, which includes modifications to the state chemist responsibilities to include annual determination of the value of protein and any other substance guaranteed as a commercial feed; defines "guarantor" as well as establishes that a guarantor may apply for registration as a feed manufacturer and for authority to label feeds for sale in Louisiana. Further amendments being made pursuant to Act 101 clarifies the term "adulterated" as it relates to injury to the health of humans or animals, and provides additional criteria for "adulterated," including the presence of any drug defined by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The Rule change also includes amendments that are technical changes, merely updating and cleaning up existing language to be consistent with other sections within the same Chapter and with relevant statutory provisions. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 7

AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS

Part XVII. Feed

Chapter 1. Commercial Feeds

Subchapter B. Pet Food

§127. Label Format and Labeling

A. - O.4 ...

P. If the pet food is manufactured with raw milk or raw milk products:

1. The express words "WARNING: NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION – THIS PRODUCT HAS NOT BEEN PASTEURIZED AND MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL BACTERIA," shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner and shall not be smaller than the height of the minimum form required by the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act for the net quantity statement in the table below:

Panel Size		Minimum Warning Statement Type Size
≤ 5 in.2	----	1/16 in.
> 5 - ≤ 25 in.2	----	1/8 in.
> 25 - ≤ 100 in.2	----	3/16 in.
> 100 - ≤ 400 in.2	----	1/4 in.
> 400 in.2	----	1/2 in.

2. When pet food or specialty pet food consists of raw milk, the words, "Raw (BLANK) Milk" shall appear conspicuously on the principal display panel. "BLANK" is to be completed by using the species of animal from which the raw milk is collected.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1392, 1393, and 1394.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Feed Commission, LR 11:224 (March 1985), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, and Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission, LR 51:649 (May 2025), repromulgated LR 51:769 (June 2025).

Mike Strain, DVM
Commissioner

2506#055

RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Licensing Procedures (LAC 46:LXXXV.301, 801, and 1201)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 et seq., the Board of Veterinary Medicine ("board") has amended LAC 46:LXXXV.Sections 301, 801, and 1201 in Chapters 3, 8 and 12, respectively, in an effort to provide greater uniformity and clarity to the application for licensure language for veterinarians (DVMs), registered veterinary technicians (RVTs), and certified animal euthanasia technicians (CAETs). The amendments to Sections 301.F, 801.F, and 1201.E changed the length of time for which an application is valid from two years to one year from the initial application submission date. The board determined that this amendment is reasonable due to several changes which have accelerated the application process including: the board's transition to an online application process; the establishment of an online testing option for the required state jurisprudence exam; the repeal of the letters of recommendation requirement for licensure; the repeal of the eight-week preceptorship program requirement for DVM licensure; the addition of three total CAET trainings annually; and, the addition of a third testing window annually for the national exam (NAVLE) for DVMs. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS

Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

Chapter 3. Licensure Procedures

§301. Applications for Licensure

A. The application for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Louisiana shall contain the information set forth in R.S. 37:1520.A, and shall include certification that the applicant has not practiced veterinary medicine in this state without a license, temporary permit, or exception from licensure as provided by R.S. 37:1514.

B. In addition to the above requirements, the board may also require that any applicant furnish the following information or documentation:

1. a current passport-type photograph of the applicant;
2. a copy of the applicant's diploma or official transcript from a veterinary medical school or college accredited or approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association;

3. prior to licensure in Louisiana, a graduate from a DVM program not accredited by the AVMA must provide to the board proof of completion of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) program offered through the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) or the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) program offered through the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB);

4. the certified score on any national examinations previously taken by the applicant;

5. a list of all licenses in a state, territory, or district of the United States or Canada that the applicant currently holds and has previously held;

6. certification from the applicant stating that he has not been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to either a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations, and, in the event that the applicant is unable to so certify, the board may require the applicant to explain in full and/or provide further documentation;

7. certification from the applicant stating that he has not been arrested or indicted for or been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to either a felony or misdemeanor, other than minor traffic violations; and, in the event that the applicant is unable to so certify, the board may require the applicant to explain in full and/or provide further documentation; and

8. certification from the applicant stating that he has never had his or her license to practice veterinary medicine revoked, suspended or denied in any state, territory, or district of the United States; and, in the event that the applicant is unable to so certify, the board may request or require full explanation and/or documentation concerning such revocation, suspension, or denial.

C. The board may require such application to be sworn to by the applicant, notarized, or attested to by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

D. The board may reject any applications which do not contain full and complete answers or information as requested, and may reject any application, or take action against the license of any licensee, if any of the information

furnished in the application is fabricated, false, misleading or incorrect.

E. The board shall reject the application of an applicant who has practiced veterinary medicine in this state without a license, temporary permit, or exception from licensure as provided by R.S. 37:1514, during the one-year period immediately prior to the initial application submission date.

F. An application shall become expired if not completed by the issuance of a license within one year from the initial application submission date. Once expired, the entire application process, including the payment of all applicable fees, shall begin anew.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 8:66 (February 1982), amended LR 10:464 (June 1984), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:223 (March 1990), LR 19:343 (March 1993); LR 23:964 (August 1997), LR 25:2231 (November 1999), LR 28:1982 (September 2002), LR 40:308 (February 2014), LR 49:2074 (December 2023), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 51:770 (June 2025).

Chapter 8. Registered Veterinary Technicians

§801. Applications for Certificate of Approval

A. The application for a certificate of approval for a registered veterinary technician in the state of Louisiana shall contain the information set forth in R.S. 37:1543 and shall include certification that the applicant has not practiced veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state without a certificate of approval.

B. In addition to the above requirements, the board may also require that any applicant furnish all of the following information or documentation:

1. a current passport-type photograph of the applicant;
2. a copy of the applicant's diploma or official transcript from the veterinary technology school of graduation;

3. the certified score on any national examinations previously taken by the applicant;

4. a list of all certificates or licenses in a state, territory, or district of the United States or Canada that the applicant currently holds and has previously held;

5. certification from the applicant stating that he has not been arrested or indicted for or been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to either a felony or misdemeanor, other than minor traffic violations; and, in the event that the applicant is unable to so certify, the board may require the applicant to explain in full and/or provide further documentation;

6. certification from the applicant stating that he has never had his or her certificate as a registered veterinary technician in veterinary medicine revoked, suspended or denied and, in the event that the applicant is unable to so certify, the board may request or require full explanation and/or documentation concerning such revocation, suspension, or denial; and

7. certification from the applicant stating that he has not violated or been subject to any of the grounds for denial of a certificate of approval as listed in R.S. 37:1544.

C. The board may require such application to be sworn to by the applicant, notarized, or attested to by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

D. The board may reject any applications which do not contain full and complete answers or information as requested and may reject any application, or take action against the certificate of approval of any registered veterinary technician, if any information furnished in the application is fabricated, false, misleading, or incorrect.

E. The board shall reject the application of an applicant who has practiced veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state without a certificate of approval during the one-year period immediately prior to the initial application submission date.

F. An application shall become expired if not completed by issuance of a certificate within one year from the initial application submission date. Once expired, the entire application process, including the payment of all applicable fees, shall begin anew.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1549.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:226 (March 1990), amended LR 40:309 (February 2014), LR 49:2074 (December 2023), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 51:770 (June 2025).

Chapter 12. Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians

§1201. Applications for Certificate of Approval

A. The application for a certificate of approval to perform euthanasia in the state of Louisiana shall contain the information set forth in R.S. 37:1553, and shall include certification that the applicant has not performed euthanasia in this state without a certificate of approval.

B. In addition to the above requirements, the board may also require that any applicant furnish the following information or documentation:

1. a current passport-type photograph of the applicant;
2. a copy of an official birth certificate or a copy of a current driver's license as proof of attaining the age of 18 years in order to commence the application process, attend the required training course, sit for the certification examination and receive certification as a CAET or Lead CAET;

3. an official transcript of the applicant's high school records or photocopy of the applicant's high school diploma or GED or an official transcript or copy of a diploma indicating attendance at an institution of higher learning;

4. unless otherwise already in possession of the board, evidence that the applicant has successfully completed a board-approved program in animal euthanasia, which shall include instruction in the proper methods of humanely euthanizing animals by injecting legal drugs in accordance with rules adopted by the board, in proper security precautions, in proper record keeping, and related skills identified by the board;

5. a list of all professional certificates or licenses that the applicant currently holds and has previously held;

6. certification by the applicant that he has never been convicted, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to either a felony or misdemeanor, other than a minor traffic violation. In the event that the applicant is unable to so certify, the board shall require the applicant to explain in full and/or provide further documentation;

7. certification by the applicant that he has never had certification as a certified animal euthanasia technician revoked, suspended, or denied. In the event that the

applicant is unable to so certify, the board shall require the applicant to explain in full and/or provide further documentation;

8. a release waiver form to authorize a background check regarding the applicant's history with dangerous and/or controlled substances to be performed by the Drug Enforcement Administration or other law enforcement agency at the board's request. A photostatic copy of the applicant's authorization is accepted with the same authorization as the original. The background check must be successfully passed, which means that the Drug Enforcement Administration or other law enforcement agency has indicated to the board that the applicant has no previous criminal convictions involving dangerous and/or controlled substances; and

9. certification by the applicant that he has not violated or been subject to any of the grounds for denial of a certificate of approval as listed in R.S. 37:1554.

C. The board may require such application to be sworn to by the applicant, notarized, or attested to by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

D. The board may reject any applications which do not contain full and complete answers and/or information as requested and may reject any application, or take action against the certificate of approval of any certified animal euthanasia technician, if any information furnished in the application is fabricated, false, misleading, or incorrect.

E. The board shall reject the application of an applicant who has practiced veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, or euthanasia technology with sodium pentobarbital in this state without a certificate of approval during the one-year period immediately prior to the initial application submission date.

F. An application shall become expired if not completed by issuance of a certificate within one year from the initial application submission date. Once expired, the entire application process, including the payment of all applicable fees and completion of a board-approved course in animal euthanasia, shall begin anew.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1558.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 19:1424 (November 1993), amended LR 26:317 (February 2000), LR 29:1479 (August 2003), LR 38:357 (February 2012), LR 40:310 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 51:771 (June 2025).

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Executive Director

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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Advisory Commission on Pesticides

Advisory Commission on Pesticides
(LAC 7:XXIII.103, 701, 709, 711, 2101, and 2103)

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Advisory Commission on Pesticides amends LAC 7:XXIII.103, 701,

709, 711, 2101 and 2103. The Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. The Rule change is made in accordance with R.S. 3:3203, which gives the commissioner the authority to adopt rules and regulations. This Rule is written in plain language in an effort to increase transparency.

The rule changes were made to update the rules and regulations to reflect the federal standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for pesticide use and applications by private and commercial applicators. Pursuant to the federal standards established in 40 CFR §171 and 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq., there are requirements for pesticide applicator certification plans administered by the state. As a certifying authority, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is required to have an EPA-approved certification plan to certify applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). The rule changes reflect the current EPA-approved certification plan. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 7

Agriculture and Animals

Part XXIII. Pesticides

Chapter 1. Authority, Pesticide Declarations, Definitions

§103. Definitions

A. - B. ...

Aerial Applicator—a certified commercial applicator involved in or supervising the mixing, loading, spraying, and dispensing of pesticides and fertilizers from low-flying manned or unmanned aircraft.

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Commercial Applicator—means an individual who is certified to apply or supervise the application of restricted use pesticides in the course of his employment.

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Fumigant—any restricted use pesticide which either by itself or in combination with any other substance:

- a. Emits or liberates gas, fumes, or vapors which will destroy pests;
- b. Is usually lethal, poisonous, or noxious;
- c. May be dangerous to human life; and/or
- d. Emits or releases any chilled or heated gas into the atmosphere.

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Mechanically Powered Pesticide Application Equipment—any device that has an electric or internal combustion motor and is used to dispense a pesticide. Control of the device may be directly by human action or autonomously by computer by direction of the applicator.

Nonfee Commercial Applicator—a commercial pesticide applicator who may use restricted use pesticides as a requirement of their employment in an agricultural and/or institutional setting. These applicators are not for hire and shall not use restricted use pesticides outside of their employment setting.

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Private Applicator—means an individual who is certified to apply or supervise the application of any restricted use pesticide for the purpose of producing any agricultural commodity on land owned or leased by the

private applicator or for the purpose of applying or supervising the application of any restricted use pesticide on lands owned by another without compensation. Producing an agricultural commodity shall include related aspects of production, such as storage or transportation of an agricultural commodity produced by the private applicator.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3202 and 3:3203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Advisory Commission on Pesticides, LR 9:171 (April 1983), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Advisory Commission on Pesticides, LR 15:76 (February 1989), LR 27:2085 (December 2001), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Advisory Commission on Pesticides, LR 35:626 (April 2009), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Advisory Commission on Pesticides, LR 37:3466 (December 2011), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, LR 38:3103 (December 2012), LR 42:730 (May 2016), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Advisory Commission on Pesticides LR 51:772 (June 2025).

Chapter 7. Examinations, Certification and Licensing

Subchapter A. Examinations

§701. Examinations of Private Applicators,

Commercial Applicators, Pesticide Salespersons, and Agricultural Consultants

A. Examinations for certification will be given during office hours upon request of the applicant, in Baton Rouge, at the division, at any district office of the department, or at any location approved by the director.

B. The minimum score necessary for successful completion of examinations for certifications under these rules and regulations shall be 70 percent.

C. The director, in cooperation with the director of the Cooperative Extension Service or his designee, shall be responsible for the preparation of all examinations.

D. The director shall be responsible for the administration and grading of all examinations.

E. Each applicant for the agricultural consultant examination who fails to receive a passing score shall wait a minimum of 10 days before being eligible for re-examination.

F. No person shall be allowed to take an agricultural consultant examination more than three times in a 12-month period.

G. Applicants who fail to receive a passing score on the private applicator examination, commercial applicator examination, or pesticide salesperson examination shall be eligible for re-examination after completing and submitting an application for retesting.

H. An applicant who took and did not pass an examination in this state under these standards shall not be permitted to receive certification in the occupation or category for which the examination was taken under a reciprocal agreement with another state.

I. All applicants for salesperson, commercial applicator and private applicator certification must be at least 18 years of age.

J. An applicant shall be disqualified from completing an examination or taking any other examination administered under these rules and regulations if the applicant is caught or found to be cheating on an examination or using any written materials, electronic devices, or other means during an examination, which have not been authorized or allowed by the director or person administering the examination.

1. Any such applicant shall not be allowed to finish the examination and shall receive a score of zero. If an applicant finished the examination prior to the discovery of the cheating or use of unauthorized written materials, electronic devices, or other means the applicant's examination shall be voided and the applicant shall receive a score of zero.

2. Any applicant who is not allowed under this subsection to finish an examination, or whose examination is voided, or who is disqualified from taking the examination or any other examination administered under these rules and regulations may appeal the action to the commission.

a. The appeal must be in writing, state the grounds for the appeal, and filed with the director within 30 days of the date of the action complained of.

b. The appeal will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the commission and the applicant will be notified of the date and place of the next meeting.

c. The appeal will be heard by the commission, which will make a recommendation to the commissioner. The decision of the commissioner shall be the final administrative decision in the matter.

d. An appeal from the decision of the commissioner shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

e. The action or administrative decision shall become final if no appeal is timely filed at any step in the proceedings or if the action is upheld on appeal.

3. During the pendency of any appeal or during the time limit for the filing of any appeal the applicant shall not be allowed to take any examination administered under these rules and regulations.

4. If the action or administrative decision is not appealed or is upheld on appeal then the applicant shall not be allowed to take or re-take the examination or any other examination administered under these rules and regulations for a period of three years from the examination date without the approval of the commission given at a meeting of the commission.

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Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Advisory Commission on Pesticides LR 51:772 (June 2025).

Subchapter B. Certification

§709. Certification of Private Applicators

A. Certification for private applicators shall be issued only after the applicant has satisfactorily passed an examination or has satisfactorily completed a training course that meets or exceeds the standards for certification of private applicators pursuant to 40 CFR §171.105 and is approved by the commissioner.

B. Each person that has been certified as a private applicator and whose certification has not been revoked, suspended or expired may renew that certification by attending a recertification meeting or passing an examination as approved by the commissioner.

C. Private applicators shall not use fumigants unless they pass the Soil or Non-Soil Fumigation Exams.

D. Supervision of Noncertified Applicators. The certified applicator shall ensure that each noncertified applicator under their direct supervision meets all the requirements set forth in 40 CFR §171.201 before the noncertified applicator uses any restricted use pesticide. Noncertified applicators shall be trained within the last 12 months in the safe operation of any equipment they will use for moving, loading, transferring, or applying pesticides pursuant to 40 CFR §171.201.

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§711. Certification of Commercial Applicators

A. The commissioner hereby establishes the following standards as qualifications required for certification.

1. Standards applicable to all categories:

a. must be at least 18 years of age;

A.1.b. - g. ...

2. An individual applying for certification in subcategory 7c (§711.B.2.g.iii) must pass the Non-Soil Fumigation Exam.

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

a. Supervision for Noncertified Applicators: the certified applicator shall ensure that each noncertified applicator under their direct supervision meets all the requirements set forth in 40 CFR §171.201 before using any restricted use pesticide. Noncertified applicators shall be trained within the last 12 months in the safe operation of any equipment they will use for moving, loading, transferring, or applying pesticides pursuant to §171.201.

B.2. ...

a. Agricultural Pest Control (category 1). This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides on agricultural lands, grasslands and non-crop agricultural lands, and on animals and to places on or in which animals are confined. This category also includes Doctors of

Veterinary Medicine engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire, publicly holding themselves out as pesticide applicators, or engaged in large scale use of pesticides. This category does not include the use of fumigants.

b. Forest Pest Control (category 2). This category has been subdivided into the following two subcategories.

i. Forestry Pest Control (subcategory 2a). This subcategory includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, and forest seed production. This subcategory does not include the use of fumigants.

ii. Wood Processing (subcategory 2b). This subcategory includes applicators who are using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides to treat wood products (lumber, poles, ties) before their use in construction, or to field treat utility poles, bridge supports and similar elements of construction. This subcategory does not include the use of fumigants.

c. Ornamental and Turf Pest Control (category 3). This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers and turf. This category does not include the use of fumigants.

d. Seed Treatment (category 4). This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides on seeds. This category does not include the use of fumigants.

e. ...

i. Aquatic Pest Control (subcategory 5a). This subcategory includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of any restricted use pesticide purposefully applied to standing or running water, excluding applicators engaged in public health related activities included in category 8 (Subparagraph B.2.h). This subcategory does not include the use of fumigants.

ii. Anti-Fouling Paints (subcategory 5b). This subcategory includes commercial applicators using restricted use pesticides in paints or coatings to be applied to vessel hulls and other marine structures to inhibit the growth of aquatic organisms such as barnacles and algae. This subcategory does not include the use of fumigants.

f. Right-of-Way Pest Control (category 6). This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides in the maintenance of public roads, electric power lines, pipelines, railway rights-of-way or other similar areas. This category does not include the use of fumigants.

g. Industrial, Institutional, and Structural Pest Control (category 7). This category includes structural applicators and nonfee commercial applicators using, or supervising the use of, pesticides with restricted uses in, on, or around food-handling establishments; human dwellings; institutions, such as schools and hospitals; industrial establishments, including warehouses and grain elevators; and any other structures and adjacent area, public or private; and for the protection of stored, processed or manufactured products. This category has been subdivided into four subcategories.

i. Structural Pest Control (subcategory 7a). This subcategory is for pest control operators who are, or will be, certified and licensed by the Structural Pest Control Commission. The commissioner hereby delegates to the Structural Pest Control Commission the authority to examine and certify all persons in this subcategory. The commissioner hereby delegates to the Structural Pest Control Commission the authority to enforce all federal and state laws and regulations as they apply to persons certified under this subcategory.

ii. Industrial and Institutional Pest Control (subcategory 7b). This subcategory includes applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides on a nonfee basis in, on or around institutions, motels, hotels, hospitals, feed mills, flour mills, food processing plants where processed and unprocessed foods are stored, and like places as the owner or in the employ of the owner and for persons applying or supervising the application of any herbicide, rodenticide, or insecticide for grass and weed control and rodent and general pest control in, on, or around structures or grounds of government subsidized and administered housing and multiplex housing. This subcategory does not include the use of fumigants.

iii. Stored Grain Pest Control (subcategory 7c). This subcategory includes applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, including fumigants, on a nonfee basis in, on, or around commercial grain mills, grain elevators and other grain handling establishments as the owner or in the employ of the owner.

iv. Public Health Pest Control (subcategory 7d). This subcategory includes commercial applicators engaged in the control of public health pests outside of government sponsored health programs. These subcategories do not include the use of fumigants. This has been subdivided into three subcategories, as follows:

(a). Mosquito Control Applicator (subcategory 7d1). This subcategory includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides for mosquito control.

(b). Antimicrobial Pest Control (subcategory 7d2). This subcategory includes commercial applicators, including those in subcategory 7(a) found at LAC 7:XXIII. §711.B.2.g.i, using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides for antimicrobial pest control.

(c). Sewer Root Control (subcategory 7d3). This subcategory is for commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides for root control areas in sewers.

h. Governmental and School Pest Control (category 8). This category is for state, federal, municipal, and school employees using or supervising the use of pesticides in public health programs for the management and control of pests having medical and public health importance. This category does not include the use of fumigants. This category has been subdivided into seven subcategories, as follows.

i. Mosquito Control—Applicator (subcategory 8a). This subcategory is for government employees who are applicators in mosquito control programs.

ii. Rodent Control (Subcategory 8b). This subcategory is for government employees who are applicators in rodent control programs.

iii. Community Public Health (subcategory 8c). This subcategory is for government employees who are applicators concerned with the control of all arthropods and rodents of public health importance.

iv. ...

v. Antimicrobial Pest Control (subcategory 8e). This subcategory is for government employees engaged in antimicrobial pest control using restricted use pesticides.

vi. Sewer Root Control (subcategory 8f). This subcategory is for government employees who are applicators engaged in root control in sewers using restricted use pesticides.

vii. School Employee Pest Control (subcategory 8g). This subcategory is for employees of a school or school system who apply or supervise the application of pesticides on a nonfee basis for grass and weed control and rodent and general pest control (roaches, wasps, ants) or restricted use pesticides in, on, or around structures and grounds of schools that provide education for classes prekindergarten through grade 12. Pesticide applications for wood destroying insects shall be applied by licensed structural pest control operators. Each 8g certified applicator shall annually train all persons applying pesticides under their supervision in the proper handling, storage, use, application and disposal of pesticides.

i. Regulatory Pest Control (category 9). This category includes state, federal or other governmental employees using or supervising the use of pesticides with restricted uses in the control of regulated pests. This category does not include the use of fumigants.

j. Demonstration and Research Pest Control (category 10). This category includes individuals who demonstrate to the public the proper use and techniques of application of pesticides with restricted uses, or supervise such demonstrations and persons conducting field research with pesticides, and in doing so, use or supervise the use of pesticides with restricted uses. This includes individuals such as extension specialists and county agents, commercial representatives demonstrating restricted use pesticide products, individuals demonstrating application or pest control methods used in public or private programs, and state, federal, commercial and other persons conducting field research on or involving restricted use pesticides.

C. ...

D. Each person that has been certified in any category or subcategory as a commercial applicator, and whose certification has not been revoked or suspended or expired, may renew that certification by attending a recertification meeting or training course for that category as approved by the commissioner.

1. When a certification category has not been recertified, the applicator shall comply with all requirements for initial certification contained in §701 and §711.

a. If the expired certification was granted based on a reciprocal agreement, the applicator shall have to take the certification exams administered by LDAF.

E. The commissioner shall issue a certification card to each commercial applicator showing the categories or subcategories in which the applicator is certified. This certification card shall expire on December 31 of each year.

Each person wishing to renew a certification card shall do so by submitting an application form prescribed by the commissioner and by submitting the proper fee.

F. Each person who is certified as a commercial applicator need not be certified as a private applicator or a pesticide salesperson to apply or supervise the application of any restricted use pesticide as a private applicator, or to sell or supervise the sale of restricted use pesticides.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3203, R.S. 3:3242 and R.S. 3:324.

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Chapter 21. Record Keeping Requirements

§2101. Owner-Operators, Non-Fee Commercial Applicators, Private Applicators and Commercial Applicators

A. Any person applying pesticides for a fee, private applicators described in §709, and commercial applicators described in §711, with the single exception of applicators listed in §711.B.2.g Category 7, shall accurately maintain, for a period of three years, records of pesticide applications on a record keeping form or record keeping format approved by the director. Records described herein must be maintained, within three days of the application, at the physical address of the employer or the physical address on the owner/operator license. A copy of these records shall be provided to any employee of department upon request at a reasonable time during normal working hours. The following information shall be included on that form:

1. - 7. ...

8. time of application;

9. crop/type of application;

10. location of application;

11. size of area treated (acres, square feet, or minutes of spraying);

12. rate of application;

13. total amount of product (concentrate) applied per location, per application;

14. applicator;

15. certification number of applicator (if applicable).

B. Non-fee commercial applicators as described in §711.B.2.g, category 7, shall accurately maintain, for a period of three years, records of applications of all herbicides insecticides, rodenticide, and fumigants on the appropriate record keeping form as described in LAC 7:XXV.117.I and §2101.A and approved by the director. Records described herein shall be maintained, within seven days of the application, at the physical address of the

employer. A copy of these records shall be provided to any employee of the department upon request, at a reasonable time during normal working hours.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Advisory Commission on Pesticides, LR 10:199 (March 1984), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, LR 21:929 (September 1995), amended by Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Advisory Commission on Pesticides, LR 37:3484 (December 2011), LR 44:2126 (December 2018), LR 51:775 (June 2025).

§2103. Pesticide Dealers and Salespersons

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

B. Licensed pesticide dealers, certified pesticide salespersons, and/or persons under the direct supervision of a certified dealer or salesperson shall maintain the following records on a current basis for a period of three years:

1. the name, amount and the EPA registration number of the pesticide purchased and/or sold;

B.2. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3203 and R.S. 3:3245.

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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Structural Pest Control Commission

Structural Pest Control Commission
(LAC 7:XXV.101, 113, and 117)

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Structural Pest Control Commission, adopts additions to LAC 7:XXV.101, 113 and 117. The Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. The Rule change is made in accordance with R.S. 3:3366, which gives the Structural Pest Control Commission the authority to adopt rules and regulations. This Rule is written in plain language in an effort to increase transparency.

The Rule removes the term and definition for material safety data sheet and creates a new term and definition for safety data sheet. The Rule clarifies language for the employer records requirement. The Rule removes continuing education program and adds language for training of registered technicians. The Rule clarifies language for obligations of a licensee and/or permittee. Also, the Rule clarifies language for the period of years for record retention

of a person applying pesticides for a fee and the permittee or the primary licensee. The Rule adds language for record retention for applications of pesticides and termite control inspections to include "per location, per application". The Rule adds language for record keeping of applications of general pest and commercial phases of pesticides to include the "total amount of product applied per location, per application; and the size of area treated (square feet or linear feet)". The Rule also adds language for records of applications of pesticides in the fumigation phase to include "per location, per application". Lastly, the Rule clarifies language for records for using bait and baiting systems. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 7

AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS

Part XXV. Structural Pest Control

Chapter 1. Structural Pest Control Commission

§101. Definitions

A. - B. ...

Safety Data Sheet (S.D.S.)—a document which states chemical characteristics and safety precautions regarding a specific chemical.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3362 and R.S. 3:3366.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 11:323 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Structural Pest Control Commission LR 15:954 (November 1989), 17:251 (March 1991), LR 23:855 (July 1997), LR 30:1143 (June 2004), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, LR 31:26 (January 2005), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 32:796 (May 2006), repromulgated LR 32:1015 (June 2006), amended LR 33:39 (January 2007), LR 35:204 (February 2009), LR 35:1468 (August 2009), LR 37:272 (January 2011), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 39:300 (February 2013), LR 41:333 (February 2015), LR 42:213 (February 2016), LR 44:1235 (July 2018), LR 46:1541 (November 2020), LR 47:1100 (August 2021), LR 48:2728 (November 2022), LR 49:2074 (December 2023), repromulgated LR 50:171 (February 2024), repromulgated LR 50:774 (June 2024), amended LR 51:776 (June 2025).

§113. Registration of Employees; Duties of Licensee and Registered Employee with Respect to Registration

A. - N. ...

O. Each employer shall keep complete records at the place of business establishment of all structural pest control work performed as required in LAC 7:XXV.117.H.

P. Each registered technician shall participate in a training as a condition of maintaining his or her status as a registered technician at least once annually (January 1 to December 31).

1. The annual training shall be a minimum of four hours of technical training, shall be approved in advance by the department, and shall meet or exceed the requirements set forth in 40 CFR 171.201.

P.2. - P.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3366, 3368 and 3369.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 11:327 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 15:956 (November 1989), LR 32:797 (May 2006), repromulgated LR 32:1016 (June 2006), amended LR 35:207 (February 2009), LR 37:279 (January 2011), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 39:301 (February 2013), LR 42:213 (February 2016), LR 44:1236 (July 2018), LR 51:776 (June 2025).

§117. Obligations of the Licensee/Permittee

A. - C. ...

D. The primary licensee shall be responsible for training the employee in the kind of work which he will perform. The training shall occur annually and meet or exceed the requirements set forth in 40 CFR 171.201.

E. Maintenance of a commercial applicator certification by a licensee

1. A licensee shall maintain his commercial applicator certification in current status by:

a. attending a continuing educational program for recertification approved by the department that meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in 40 CFR 171.103;

E.1.b. - G. ...

H. Any person applying pesticides for a fee and the permittee or the primary licensee shall maintain records according to LAC 7:XXV.117.H, at the physical address listed on the place of business permit of all applications of pesticides and inspections for wood destroying insects on a record keeping form or in a format approved by the director of pesticide and environmental programs of the department. These records shall be retained for a period of three years after the date of the pesticide application for ship and commodity fumigation, general pest control and commercial vertebrate control, and a period of three years after the expiration of applicable contracts for termite control and structural fumigation. The licensee shall make a copy of these records available to any employee of the department for inspection during normal working hours within 48 hours upon notification, excluding legal holidays.

H.1. - H.1.l. ...

m. total amount of product applied per location, per application;

H.1.n. - H.2.k. ...

l. total amount of a restricted use pesticide applied per location, per application; and

m. size of area with a restricted use pesticide treated (square feet or linear feet).

H.3. - H.3.l. ...

m. total amount of product applied per location, per application;

H.3.n. - H.4.m. ...

n. inspection diagram; and

H.4.o. - Q. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3366 and 3:3368.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 11:327 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 15:956 (November 1989), LR 21:930 (September 1995), LR 23:855 (July 1997), LR 26:2437 (November 2000), LR 29:1062 (July 2003), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and

Environmental Sciences, Structural Pest Control Commission, LR 30:196 (February 2004), LR 31:2761 (November 2005), LR 35:1468 (August 2009), LR 37:280 (January 2011), LR 39:301 (February 2013), LR 42:214 (February 2016), LR 44:1236 (July 2018), LR 46:1541 (November 2020), LR 49:2076 (December 2023), repromulgated LR 50:776 (June 2024), amended LR 51:777 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Animal Health and Food Safety

Voluntary Inspection Services for Slaughter and Processing of Exotic Animals (LAC 7:XXXIII.Chapter 3)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority set forth in R.S. 3: et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry ("Department"), through the Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, has promulgated LAC 7:XXXIII.301-333, relative to the establishment of Voluntary Inspection Services for the Slaughtering and Processing of Exotic Animals. The rule change is being promulgated in accordance with Act No. 33 of the 2024 Regular Session, which enacted R.S. 3:4215(E), that provides for voluntary inspection services for establishments that slaughter or prepares meat or meat products of bison, cervidae, bovidae (other than beef), camelidae and hybrids thereof, domestic rabbits, pheasant, quail, partridge, peafowl, grouse, wild turkey, or other animals or poultry determined by the commissioner of agriculture for human food purposes. This is a new program within the existing Meat and Poultry Inspection program and is entirely fee-based, with no cost to the state. The rules set forth the general provisions for the new Voluntary Inspection Services for slaughter and processing of exotic animals. The rules include standards, and guidelines for establishments wishing to apply for this program; the application process for requesting voluntary inspection; fees and operating hours for voluntary inspection services; facility and humane standards; marking guidelines; procedures for recalls, public health notices, as well as detention, condemnation and seizure of product; reasons for withholding of voluntary inspection services; prohibitions and investigations, as well as adjudicatory proceedings for alleged violations. This 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 XXXIII. Meat and Poultry Inspections

Chapter 3. Voluntary Inspection for Slaughter and Processing of Exotic Animals

§301. General Provisions, Definitions

A. When not in conflict with existing provisions of R.S. 3:4201 et seq. or this Chapter, the provisions of Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Part 416.1-5 are incorporated by reference.

B. The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context expressly indicates otherwise.

Commerce—trade, commerce, transportation, transmission, or communication among the several States, or between any State and any place outside thereof.

Commissioner—Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

Department—the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Establishment—each place of business that receives voluntary inspection services pursuant to R.S. 3:4215(E) and this Chapter.

Exotic Animals—bison, cervidae, other bovidae, camelidae and hybrids thereof, domestic rabbits, pheasant, quail, partridge, peafowl, grouse, wild turkey, or other animals or poultry determined by the commissioner of agriculture herein for human food purposes.

Public Health Notice—an alert to the public about potential health risks in cases where a recall has not or cannot be recommended.

Recall—a voluntary action by an establishment to remove adulterated or misbranded product from commerce. A recall is intended to protect the public from unsafe and improperly labeled foods.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:777 (June 2025).

§303. Voluntary Inspection for Exotic Animals

A. The department may provide, upon application and approval, voluntary inspection services to facilities who process exotic animals, exotic animal carcasses, or exotic meat food products as provided for in this Chapter.

B. An establishment may obtain voluntary inspection services for all or for some of the exotic animals, exotic animal carcasses, or exotic meat food products that it processes.

1. If an establishment seeks voluntary inspection services for some, but not all, of the exotic animals, exotic animal carcasses, or exotic meat food products that it processes:

a. it may affix the official voluntary inspection mark as prescribed in this Chapter to only those exotic animal carcasses or exotic meat food products for which the department has provided voluntary inspection services; and

b. it shall be charged only for the time for which the department provides voluntary inspection services.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:778 (June 2025).

§305. Application for Voluntary Inspection

A. Any person or business desiring to process an exotic animal, exotic animal carcass, exotic animal meat, or meat food product in an establishment under voluntary inspection service must complete an application and receive approval of such establishment and facilities as an official voluntary establishment by the department prior to the provision of such service.

B. When an application has been submitted for voluntary inspection service, the department shall conduct an initial survey which shall include an examination of the establishment, premises, and facilities.

C. The department may provide voluntary inspection services to applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. Facility Standards. Each establishment must meet the facility standards set forth in 21 C.F.R. 416.1-.5, regarding the establishment grounds and facilities; equipment and utensils; sanitary operations, and employee hygiene.

2. Ante-Mortem Inspections and Humane Standards. Each establishment requesting ante-mortem inspections shall meet the following standards:

a. An ante-mortem inspection of an exotic animal shall, where and to the extent considered necessary by the department and under such instructions as it may issue from time to time, be made on the day of slaughter of an exotic animal, as determined by the department.

b. Humane handling of exotic animals during antemortem inspections shall be done in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 3:4203. Immediately after the animal is stunned or killed, it shall be shackled, hoisted, stuck and bled.

c. Any exotic animal producer must receive prior approval by the district supervisor for any off-site ante-mortem inspection.

d. Any establishment desiring ante-mortem inspection service must receive approval of the designated area from the district supervisor or designee prior to the rendition of such service.

3. Post-Mortem Standards

a. Products must be wholesome and free from adulteration, as defined in R.S. 3:4201.

b. Products must be protected from adulteration during processing and storage.

c. Products must be accurately labeled.

D. Upon approval of an initial application for voluntary inspection for exotic animals, the Department shall issue a letter of approval notifying the applicant.

E. Each subsequent individual request for inspection services by that applicant must also be approved. The applicant must submit a request for each individual date on which inspection services are requested. Each request must be approved by the Department. The Department will notify the establishment if the requested date of inspection services is approved.

F. An applicant shall be notified of the decision to reject an application or request for service and the reasons therefore.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:778 (June 2025).

§307. Fees

A. Voluntary inspection services for exotic animal processing is fee-based and shall be made available only to establishments in good standing and not delinquent on payment of fees. The purchase of an annual license is not required.

B. The hourly fee for voluntary inspection services for exotic animal processing is \$40 per hour, billed on a quarter-hour basis, to be paid by the applicant.

C. Upon completion of inspection services, the department will provide the establishment a Voluntary Exotic Inspection Report. This report will indicate the number of hours per month, calculated to the nearest quarter hour, of inspection services provided as well as the total fee owed for inspection services. A representative of the establishment will be required to sign the report.

D. At a subsequent date, the department will provide an invoice for the fee, which must be paid in full within 30 days of receipt.

E. Failure to pay fees for voluntary exotic inspection services will result in the refusal of further services and will be subject to collections.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:778 (June 2025).

§309. Facility Standards

A. All approved establishments shall be operated and maintained in a manner sufficient to prevent the creation of unsanitary conditions and to ensure that products are not adulterated.

B. All approved establishments must comply with the sanitation standards set forth in 9 CFR 416.1-416.5.

1. Establishments may request a waiver from certain provisions of 9 CFR 416.1-416.5. Requests for such waivers must be submitted, in writing, to the district supervisor. Approvals of waiver requests must be in writing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§311. Operating Times

A. Voluntary inspection services may be made available on non-holiday weekdays, at a minimum of two hours and no more than eight total hours in a given day to be approved in advance by the district supervisor.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§313. Antemortem Examination and Humane Standards.

A. An ante-mortem inspection of an exotic animal shall, where and to the extent considered necessary by the department and under such instructions as it may issue from time to time, be made on the day of slaughter of an exotic animal, as determined by the department.

B. Humane handling of an exotic animal during antemortem inspection shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in R.S. 3:4203. Immediately after the animal is stunned or killed, it shall be shackled, hoisted, stuck and bled.

1. The department may refuse or temporarily suspend inspection at an establishment if it finds that any exotic animals have been slaughtered or handled in connection with slaughter by any method not in accordance with the Federal Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C.

§1901 et seq.). The refusal to inspect or suspension shall continue until the establishment comes into compliance herewith.

C. All establishments requesting offsite ante-mortem inspection services must submit requests, in writing, to the district supervisor, and receive prior approval no less than 48 hours in advance of the requested off-site ante-mortem inspection.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§315. Postmortem Examination Standards

A. All products receiving voluntary exotic inspection services must be wholesome and free of adulteration, as defined in R.S. 3:4201, during processing and storage.

B. All products receiving voluntary exotic inspection services must be accurately marked or labeled, as required by this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§317. Marking

A. A mark indicating voluntary exotic inspection may be applied only to animal carcasses, parts, and packaging thereof that have been inspected and passed in accordance with the standards set forth in this Chapter.

B. Except as otherwise authorized by the department, the official inspection mark applied to inspected exotic animal carcasses, meat or meat food products under this part shall include wording as follows: "LA Exotic Inspected".

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§319. Recall/Public Health Notice

A. The department may recommend a recall or issue a public health notice on products in commerce that are voluntarily inspected in accordance with this Chapter and that the department identifies as adulterated or misbranded as defined in R.S. §3:4201.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§321. Detention of Product

A. Whenever carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food product of exotic animals, or any product exempted from the definition of meat food product or poultry product, or any dead, dying, disabled or diseased animal or fowl described above is found by any authorized representative of the department upon any premises of an approved establishment where it is held for purposes of, or during or after distribution in intrastate commerce, and there is reason to believe that any such article is adulterated or misbranded and is capable of use as human food, or that it has not been inspected, in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, or that such article or animal has been or is intended to be, distributed in violation of any such provisions, it may be

detained by such representative for a period not to exceed twenty days, pending action under R.S. 3:4225 or notification of any authorities having jurisdiction over such article or animal, and shall not be moved by any person, entity, firm, or corporation from the place at which it is located when so detained, until released by the department. All official marks may be required by the department to be removed from such article or animal before it is released unless it appears to the satisfaction of the department that the article or animal is eligible to retain such marks.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:779 (June 2025).

§323. Appeals from Decisions

A. Any establishment that receives voluntary exotic inspection services may appeal or dispute any decision made by an inspector in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Chapter.

B. If an establishment disputes any decision made by any inspector in the program, such establishment shall first make its objections known to the inspector.

C. If the establishment and the inspector cannot resolve the dispute, the establishment shall immediately notify the area supervisor of the dispute and the basis for the dispute.

D. If the dispute cannot be resolved by conference with the area supervisor, the establishment shall then notify the department's program manager of the meat and poultry inspection program within three business days after the conference. Such notification may be verbal but shall be confirmed in writing within three days after the verbal notification.

E. If the establishment and the program manager cannot resolve the dispute, the establishment may petition the commissioner, in writing, for a resolution of the dispute within three business days after the program manager makes his decision.

F. The commissioner may appoint a designee to mediate the dispute.

G. If the mediation is unsuccessful or if the commissioner determines that a public hearing is necessary to resolve the dispute, the commissioner may set a public hearing before a hearing officer to resolve the dispute. Any public hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The hearing officer shall make recommendations to the commissioner. The commissioner may adopt the recommendations of the hearing officer or issue a written determination of his own.

H. Any decision by the commissioner is final and may be appealable as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:780 (June 2025).

§325. Condemnation and seizure

A. The department may recommend immediate condemnation and destruction of any carcass, part of carcass, meat or meat food product of exotic animals, or any dead, dying, disabled, or diseased exotic animal or poultry described above that is being transported in intrastate

commerce, or is held for sale in this state after such transportation, and that:

1. is or has been prepared, sold, transported or otherwise distributed or offered or received for distribution in violation of this Chapter;

2. is intended for use as human food and is adulterated or misbranded; or

3. in any other way is in violation of this Chapter.

B. If the establishment objects to the department's recommendation of immediate condemnation and destruction, the department may seek an order of the district court within the jurisdiction of which the article or animal is found in accordance with R.S. 3:4225.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:780 (June 2025).

§327. Withholding of Voluntary Exotic Inspection Services

A. An application or a request for voluntary exotic inspection services may be denied, or the benefits of inspection services may be otherwise denied to, or withheld from, any establishment by the department for any of the following reasons:

1. for administrative reasons, such as the nonavailability of personnel to perform the service;

2. for the failure of payment for service;

3. if the application or request relates to exotic animals or exotic animal products which are not eligible for service under this Chapter; or

4. for the use of operating procedures or conditions which are not in accordance with this Chapter.

B. The establishment shall be promptly notified of any decision to deny an application or request for inspection services, or to deny or withhold the benefits of inspection services, and the reasons therefor.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:780 (June 2025).

§329. Prohibitions

A. No person shall:

1. affix the mark of exotic inspection to any exotic animal carcass, exotic animal meat, or meat food product that has not been inspected and passed by the department;

2. intentionally or knowingly alter, modify, deface, or otherwise change the mark of exotic inspection;

3. commit any prohibited act set forth in R.S. 3:4211 with respect to the official La. Exotic Inspected mark or exotic inspection services; or

4. any other violation of R.S. 3:4201 et seq. or this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:780 (June 2025).

§331. Investigations

A. When there is a reason to believe that a violation of R.S. 3:4201 et seq. or this Chapter has occurred, the department may conduct an investigation to gather information regarding any possible violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:780 (June 2025).

§333. Adjudicatory Proceedings; Violations

A. The commissioner may suspend or revoke any grant of inspection services issued under the provisions of R.S. 3:4201 et seq. and this Chapter. The commissioner may also impose a civil penalty for violation of any provision of R.S. 3:4201 et seq. or this Chapter.

B. Whenever any establishment which is subject to these rules and regulations appear to be in violation of any provision(s) thereof, the commissioner of agriculture shall convene a public hearing on the matter, which hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:975 et seq.

C. Each separate day on which any violation occurs shall be considered a separate violation.

D. No penalty may be assessed nor may any grant of inspection services be suspended or revoked by the commissioner prior to the holding of an adjudicatory hearing before the commissioner. Such adjudicatory hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. Any person alleged to have violated any provision of R.S. 3:4201 et seq. or this Chapter shall be accorded all rights and privileges under said Act.

E. The commissioner may appoint a hearing officer to hear evidence and make an initial determination on alleged violations and recommend findings of fact and conclusions of law, together with penalties, if applicable, in writing.

F. The commissioner shall make the final determination on the disposition of alleged violations. If the commissioner does not accept the recommendations of the hearing officer following the adjudicatory hearing, the commissioner shall provide written reasons for not accepting the recommendations. All decisions by the commissioner are final and appealable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:975 et seq.

G. Reinstatement of a grant of inspection services shall be by hearing before a hearing officer and approval of the commissioner.

H. Appeals from rulings of the commissioner shall be taken in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:975 et seq.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:4215.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, LR 51:781 (June 2025).

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Commissioner

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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of the Commissioner

Open Meetings via Electronic Means (LAC 7:I.Chapter 3)

In accordance with Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority set forth in R.S.

3:2 and R.S. 3:3, notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, through the Office of the Commissioner, and on behalf of the public bodies created within the department, has promulgated LAC 7:I.301-307, relative to the accessibility of open meetings via electronic means. Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature mandates that public bodies adopt rules for public participation and member participation for those individuals with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as for the provisions of remote meetings via electronic means for public bodies that meet certain criteria. This Rule are 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 I. Administration

Chapter 3. Open Meetings via Electronic Means

§301. Open Meetings Accessibility and Accommodations

A. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and all public bodies created within the department shall provide for access to and participation in open meetings held by the public body via electronic means on an individualized basis to people with disabilities.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14, R.S. 42:17.2, R.S. 42:17.2.1, and R.S. 3:3

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner LR 51:781 (June 2025).

§303. Postings Prior to Meeting via Electronic Means

A. At least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, the public body shall post the following to its website:

1. meeting notice and agenda; and
2. detailed information regarding how members of the public may:

a. participate in the meeting via electronic means, including the applicable videoconference link and/or teleconference phone number; and

b. submit written comments regarding matters on the agenda prior to the meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14, R.S. 42:17.2 and R.S. 3:3

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner LR 51:781 (June 2025).

§305. Electronic Meeting Requirements and Limitations

A. Any public body that conducts six or more regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall not conduct any more than one-third of its open meetings via electronic means, and will only conduct successive meetings via electronic means as needed.

B. The public body shall ensure compliance with all requirements outlined in R.S. 42:17.2, for any meeting conducted via electronic means.

C. A schedule identifying which meetings will be conducted via electronic means and which will be conducted in-person shall be posted to the public body's website annually.

D. All members of the public body whether participating from the anchor location or via electronic means, shall be

counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum and may vote.

E. An online archive of any open meetings conducted via electronic means shall be maintained and available for two years on the public body's website.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14, R.S. 42:17.2, and R.S. 3:3

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner LR 51:781 (June 2025).

§307. Disability Accommodations

A. Although an open meeting may be scheduled as in-person, the public body is obligated to provide for participation via electronic means on an individualized basis by people with disabilities.

B. People with disabilities are defined as any of the following:

1. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);

2. a designated caregiver of such a person; or

3. a participant member of the public body with an ADA-qualifying disability.

C. The public body shall ensure that the written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, includes the name, telephone number and email address of the designated public representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.

D. Upon receipt of an accommodation request, the designated representative is only permitted to ask if the requestor has an ADA-qualifying disability or is a caregiver of such a person (yes or no). The requestor shall not be required to complete a medical inquiry form or disclose the actual impairment or medical condition to support a disability accommodation request.

E. The designated representative shall provide the requestor with the accommodation, including the teleconference and/or video conference link, for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

F. Participation via electronic means shall count for purposes of establishing quorum and voting.

1. Any member of the public body participating via videoconference must be visually present on-screen throughout the meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14, R.S. 42:17.2 and R.S. 3:3

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner LR 51:782 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of the Commissioner

Petitions for Adoption, Amendment, or Repeal of Rules;
Form and Procedure (LAC 7:I.105)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority set forth in R.S.

3:2 and 3, notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry ("Department"), through the Office of the Commissioner, has amended LAC 7:I.105, relative to petitions for adoption, amendment, or repeal of administrative rules. Revised Statute 49:964 mandates that agencies provide by rule for the filing and disposition of petitions for declaratory orders and rulings as to the applicability of any statutory provision or of any rule or order of the agency. The following Rule provides the mechanism and procedure by which interested persons may submit a petition for adoption, amendment or repeal of administrative rules to the department or to any public body created within it. This 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 I. Administration

Chapter 1. Administration Procedure

§105. Petitions for Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Rules; Form and Procedure

A. Any interested person may submit a petition for the adoption of a new rule, or the amendment or repeal of an existing rule in this Title.

B. A petition for a rule change shall be in writing, signed by the petitioner, containing the following:

1. the petitioner's name, address, telephone number, and email address;

2. a statement indicating whether the request involves adoption, amendment, repeal, or a combination of;

3. citation of the statutory authority for a new rule or reference to the existing rule for amendments or repeals;

4. the proposed change with a summary of supporting facts; and

5. relevant statutory citations, if known.

C. Any petition that does not comply with the requirements in this Section shall be returned to the petitioner with an attached statement explaining why the petition is incomplete.

D. Unless otherwise requested by statute or rule, all petitions for a rule change shall be addressed to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry and shall be mailed or delivered to Legal Division, 5825 Florida Blvd, Suite 2000, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

E. If the petition relates to a rule within the commissioner's rulemaking authority, the petition shall be considered as follows:

1. review the requested rule change;

2. within 90 days of submission, the department shall either:

a. deny the petition in writing, providing reasons for the denial; or

b. initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

F. If the petition relates to a rule over which a public body within the department has authority, the petition shall be considered as follows:

1. The petition shall be considered by the public body's at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. The petitioner shall be provided with adequate notice of the meeting.

3. Within 90 days of the submission of the petition, the public body shall either;

a. deny the petition in writing, stating reasons for the denial; or

b. initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:953; R.S. 49:964; R.S. 3:3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, LR 18:144 (February 1992); amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:782 (June 2025).

Mike Strain, DVM
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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of the Commissioner

Petitions for Declaratory Orders (LAC 7:I.111)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority set forth in R.S. 3:2 and 3, notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry ("Department"), through the Office of the Commissioner, has promulgated LAC 7:I.111, relative to petitions for declaratory orders and rulings. Revised Statute 49:977.4 mandates that agencies provide by rule for the filing and disposition of petitions for declaratory orders and rulings as to the applicability of any statutory provision or of any rule or order of the agency. The following Rule provides the mechanism and procedure by which interested persons may submit a petition for declaratory order to the department or to any public body created within it. This 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 I. Administration

Chapter 1. Administration Procedure

§111. Petitions for Declaratory Orders and Rulings

A. Any interested person desiring a declaratory order must file a written petition with the appropriate public body created within the department, which shall include:

1. a clear, concise written statement of applicable facts and supporting evidence, including the statutes, rules, or regulations at issue; and

2. the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the applicant and each person that may be called to testify as a witness.

B. Unless otherwise provided by statute or rule, all petitions for declaratory order or ruling shall be addressed to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry and shall be mailed or delivered to: Legal Division, 5825 Florida Blvd, Suite 2000, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

C. If the petition seeks declaratory relief over which the commissioner has authority:

1. the petition shall be considered by the commissioner within a reasonable time; and

2. the commissioner will issue a written declaratory order, which shall be a final order.

D. If the petition seeks declaratory relief over which a public body created within the department has authority, the petition shall be considered as follows:

1. the petition shall be considered by the appropriate public body at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

2. the petitioner shall be provided adequate notice of the meeting; and

3. the public body shall issue a written, final declaratory order within a reasonable time.

E. Written declaratory orders shall be sent to the petitioner either by certified mail, hand delivery, or commercial courier.

F. A declaratory order shall have the same status as a final agency decision or an order in an adjudicated case. Declaratory orders may be appealed to district court in accordance with R.S. 49:968.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3; R.S. 49:968; and R.S. 49:977.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner; LR 51:783 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Management and Finance

Central Registry (LAC 7:XXXVII.Chapter 1)

In accordance with Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., and pursuant to the authority set forth in R.S. 3:3, notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, through the Office of Management and Finance, has repealed LAC 7:XXXVII.101-119, relative to the central registry for the recordation of financing statements and security devices that establish security interests in farm products. R.S. 3:3651-3660 originally established the central registry within the Department of Agriculture, and the department promulgated LAC 7:XXXVII.101-119 based on that authority. Subsequently, Act 123 of the 1990 Regular Session amended R.S. 3:3652, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, and 3658 to reassign the administration of the central registry to the Secretary of State's office. The Secretary of State then promulgated its own administrative rules at LAC 10:XIX.301-323 regarding the central registry within their office. Currently, LAC 7:XXXVII.101-119 is without statutory authority and is duplicative of current rules promulgated by the Secretary of State. Moreover, the central registry function has not been performed by the Department of Agriculture for a number of years. The repeal of LAC 7:XXXVII.101-119 serves to eliminate outdated rules that no longer have statutory authority. This 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 XXXVII. Security Devices

Chapter 1. Central Registry

Editor's Note: The rules regarding the central registry for the recordation of security devices that establish security interests in farm products can be found at LAC 10:XIX.301-323.

§101. Definitions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3652, R.S. 3:3654 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:560 (October 1987), LR 15:1041 (December 1989), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§103. Administration

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3652, R.S. 3:3654 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:561 (October 1987), LR 15:1042 (December 1989), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§105. Filing Procedures

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3652, R.S. 3:3654 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:561 (October 1987), LR 15:1042 (December 1989), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§107. Procedures for Amendment, Assignment, Extension and Cancellation of an EFS

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3655, R.S. 3:3656 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:561 (October 1987), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§109. Registrations

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3655, R.S. 3:3656 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:561 (October 1987), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§111. Farm Products Encumbrance List (Master List)

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3655 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:159 (March 1987), LR 13:562 (October 1987), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§115. Encumbrance Certificates

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3654, and R.S. 3:3655 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:562 (October 1987), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§117. Farm Products List and Codes

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3654, R.S. 3:3660 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:159 (March 1987), LR 13:562 (October 1987), LR 14:529 (August 1988), LR 15:257 (April, 1989), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

§119. Fees

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:3654, R.S. 3:3656 and Public Law 99-198 (Food Security Act of 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance, Central Registry, LR 12:826 (December 1986), amended LR 13:562 (October 1987), LR 14:529 (August 1988), repealed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance LR 51:784 (June 2025).

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RULE

Board of Regents
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Scholarship/Grant Programs
2024-2025 Chafee ETV Award Amount
(LAC 28:IV.1801 and 1809)

The Board of Regents has amended its Scholarship/Grant rules (LSA-R.S. 17:3021-3025, LSA-R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, LSA-R.S. 17:3042.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.5 and LSA-R.S. 17:3048.6). (SG25220R) This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 28
EDUCATION**

**Part IV. Student Financial Assistance—Higher
Education Scholarship and Grant Programs
Chapter 18. Chafee Educational and Training
Voucher Program**

§1801. General Provisions

A. - E.2. ...

3. Beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, a student who is eligible for the Chafee ETV shall receive \$5,000 without regard to financial need.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3031 and R.S. 17:3129.7.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 36:2547 (November 2010), amended by the Board of Regents, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:554 (March 2018), LR 47:1495 (October 2021), LR 51:785 (June 2025).

§1809. Award Amount Determination

A. - B.2. ...

C. Award Amount Determination

1.a. Through the 2023-2024 academic year, institutions of higher education will determine the student's Chafee ETV amount based upon his financial need in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and will report that award amount to LOSFA.

b. Institutions of higher education shall provide students the opportunity to appeal the amount of the Chafee ETV amount if the award to the student is less than the maximum annual award amount. Such appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the institution of higher education's procedures for appealing title IV student aid eligibility. Immediately upon receipt of an appeal, the institution of higher education shall notify LOSFA of the appeal, the student's name, and the reason for awarding less than the full grant amount. In the event the student is not satisfied with the school's final decision on the appeal, the institution of higher education shall advise the student that he may appeal the institution of higher education's decision to the Department of Children and Family Services.

2.a. Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, institutions of higher education shall award the full amount of the Chafee ETV to eligible students without regard to financial need.

b. The Chafee ETV shall not be considered other financial assistance when determining a student's eligibility for other federal financial assistance, and receipt of such award shall not reduce any other federal financial assistance for which a student may be eligible.

D. - E.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3031 and R.S. 17:3129.7.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 36:2549 (November 2010), repromulgated by the Board of Regents, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:556 (March 2018), amended LR 47:862 (July 2021), LR 47:1495 (October 2021), LR 51:785 (June 2025).

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RULE

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

Aligning UST Regulations with Statute Changes
(LAC 33:XI.301, 403, 509, and 1121) (UT021)

Under the authority of the 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 Underground Storage Tanks (UST) regulations, LAC 33:XI.301, 403, 509, and 1121 (UT021).

This Rule makes changes to LAC 33:XI.Underground Storage Tanks in order to align the UST regulations with the statutory changes made in Act 167 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Specifically, the Rule deletes the requirement for underground storage tank owners to have a current registration certificate in order to receive fuel deliveries. It also deletes the requirement mandating the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality automatically prohibits delivery to underground storage tanks that do not have a current registration certificate. The Rule updates the definition of "eligible participant" in order to add temporarily closed tanks and remove the deductibles in order to make the fund a first-dollar coverage fund. The Rule raises the per release maximum amount of expenditures from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, and allows the MFTF Advisory Board, with secretary approval, to reduce the noncompliance deductible below the previous \$10,000 limit. The basis and rationale for this Rule are to align LAC 33:XI.301, 403, 509, and 1121 with R.S. 2194.B.(4), 2194.1, and 2195.2.A.(1)(c)(ii). 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 XI. Underground Storage Tanks

**Chapter 3. Registration Requirements, Standards,
and Fee Schedule**

§301. Registration Requirements

A. - C.7. ...

8. No owner or operator shall allow a regulated substance to be placed into a UST system that has not been registered with the department.

9. No person shall place a regulated substance into a UST system that has not been registered with the department.

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, 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), LR 20:294 (March 1994), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2558 (November 2000), LR 28:475 (March 2002), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:1066

(May 2005), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2520 (October 2005), repromulgated LR 32:393 (March 2006), amended LR 32:1852 (October 2006), LR 33:2171 (October 2007), LR 34:2116 (October 2008), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 38:2760 (November 2012), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 43:2143 (November 2017), LR 44:1593 (September 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:785 (June 2025).

Chapter 4. Delivery Prohibition

§403. Delivery Prohibition of Regulated Substances to Underground Storage Tank Systems

A. - A.4. ...

5. allowing a regulated substance to be placed into an unregistered UST in accordance with LAC 33:XI.301.C. 8 or 9;

6. upon evidence of a below-surface release from an UST system, failure to conduct a system test within the time frame established in LAC 33:XI.711.A.1, failure to take initial response actions required by LAC 33:XI.715.B.2 and 3, or failure to conduct the initial abatement measures required by LAC 33:XI.715.C.1.a-d and g; or

7. whenever failed tank or failed piping has not been repaired, replaced, upgraded, or permanently closed, or temporarily closed in accordance with LAC 33:XI.711.A.1.

B. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:1867 (September 2007), amended LR 34:2119 (October 2008), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1598 (September 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:786 (June 2025).

Chapter 5. General Operating Requirements

§509. Reporting and Recordkeeping

A. - B.5.a. ...

b. a copy of the current registration certificate (LAC 33:XI.301.C.7 and 1133.B.5);

B.6. - C. ...

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, Underground Storage Tank Division, LR 16:614 (July 1990), amended LR 18:728 (July 1992), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:1070 (May 2005), repromulgated by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 32:393 (March 2006), amended LR 34:2119 (October 2008), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1600 (September 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:786 (June 2025).

Chapter 11. Financial Responsibility

§1121. Use of the Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund

The administrative authority was authorized by R.S. 30:2194-2195.10 to receive and administer the motor fuels underground storage tank trust fund (MFUSTTF) to provide financial responsibility for owners and/or operators of underground motor fuel storage tanks. Under the conditions described in this Section, an owner and/or operator who is eligible for participation in the MFUSTTF may use this mechanism to fulfill the financial responsibility

requirements for eligible USTs. To use the MFUSTTF as a mechanism for meeting the requirements of LAC 33:XI.1107, the owner and/or operator shall be an eligible participant as defined in Subsection A of this Section.

A. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as used in this Section.

Eligible Participant—any owner of an underground storage tank who has registered a newly installed or operating or temporarily closed tank with the department prior to the date of a release, has paid the annual tank registration fees along with any late payment fees, and has not been excluded from coverage as provided in R.S. 30:2195.10.

Third-Party Claim—any civil action brought or asserted by any person against the secretary of the department and any owner of any underground storage tank for damages to person or property when damages are the direct result of the contamination of surface water, groundwater or soils by motor fuels released during operation of storage tanks as provided in R.S. 30:2194-2195.11. The term *damages to person* shall be limited to damages arising directly out of the ingestion or inhalation of petroleum constituents from water well contamination or inhalation of petroleum constituents seeping into homes or buildings, and the term *damages to property* shall be limited to the unreimbursed costs of a response action and the amount by which property is proven to be permanently devalued as a result of the release.

B. Financial Responsibility Requirements for MFUSTTF Participants

1. Unless revised by the administrative authority in accordance with R.S. 30:2195.9(A)(5) and 10(D), MFUSTTF participants taking response actions shall pay the amounts required by R.S. 30:2195.9(A)(1)-(5) and 10(B).

2. The advisory board shall review the financial responsibility requirements on an annual basis and may recommend adjustments to the requirements to the secretary. The secretary shall determine and set the financial responsibility requirements annually [as provided in R.S. 30:2195.9(A)(5) and 10(D)].

B.3. - C.1.c.i. ...

ii. The monies expended from the MFUSTTF for any of the above approved costs shall be spent only up to such sum as that which is necessary to satisfy petroleum or motor fuel UST financial responsibility requirements specified in LAC 33:XI.1107 or \$2,000,000 per occurrence, whichever is greater. This amount shall include any third-party claim arising from the release of motor fuels from a motor fuel underground storage tank. However, if the secretary determines that further action is needed to address a condition that constitutes a danger or potential danger to the public health or the environment, monies from the MFUSTTF may be expended above the aggregate financial responsibility requirements of LAC 33:XI.1107.

2. - 3. ...

4. The MFUSTTF may be used for reimbursement of any costs associated with the review of applications for reimbursement from the MFUSTTF, legal fees associated with the collection of costs from parties who are not eligible participants, audits of the MFUSTTF, and accounting and reporting regarding the uses of the MFUSTTF.

C.5. - D.1. ...

a. Notwithstanding any provision of R.S.2194-2195.11 to the contrary, any remediation work contracted for on or after August 1, 1995, shall be paid by the department to the response action contractor who performed the department-approved assessment or remediation work upon the presentation of proper invoices for the response actions taken when authorized by the secretary or his designee.

b. ...

2. Payments are made to third parties who bring suit against the administrative authority in his or her official capacity as representative of the MFUSTTF and the owner or operator of an underground motor fuel storage tank who is an eligible participant as defined in Subsection A of this Section and such third party obtains a final judgment in that action enforceable in Louisiana. The owner or operator stated above shall pay the amount required by Subsection B of this Section toward the satisfaction of said judgment and the MFUSTTF will pay the remainder of said judgment. The attorney general of the state of Louisiana is responsible for appearing in said suit for and on behalf of the administrative authority as representative of the MFUSTTF. The administrative authority as representative of the MFUSTTF is a necessary party in any suit brought by any third party that would allow that third party to collect from the MFUSTTF, and the administrative authority shall be made a party to the initial proceedings. Payment shall be made to the third-party claimant only if the judgment is against an owner or operator who was an eligible participant on the date that the incident that gave rise to the claim occurred. The costs to the attorney general of defending these suits, or to those assistants that the administrative authority employs or the attorney general appoints to assist, shall be recovered from the MFUSTTF. If the MFUSTTF is insufficient to make payments when the claims are filed, such claims shall be paid in the order of filing when monies are paid into the MFUSTTF. Neither the amount of money in the MFUSTTF, the method of collecting it, nor any of the particulars involved in setting up the MFUSTTF shall be admissible as evidence in any trial in which suit is brought when the judgment rendered could affect the MFUSTTF.

3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq. and specifically 2195-2195.10.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Underground Storage Tank Division, LR 16:614 (July 1990), amended LR 17:658 (July 1991), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2561 (November 2000), LR 27:521 (April 2001), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:1577 (July 2005), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 34:864 (May 2008), LR 35:1881 (September 2009), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1625 (September 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:786 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Dentistry

Continuing Education Requirements
(LAC 46:XXXIII.128, 1611, 1613, 1709, and 1711)

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 amends LAC 46:XXXIII.128, 1611, 1613, 1709, and 1711. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XXXIII. Dental Health Profession

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§128. Provisional Licensure for Dental Healthcare Workers Providing Gratuitous Services

A. The Board of Dentistry may grant a provisional license not to exceed 60 days in duration for any dentist or dental hygienist who is in good standing in the state of their licensure and who wishes to provide gratuitous services to the citizens of Louisiana:

A.1. ...

2. the applicant provides satisfactory documentation to the board that the dental healthcare provider is assigned to provide gratuitous services;

3. the applicant agrees to render services on a gratuitous basis with no revenue of any kind to be derived whatsoever from the provision of dental services within the state of Louisiana; and

4. the treatment site is deemed appropriate by the board.

B. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(6) and (8) and R.S. 49:953(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 32:1227 (July 2006), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 43:1963 (October 2017), LR 51:787 (June 2025).

Chapter 16. Continuing Education Requirements §1611. Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists

A. - B. ...

C.1. Past and present dentist members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed four hours of continuing dental education credit for each meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners Boards attended by said past or present dentist member.

2. Current dentist members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed one hour of continuing dental education credit for each meeting of the Board attended by said current member.

D. - J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8) and (13).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994), amended LR 21:569 (June 1995), LR 22:24 (January 1996), LR 22:1216 (December 1996), LR 23:1526 (November 1997), LR 24:1117 (June 1998), LR 25:510 (March 1999), LR 26:489 (March 2000), LR 30:2307 (October 2004), LR 32:244 (February 2006), LR 35:1237 (July 2009), LR 36:2038 (September 2010), LR 37:2151 (July 2011), LR 37:3515 (December 2011), repromulgated LR 38:356 (February 2012), amended LR 38:817 (March 2012), LR 38:1959 (August 2012), LR 39:1282 (May 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 43:956 (May 2017), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 44:47 (January 2018), LR 50:210 (February 2024), LR 51:787 (June 2025).

§1613. Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists

A. - C. ...

D.1. Past and present dental hygiene members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed four hours of continuing dental hygiene education credit for each meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners Boards attended by said past or present dental hygiene member.

2. Current dental hygiene members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed one hour of continuing dental education credit for each meeting of the Board attended by said current member.

E. - J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8) and (13).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994), amended LR 21:570 (June 1995), LR 22:24 (January 1996), LR 22:1217 (December 1996), LR 23:1526 (November 1997), LR 24:1118 (June 1998), LR 25:510 (March 1999), LR 26:489 (March 2000), LR 30:2307 (October 2004), LR 32:245 (February 2006), LR 35:1237 (July 2009), LR 36:2039 (September 2010), LR 39:86 (January 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 44:47 (January 2018), LR 51:788 (June 2025).

Chapter 17. Examination of Dentists

§1709. Examination of Dentists

A. - F. ...

1. has been actively practicing with an unrestricted dental license for five years in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2), has not had any discipline by the dental board in any state, and, if deemed necessary, meets in person with the full board; or

2. following the last failure of a clinical licensure examination, completes a dental post-doctoral program of a minimum of one year which is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education and, if deemed necessary, meets in person with the full board.

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).

§1711. Examination of Dental Hygienists

A. - E. ...

F. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary or any examination manual of any of the testing agencies, no candidate for licensure in the state of Louisiana will be granted same if said candidate has failed any clinical licensing examination for a total of three times. This number includes the accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. A make-up examination counts as an examination. This prohibition may be overcome if the applicant meets all of the other requirements of this Rule, including the successful completion of an initial licensure examination that included procedures on a live patient, has been actively practicing with an unrestricted Louisiana Administrative Code August 2023 48 license for five years in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)2 and, if deemed necessary, meets in person with the full board.

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).

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Licensure and Certification
(LAC 46:XLV.305, 416, 433, 441, 449, and 4005)

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 (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, R.S. 37:1275, R.S. 37:1277, R.S. 37:1281 and R.S. 37:1285, and R.S. 37:1310.1, Section 5(d) and 7(b), the board, pursuant to (a) adds LAC 46:XLV.305 so as to provide a severability clause applicable to the Chapter; (b) adds LAC 46:XLV.416, for those licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact ("IMLC"), so as to conform the information and data the board receives from IMLC practitioners to match the same type of information and data it already receives from licensure applicants who have applied for licensure, renewal and/or reinstatement under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the board's rules under LAC 46:XLV.123 et seq., all in accordance with R.S. 37:1310.1, Section 5(d); and (c) amends LAC 46:XLV.433, 441, 449, and 4005 to require all IMLC licenses to comply with continuing medical education requirements pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, Section 7(b), similar to those already expected of individuals licensed

under R.S. 37:1271-1291.1 and the board's rules under LAC 46XLV.123 et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 3. Physicians

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§305. Severability

A. If any rule, provision, or item of this Chapter or the application thereof is held invalid as in excess of or inconsistent with statutory or constitutional authority, such invalidity shall not affect other rules, provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the rules and provisions of this Chapter are hereby declared to be severable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1261 et seq., 1270.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 51:789 (June 2025).

Subchapter I. License Issuance, Termination, Renewal, Reinstatement, Exemptions and Expiration

§416. Requirements Immediately Following Licensure under R.S. 37:1310.1

A. Within 90 days of the issuance of, reinstatement of and/or renewal of a license pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1 ("IMLC license"), the license holder must provide the board with the following required for the practice of medicine pursuant to R.S. 1310.1, Section 5(d):

1. satisfactory documentation establishing he or she is a citizen of the United States or possesses valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163) and the commissioner's regulations thereunder (8 CFR); and,

2. sworn, written responses, on forms the board has approved and which the board supplies, addressing the following topics regarding the license holder and/or his/her professional medical corporation:

a. injuries, disorders and/or conditions diagnosed within the last ten years, which could reasonably be expected to affect the ability to practice;

b. any and all past arrests, even those that have been expunged or judicially removed, with the exception of misdemeanor traffic offenses that do not involve alcohol or drugs;

c. failures of professional licensure or certification exams;

d. the denial, voluntary surrender, failure to renew, restriction, discipline, termination, probation, investigation of and/or any other action taken against any state, federal and/or privately issued professional license, registration, certification, affiliation and/or membership;

e. the denial, voluntary surrender, failure to renew, restriction, discipline, termination, probation, investigation of and/or any other action taken against the license holder's professional privileges and/or affiliation with any health care facility of any type;

f. the denial, voluntary surrender, failure to renew, requirement of additional training/remediation, extension, restriction, discipline, termination, probation, investigation of and/or any other action taken against the license holder's participation in any private, federal and/or state health insurance program;

g. the denial, voluntary surrender, failure to renew, requirement of additional training/remediation, extension, restriction, discipline, termination, probation, investigation of and/or any other action taken against the license holder during their professional training (whether as a student, intern, resident, fellow or other trainee); and,

h. the filing of any lawsuits, and/or the settlements of any medical malpractice, intentional tort and/or fraud claims.

B. Should the information and/or documentation, produced pursuant to §416A.2., provide sufficient cause to indicate that a violation of the laws or rules administered by the board may have occurred, such information will be reviewed or investigated in accordance with §9709 or §9711 of this Chapter, in accordance with §9705E.

C. Any violation or failure to comply with the provisions of this Section shall be deemed unprofessional conduct and conduct in contravention of the board's rules, in violation of R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) and (30), respectively, as well as violation of any other applicable provision of R.S. 37:1285(A), providing cause for the board to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or impose probationary or any other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1271, R.S. 37:1275, R.S. 37:1277, R.S. 37:1281, R.S. 37:1285 and R.S. 37:1291.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 51:789 (June 2025).

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, or in the case of a license issued pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1 ("IMLC license"), in connection with post renewal requirements for the practice of medicine.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and R.S. 37:1310.1§5d & §7b.

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), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 51:789 (June 2025).

§441. Failure to Satisfy Continuing Medical Education Requirements

A. Non-Compliance; Reinstatement of Licensure. All licensees are required to complete CME as designated in his/her respective licensure law and/or in rules promulgated thereunder, including as a physician or surgeon pursuant to R.S. 37:1261 et seq.; as a podiatrist pursuant to R.S. 37:611 et seq.; as a physician assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.21

et seq.; as a midwife practitioner pursuant to R.S. 37:3240 et seq.; as a respiratory therapist or respiratory therapy assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:3351 et seq.; as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:3001 et seq.; as a clinical laboratory scientist pursuant to R.S. 37:1311 et seq.; as a clinical exercise physiologist pursuant to R.S. 37:3421 et seq.; as an athletic trainer pursuant to R.S. 37:3301 et seq.; as an acupuncturist or acupuncturist's assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:1356 et seq.; as a private radiologic technologist pursuant to R.S. 37:1292.

1. With the exception of a license issued pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, in all other instances, a licensee:

a. who fails to satisfy the CME requirements of his/her licensure shall not be eligible for licensure renewal consideration;

b. a license which has expired for nonrenewal, was deemed ineligible or has been revoked, solely due to failure to satisfy CME requirements may be reinstated upon written application to the board, accompanied by payment of the reinstatement fee in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, together with satisfactory evidence by affidavit that for each year since the date on which the applicant's license was last issued or renewed, the licensee has completed any and all annual and/or one time (if applicable) CME requirements for his/her licensure.

c. With regard to the license of a physician seeking reinstatement pursuant to section A.1.b., where the physician has failed to satisfy the CME requirements for his/her licensure on more than one occasion, then such violation and/or failure shall be deemed unprofessional conduct and conduct in contravention of the board's rules, in violation of R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) and (30), respectively, as well as violation of any other applicable provision of R.S. 37:1285(A), providing cause for the board to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or impose probationary or any other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation.

2. With regard to those physicians licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1:

a. a licensee who, upon renewal, fails to evidence satisfaction of the CME requirements prescribed by the rule sections 435, 439 and/or 4005, shall be given written notice of such failure by the board immediately after renewal. Such notice shall be mailed to the most recent address of the licensee as reflected in the official records of the board and the licensee will have 90 days within which to furnish satisfactory evidence by affidavit, for each year since the date on which the applicant's license was last issued or renewed, that he has completed the CME requirements.

b. who, after the lapse of the 90 days outlined in subsection A.2.a., fails to comply with the provisions of subsection A.2., as verified using the board's electronic education tracker, then the board shall refer the licensee to the Department of Investigations so that it may, via informal, non-disciplinary communications and/or meetings, notify the licensee of the relevant statutory and/or regulatory requirements and confirm the licensee's intention to immediately comply with subsection A.2.a.

c. who has been contacted pursuant to subsection A.2.b., but remains non-compliant with the applicable laws and rules for CME, shall be deemed to be in violation of the laws and rules against unprofessional conduct under R.S.

37:1285(A)(13) and (30) providing cause for the board to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or impose probationary or any other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1270(A)(8) and 37:1280.

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§449. CME Requirement for Initial Renewal of License

A. As part of the respective CME requirements for each board licensee, every physician and/or any allied healthcare provider licensee seeking the initial renewal of licensure, whether such license was originally issued by the board on the basis of examination, reciprocity or reinstatement shall evidence and document, upon forms and/or through methods supplied by the board, successful completion of an online "Laws and Rules Course" approved by the board and available through the board's licensing department and the board's website.

1. With the exception of a license issued pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, the requirement of §449.A is a condition prerequisite to the person's license being renewed for the first time in the state of Louisiana;

2. With regard to licenses issued pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, the requirement of §449.A must be fulfilled, at the latest, within 90 days of the person's license being renewed for the first time in the state of Louisiana, in accordance with R.S. 37:1310.1, section 7(b).

B. Licensees shall, for each hour of attendance and participation included in the successful completion of the Laws and Rules Course, be granted an hour-for-hour credit towards his/her respective annual CME requirement.

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Chapter 40. Continuing Medical Education on Controlled Dangerous Substances

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§4005. Continuing Medical Educational Requirement for Controlled Dangerous Substances

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E. Non-Compliance; Reinstatement of Licensure.

1. With the exception of a license issued pursuant to R.S. 37:1310.1, the requirements of §4005.A-D shall be a condition prerequisite to the prescriber's license being renewed for the first time in the state of Louisiana;

a. A license which has not been renewed for failure to satisfy the CME 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, together with confirmation of completion of the CME required by this Section.

b. The license of a prescriber which has expired for nonrenewal, was deemed ineligible or has been revoked under section E.1., for failure to satisfy the CME requirements of §4005.A 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 satisfactory evidence of completion of the requirements of §4005.A.

c. With regard to the license of a physician which has expired for nonrenewal, is deemed ineligible or has been revoked under section E.1., on more than one occasion for failure to satisfy the CME requirements of §4005.A, such violation and/or failure shall be deemed unprofessional conduct and conduct in contravention of the board's rules, in violation of R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) and (30), respectively, as well as violation of any other applicable provision of R.S. 37:1285(A), providing cause for the board to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or impose probationary or any other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation.

2. With regard to licenses issued pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1310.1, the requirement of §4005.A must be fulfilled, at the latest, within 90 days of the person's license being renewed for the first time in the state of Louisiana.

a. Such licensee who fails to evidence satisfaction of the continuing medical education requirements prescribed by the rules in Subpart 2, shall be given written notice of such failure by the board immediately after renewal. Such notice shall be mailed to the most recent address of the licensee as reflected in the official records of the board and the licensee will have 90 days within which to furnish satisfactory evidence by affidavit that he has satisfied the applicable continuing medical education requirement.

b. If, after the lapse of 90 days from notification as outlined in subsection a., the licensee still fails to comply with the provisions of §4005.A, as verified using the board's electronic education tracker, then the board shall refer the licensee to the Department of Investigations so that it may, via informal, non-disciplinary communications and/or meetings, notify the licensee of the relevant statutory and/or regulatory requirements and confirm the licensee's intention to immediately comply with subsection a.

c. With regard to a licensee, who has already received a warning via subsection b, thereafter fails by the next renewal to satisfy all of the CME requirements of §435 and/or §449 for the licensee's years of licensure, then such violation and/or failure shall be deemed unprofessional conduct and conduct in contravention of the board's rules, in violation of R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) and (30), respectively, as well as violation of any other applicable provision of R.S. 37:1285(A), providing cause for the board to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or impose probationary or any other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation.

3. Each hour of attendance required by the board pursuant to §4005.A, will count as an hour-for-hour credit towards the annual CME requirement specified by §435.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(8), 1270(B)(6), 37:621, 37:628, 37:1360.23 and 37:1360.51-1360.72.

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Marijuana for Therapeutic Use by Patients Suffering from a Debilitating Medical Condition (LAC 46:XLV.Chapter 77)

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 (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, the board, pursuant to R.S. 40:1046, repeals the board's rules, LAC 46:XLV.Chapter 77, governing physicians who recommend therapeutic marijuana, legal warning with regard to recommending marijuana, definitions and prohibitions with regard to the conditions for which it may be recommended, registration of physicians, form for recommendation, requirements for treatment and keeping of records, and discipline pertaining to such rules, to conform to Act 286 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 77. Marijuana for Therapeutic Use by Patients Suffering from a Debilitating Condition

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§7701. Preamble, Warning, and Suggested Consultation Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1261-1292 and R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 41:2631 (December 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 43:318 (February 2017), LR 46:342 (March 2020), repealed LR 51:791 (June 2025).

§7703. Scope of Chapter

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1261-1292 and R.S. 40:1046.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 41:2632 (December 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 43:318 (February 2017), repealed LR 51:791 (June 2025).

§7705. Definitions

Repealed.

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Subchapter B. Prohibitions and Exceptions

§7707. Prohibitions

Repealed.

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§7709. Exceptions

Repealed.

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Subchapter C. Registration

§7711. Registration, Physician Eligibility

Repealed.

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§7713. Application

Repealed.

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§7715. Registration Issuance, Expiration, Renewal

Repealed.

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Subchapter D. Marijuana for Therapeutic Purposes, Limitations, Access to Records

§7717. Use of Marijuana for Therapeutic Purposes, Limitations

Repealed.

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§7719. Board Access to Records

Repealed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 41:2634 (December 2015), repealed LR 51:792 (June 2025).

§7721. Form of Written Request or Recommendation

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1261-1292, 1270, and 40:1046.

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Subchapter E. Sanctions, Severability

§7723. Sanctions Against Medical License or Registration

Repealed.

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§7727. Severability

Repealed.

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§7729. Appendix—Form for Recommendation for Therapeutic Marijuana

Repealed.

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Office-Based Surgery (LAC 46:XLV.Chapter 73)

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1261-1292, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Board of Medical Examiners (board) has amended its rules governing Office-Based Surgery.

The Rule changes revise definitions, increase physician reporting requirements, clarify conditions necessary to preform office-based surgery, enact regulations for Level I, II, and III office-based surgeries, and correct typographical errors. The amendments are set forth below. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

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Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 73. Office-Based Surgery

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§7301. Scope of Chapter

A. The rules of this Chapter govern the performance of office-based surgery by individuals licensed to practice medicine, including podiatry, in this state.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(1), 1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 30:424 (March 2004), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 51:793 (June 2025).

§7303. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, unless the context clearly states otherwise, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings specified.

Anesthesia—a medical intervention that causes a temporary loss of sensation or awareness, usually for medical or veterinary purposes. It prevents patients from feeling pain during procedures like surgery, dental work, and tissue sample removal. Anesthesia works by stopping nerves from sending signals to the brain.

Anesthesia Provider—an anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist who possesses current certification or other evidence of completion of training in advanced cardiac life support or pediatric advanced life support for pediatric patients.

Anesthesiologist—a physician licensed by the board to practice medicine in this state who has completed postgraduate residency training in anesthesiology and is engaged in the practice of such specialty.

Board—the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)—an advanced practice registered nurse certified according to the requirements of a nationally recognized certifying body approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing ("Board of Nursing") who possesses a current license or permit duly authorized by the Board of Nursing to select and administer anesthetics or provide ancillary services to patients pursuant to R.S. 37:911 et seq., and who, pursuant to R.S. 37:911 et seq., administers anesthetics and ancillary services under the direction and supervision of a physician who is licensed to practice under the laws of this state

Deep Sedation/Analgesia—a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained. Monitoring of patients undergoing deep sedation shall only be performed by an anesthesia provider.

Equipment—implicit within the use of the term equipment in this Chapter is the requirement that the specific item named must meet generally accepted current performance standards.

General Anesthesia—a drug-induced loss of consciousness, by use of any anesthetic induction agent or otherwise, during which patients are not arousable even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired. General anesthesia shall only be performed by an anesthesia provider.

Major Conduction Anesthesia—a drug or combination of drugs to interrupt nerve impulses without loss of consciousness.

Medical Practice Act or the Act—R.S. 37:1261 et seq., as may be amended from time to time.

Medical Records—as required by this Chapter, a complete record maintained by the physician or podiatric physician performing office-based surgery to include patient history and physical, diagnostic evaluations, consultations, laboratory and diagnostic reports, informed consents, preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative anesthesia assessments, course of anesthesia (including monitoring modalities), drug administration, and discharge and follow-up care.

Moderate Sedation/Analgesia (conscious sedation) —a drug induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained. Monitoring of the patients undergoing moderate sedation shall be performed by qualified monitoring personnel or an anesthesia provider.

Office-Based Surgery—surgery that is performed outside a hospital, an ambulatory surgical center, abortion clinic, or other medical facility licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health or a successor agency.

Physician—a person currently certified in advanced cardiac life support or pediatric advanced life support for pediatric patients who is lawfully entitled to engage in the practice of medicine or podiatry in this state as evidenced by a current license or permit issued by the board.

Podiatrist—a person lawfully allowed to engage in the practice of podiatry as evidenced by current license or permit issued by the board.

Qualified Monitoring Personnel—health care providers appropriately trained, qualified and licensed in this state who are currently certified in advanced cardiac life support or pediatric advanced life support for pediatric patients, and who are designated to monitor and attend to patients during the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative periods.

Reasonable Proximity—for patients 13 years of age and older, a location not more than 30 miles away or which may be reached within 30 minutes. For patients 12 years of age and under, a location not more than 15 miles away or which can be reached within 15 minutes.

Regional Anesthesia/Block—the administration of anesthetic agents that interrupt nerve impulses without loss of consciousness or ability to independently maintain an airway, ventilatory or cardiovascular function that includes but is not limited to the upper or lower extremities. For

purposes of this Chapter regional anesthesia of or near the central nervous system by means of epidural or spinal shall be considered general anesthesia.

Surgery—any operative procedure, including the use of lasers performed upon the body of a living human being for the purposes of preserving health, diagnosing or curing disease, repairing injury, correcting deformity or defects, prolonging life or relieving suffering, and/or any elective procedure for aesthetic, reconstructive or cosmetic purposes, to include, but not be limited to: incision or curettage of tissue or organ; suture or other repair of tissue or organ, including a closed as well as an open reduction of a fracture; extraction of tissue including premature extraction of the products of conception from the uterus; insertion of natural or artificial implants; or an endoscopic procedure.

Surgical Event—a potentially harmful or life-threatening episode related to either the anesthetic or the surgery. Any surgical event in the immediate perioperative period that must be reported are those which are life-threatening, or require special treatment, or require hospitalization, including, but not limited to: serious cardiopulmonary or anesthetic events; major anesthetic or surgical complications; temporary or permanent disability; coma; or death.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(1), 1270(B)(6).

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§7305. Exemptions

A. This Chapter shall not apply to the following surgical procedures or clinical settings:

1. exempt surgical procedures include those:
 - a. that do not involve a drug induced alteration of consciousness and do not require the use of anesthesia or an anesthetic agent, those using only local, topical or regional anesthesia or those using a single oral dose of a sedative or analgesic which is appropriate for the unsupervised treatment of anxiety or pain; and/or
 - b. performed by a physician oral and maxillofacial surgeon under the authority and within the scope of a license to practice dentistry issued by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry;
2. exempt clinical settings include:
 - a. a hospital, including an outpatient facility of the hospital that is separated physically from the hospital, an ambulatory surgical center, abortion clinic or other medical facility that is licensed and regulated by the Louisiana Department of Health;
 - b. a facility maintained or operated by the state of Louisiana or a governmental entity of this state;
 - c. a clinic maintained or operated by the United States or by any of its departments, offices or agencies; and
 - d. an outpatient setting currently accredited by one of the following associations or its successor association
 - i. the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations relating to ambulatory surgical centers;
 - ii. the American Association for the Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities; or

iii. the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(1) and 37:1270(B)(6).

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§7307. Prohibitions

A. No physician shall perform office-based surgery except in compliance with the rules of this Chapter.

B. The level of sedation utilized for office-based surgery shall be appropriate to the procedure. Under no circumstances shall a physician withhold appropriate sedation or under-sedate a patient for the purpose of avoiding compliance with the requirements of this Chapter.

C. General anesthesia shall not be used in office-based surgery. Any surgery or surgical procedure that employs general anesthesia shall only be performed in an exempted clinical setting as described in Section 7305 of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(1) and 37:1270(B)(6).

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§7308. Required Reporting and Registration

A. Each physician or podiatric physician shall report to the board annually as a condition of the issuance or renewal of medical licensure, whether or not the physician performs or intends to perform office-based surgery.

B. Each physician or podiatric physician who performs or intends to perform office-based surgery must provide the following information in a format designated by the board:

1. the medical specialty and types of procedures for which the physician has completed surgical training as required in this Chapter. Alternative credentialing for procedures outside the physician's core competency must be separately applied for;
2. the location(s) where the physician performs or intends to perform office-based surgery; and
3. such other information as the board may request.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(1) and 37:1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 40:2247 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 51:794 (June 2025).

§7309. Prerequisite Conditions

A. For all office-based surgical procedures, the level of sterilization shall meet current OSHA requirements.

B. Complete medical records and documentation must be maintained for each surgical procedure including anesthesia records when applicable. For Level I, Level II, and Level III cases, the medical record must include written informed consent from the patient reflecting the patient's knowledge of identified risks, consent to the procedure, type of anesthesia, and anesthesia provider.

C. The physician must maintain a log of all Level II and Level III surgical procedures performed, which must include a confidential patient identifier, the type of procedure performed, the type of anesthesia used, the duration of the

procedure, the type of postoperative care, and any surgical events. The log and all surgical records shall be provided to investigators of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners upon request.

D. In any liposuction procedure, the physician is responsible for determining the appropriate amount of supernatant fat to be removed from the patient. Using the tumescent method of liposuction, the physician must fully document the anticipated amount of material to be removed in a manner consistent with recognized standards of care. Post-operatively, any deviation from the anticipated amount, and the reason for deviation, must be fully documented in the operative report. Morbidly obese patients should have liposuction performed in a hospital setting unless the physician can document significant advantage to an alternative setting.

E. A policy and procedure manual must be maintained in the office and updated annually. The policy and procedure manual must contain provisions for:

1. duties and responsibilities of all personnel;
2. cleaning and infection control;
3. a written response plan for emergencies within the facility;
4. personnel training in emergency procedures; and
5. transfer agreements.

F. The performing physician shall report to the board any surgical event that occurs within the office-based surgical setting. This report shall be made within 15 days after the occurrence of a surgical event on a form designated by the board. The filing of a report of surgical event as required by this rule does not, in and of itself, constitute an acknowledgment or admission of malpractice, error, or omission. Upon receipt of the report, the Board may, in its discretion, obtain patient and other records pursuant to authority granted by the Medical Practice Act and pertinent administrative rules.

G. In offices where Level II and Level III office-based surgery is performed, a sign must be prominently posted in the office which states that the office is a doctor's office regulated pursuant to the rules of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. This notice must also appear prominently within the required patient informed consent.

H. Office surgery facilities should adhere to recognized standards and best practices.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(A)(1) and 1270(B)(6).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 30:425 (March 2004), amended LR 40:2247 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 51:794 (June 2025).

§7310. Office-Based Surgery Levels

A. Level I

1. Level I office-based surgery includes, but is not limited to:

a. minor procedures such as excision of skin lesions, moles, warts, cysts, lipomas, Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedures (LEEP), laser cone of cervix, laser/cautery ablation of warts or other lesions, and repair of lacerations or surgery limited to the skin and subcutaneous tissue performed under topical or local anesthesia not involving drug-induced alteration of consciousness;

b. incision and drainage of superficial abscesses, skin biopsies, arthrocentesis, paracentesis, dilation of urethra, cystoscopy procedures, and closed reduction of simple fractures or small joint dislocations (i.e., finger and toe joints) performed under topical or local anesthesia not involving drug-induced alteration of consciousness;

c. other procedures requiring only topical, local, or no anesthesia with no drug-induced alteration of respiratory effort or consciousness. Only minimal or no preoperative sedation should be required or used. Level 1 office-based surgery shall only be performed on patients rated ASA class 1 or 2.

2. **Required Training.** The physician's continuing medical education must include management of toxicity or hypersensitivity to local anesthetic drugs and Advanced Life Support Certification.

3. **Required Equipment and Supplies.** The facility where office-based surgery is to be performed must contain oral airway and positive pressure ventilation device, epinephrine (or other vasopressor), corticosteroids, antihistamines, oxygen, atropine, adequate resuscitative equipment to manage the adverse effects of the anesthesia used, if any type of anesthesia is used. The equipment and skills to establish intravenous access must be available if any other medications are administered. The equipment and supplies must be suitable for and consistent with the potential patient population, i.e., pediatrics, etc.

4. **Required Additional Personnel.** Unless the specific procedure or conditions dictate otherwise, the presence or assistance of additional personnel is not required for Level I office-based surgery.

B. Level II

1. Level II office-based surgery includes:

a. any procedure in which perioperative medication and sedation are used orally, intravenously, intramuscularly, or rectally. Such procedures include, but are not limited to: hernia repair, hemorrhoidectomy, reduction of simple fractures, large joint dislocations, breast biopsies, dilatation and curettage, thoracentesis, endoscopies, colonoscopies, hysteroscopies, and cystoscopies and closed reduction of simple fractures or small joint dislocations (i.e., finger and toe joints) performed using drug-induced alteration of consciousness. If perioperative or intraoperative medication is administered, intraoperative and postoperative monitoring is required.

b. any procedure in which the patient is sufficiently sedated to allow the patient to tolerate unpleasant procedures while maintaining adequate cardiorespiratory function and the ability to respond purposefully to verbal command and/or tactile stimulation. Patients whose only response is reflex withdrawal from a painful stimulus are sedated to a greater degree than encompassed by this definition.

c. any procedure that has the potential for excessive blood loss.

2. Level of anesthetic for Level II procedures includes local or peripheral nerve block, including Bier Block, plus intravenous or intramuscular sedation, but with preservation of vital signs.

3. **Required Transfer Agreement.** The physician must have a written transfer agreement from a licensed hospital within reasonable proximity at which the physician has privileges to treat complications.

4. **Required Training.** The physician must document satisfactory completion of surgical training such as board certification or board eligibility for a board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists. The certification should include training in the procedures performed in the office setting.

5. **Required Equipment and Supplies.** The location where anesthesia is administered and/or the office-based procedure is being performed must maintain at all times a full and complete crash cart that contains all equipment, medications, and supplies as recommended in current best practices.

6. **Required Assistance of Other Personnel**

a. In addition to the physician at least one assistant certified in Advanced Life Support must be present during any Level II procedure. Unless an anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist is present to manage the anesthetic, there must be at least one person certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support or pediatric advanced life support, if applicable, present during any Level II procedure.

b. A registered nurse may only administer analgesic doses of medications on the direct order of a physician.

c. An assisting anesthesia provider, including a nurse providing sedation, may not function in any other capacity during the procedure. If additional assistance is required by the specific procedure or patient circumstances, such assistance must be provided by another physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or operating room technician.

C. **Level III**

1. **Level III office-based surgery includes:**

a. Surgery that involves, or might foreseeably require, the use of general anesthesia or major conduction anesthesia and perioperative sedation. This includes:

i. Intravenous sedation beyond that defined for Level II office surgery;

ii. General Anesthesia: loss of consciousness and loss of vital reflexes with probable requirement of external support of pulmonary or cardiac functions;

iii. Major Conduction anesthesia, including epidural, spinal, caudal or any block of a nerve or plexus more proximal than the hip or shoulder joint including visceral nerve blocks.

iv. Self-controlled auto-administered nitrous oxide machines, such as Pronox.

2. Only patients classified under the American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) risk classification criteria as Class I, II, or III are appropriate candidates for Level III office surgery. For ASA Class III patients, the surgeon must document in the patient's record the justification for an office procedure rather than other surgical venues. The record must also document precautions taken that make the office a preferred venue for the particular procedure to be performed.

3. **Required Transfer Agreement.** The physician must have a written transfer agreement from a licensed hospital within reasonable proximity at which the physician has privileges to treat complications.

4. **Required Training and Personnel**

a. To be eligible to perform office-based surgery, the physician must document satisfactory completion of

surgical training such as board certification or board eligibility by a board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists. The certification should include training in the procedures to be performed in the office setting. Alternative credentialing for procedures outside the physician's core curriculum and specialty training must be applied for through the board.

b. In addition to the surgeon, at least one assistant certified in Advanced Life Support must be present during any Level III procedure. At least one person certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support must be present during any Level III procedure unless there is an anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist to manage the anesthetic.

c. Emergency procedures related to anesthesia complications should be formulated, periodically reviewed, practiced, updated, and posted in a conspicuous location.

5. **Required Equipment and Supplies**

a. Equipment, medication and monitored post-anesthesia recovery must be available in the office. If anesthetic agents include inhaled agents, other than nitrous oxide, medications must include a stock of no less than 12 vials of Dantrolene.

b. The facility, in terms of general preparation, equipment, and supplies, must be comparable to a free-standing ambulatory surgical center, including, but not limited to, recovery capability, and must have provisions for proper record keeping.

c. Blood pressure monitoring equipment; EKG; end tidal CO2 monitor; pulse oximeter, precordial or esophageal stethoscope, emergency intubation equipment and a temperature monitoring device must be available for all phases of perioperative care. This equipment must be sized to the patient whether adult or pediatric.

d. Table capable of Trendelenburg and other positions necessary to facilitate the surgical procedure.

e. IV solutions and IV equipment.

f. A full and complete crash cart that contains all equipment, medications, and supplies as recommended in current best practices.

D. **Laser Devices**

1. The use of laser, pulsed light or similar devices, either for invasive or cosmetic procedures, is considered to be the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana and therefore such use shall be limited to physicians, podiatric physicians, and qualified additional personnel directly supervised by physicians, such that a physician is on the premises and would be directly involved in the treatment if required.

2. These rules shall not apply to any person licensed to practice dentistry if the laser, pulsed light, or similar device is used exclusively for the practice of dentistry.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 51:795 (June 2025).

§7311. Administration of Anesthesia

A. **Evaluation of the Patient.** All patients shall have a presurgical evaluation (history and physical) to screen for and identify any medical condition that could adversely affect the patient's response to the medications utilized for moderate or deep sedation.

B. Diagnostic Testing, Consultations. Appropriate pre-anesthesia diagnostic testing and consultations shall be obtained as indicated by the pre-anesthesia evaluation.

C. Anesthesia Plan of Care. A patient-specific plan for anesthesia care shall be formulated based on the assessment of the patient, the surgery to be performed and the capacities of the facility.

D. Administration of Anesthesia. Deep sedation/analgesia shall be administered by an anesthesia provider who shall not participate in the surgery.

E. Monitoring. Monitoring of the patient shall include continuous monitoring of ventilation, oxygenation and cardiovascular status. Monitors shall include, but not be limited to, pulse oximetry, electrocardiogram continuously, non-invasive blood pressure measured at appropriate intervals, an oxygen analyzer and an end-tidal carbon dioxide analyzer. A means to measure temperature shall be readily available and utilized for continuous monitoring when indicated. An audible signal alarm device capable of detecting disconnection of any component of the breathing system shall be utilized. The patient shall be monitored continuously throughout the duration of the procedure. Post-operatively, the patient shall be evaluated by continuous monitoring and clinical observation until stable. Monitoring and observations shall be documented in the patient's medical record. Qualified monitoring personnel assigned to monitor a patient shall not participate in the surgery.

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§7313. Reports to the Board

A. A physician performing office-based surgery shall notify the board in writing within 15 days of the occurrence or receipt of information that an office-based surgery resulted in:

1. an unanticipated and unplanned transport of the patient from the facility to a hospital emergency department;
2. an unplanned readmission to the office-based surgery setting within 72 hours of discharge from the facility;
3. an unscheduled hospital admission of the patient within 72 hours of discharge from the facility; or
4. the death of the patient within 30 days of surgery in an office-based facility.

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§7314. Creation of Log; Board Access to Log and Facilities

A. A physician shall create and maintain a continuous log by calendar date of all office-based surgical procedures. The log shall include patient identifiers and the type and duration of each procedure and remain at the physician's office-based surgery facility. The log shall be provided to the board's staff or its agents upon request.

B. A physician who performs office-based surgery shall respond to the inquiries and requests of and make his or her office-based surgery facility available for inspection by, the board's staff or its agents at any reasonable time without the necessity of prior notice. The failure or refusal to respond or comply with such inquiries or requests, or make an office-based surgery facility available for inspection, shall be deemed a violation of this Chapter.

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§7315. Effect of Violation

A. Any violation or failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed unprofessional conduct and conduct in contravention of the board's rules, in violation of R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) and (30), respectively, as well as violation of any other applicable provision of R.S. 37:1285(A), providing cause for the board to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation.

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Physicians; Good Standing Definition
(LAC 46:XLV.303)

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 (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, R.S. 37:1271, and R.S. 37:1274, the board amends LAC 46:XLV.303, the definitions Section, by adding a definition of "license in good standing" so as to exclude from the definition any licensure status that restricts the activities authorized by the license. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 3. Physicians

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§303. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified:

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License In Good Standing—a license or registration that is active and not expired, suspended, revoked, surrendered, conditioned, or otherwise in a status that in any manner restricts the activity of a licensee or registrant under the authority of the license or registration.

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B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1271 and 37:1274.

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Pharmacy

Emergency Drug Kit Permit (LAC 46:LIII.1711)

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 amended §1711 of its rules relative to Emergency Drug Kit Permits. The Rule change removes the requirement for the administrator of the applicant facility to sign the application for the EDK permit, and require the online permit verification to be readily retrievable, since the board no longer issues paper permits. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 17. Institutional Pharmacy

Subchapter B. Emergency Drug Kits

§1711. Emergency Drug Kit Permit

A. ...

B. Permit Application and Requirements. Application for an EDK permit shall be made on a form provided by the board.

1. The provider pharmacy shall apply to the board for an EDK permit. Upon compliance with the required provisions, the provider pharmacy shall be issued a permit by the board for the provider pharmacy to establish and maintain an EDK in the facility.

2. - 5. ...

6. A copy of the EDK permit online verification from the board's website shall be readily retrievable in the room where the EDK is located.

C. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 29:2095 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended by the Department of

Health Board of Pharmacy, LR 46:584 (April 2020), amended LR 51:798 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Pharmacy

Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) Requirements (LAC 46:LIII.1105)

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 amended §1105 of its rules relative to Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC). The Rule change in §1105.A. reduces the minimum experience requirement for a pharmacist to qualify for a PIC privilege from two years of active pharmacy practice to one year. The Rule change in §1105.C. adds the authority and accountability of the owner of the pharmacy permit to the existing responsibility of the PIC for the complete supervision, management, and compliance with laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy of the entire prescription department. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 11. Pharmacies

Subchapter A. General Requirements

§1105. Pharmacist-in-Charge

A. The opportunity to accept an appointment as the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) of a pharmacy is a professional privilege. The following requirements are attached to a PIC privilege.

1. The acquisition of the PIC privilege shall require:

a. ...

b. active pharmacy practice for a minimum of one year under the jurisdiction of any board of pharmacy in the United States; and

c. ...

A.2. - B. ...

C. Authority and Accountability. The pharmacist-in-charge and the owner of the pharmacy permit shall be responsible for the complete supervision, management, and compliance with all federal and state pharmacy laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy of the entire prescription department. This responsibility necessarily includes accountability for any violation involving federal or state laws or regulations occurring within the prescription department supervised by a pharmacist-in-charge.

D. - K. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 23:1310 (October 1997), amended LR 29:2088 (October 2003), effective January 1,

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RULE

Department of Health Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Radiologic Technologists
(LAC 46:LXVI.901, 1131, 1201, and 1205)

Notice is hereby given that the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana R.S. 37:3207 and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has amended its rules governing temporary permits, LAC 46:LXVI. The Rule changes are made in conjunction with R.S. 37: §3220 and §1127, which allow for the promulgation of rules related to permits with specific purposes and restrictions as to the type of radiologic activities that may be engaged and the types of services that may be provided to patients. Many urgent care centers throughout the state have a dire need for Limited X-ray Machine Operators (LXMO), who may perform x-rays on patients treated in a private physician office, private clinic, and/or an urgent care center. In conjunction with its authority, the board has promulgated rules to address the professional needs of medical providers in the state. The LXMO permits will be issued for a specified time frame and will apply only to persons who are working in a private physician office, private clinic, or urgent care center as outlined in these rules. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXVI. Radiologic Technologists

Chapter 9. General Provisions

§901. Definitions

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Limited X-Ray Machine Operator—an individual other than a radiologic technologist who performs diagnostic x-ray procedures on selected anatomical sites as noted in §1131.

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Urgent Care Center—a walk in facility focused on the delivery of medical care for minor illnesses and injuries in an ambulatory setting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37: 3207 and 3220

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 11:872 (September 1985), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 23:71 (January 1997), LR 38:97 (January 2012), LR 40:2263 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 42:2189 (December 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 51:799 (June 2025).

Chapter 11. Licensure

§1131. Limited X-ray Machine Operator Permit (LXMO)

A. The board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant seeking to practice as a limited x-ray machine operator for the purpose of obtaining the clinical experience requirements in order to qualify to sit for the required American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Limited Scope of Radiography certification examination.

1. Necessity of Limited X-ray Machine Operator Permit (LXMO)

a. No person shall assume or use the title or designation "limited x-ray machine operator" unless he holds a current permit in accordance with the provisions of these rules and regulations.

b. Every Limited x-ray machine operator shall have his permit at work. It shall be displayed or shall be on file. The permit shall be available for inspection at any time upon request by the board.

2. Scope of Practice for Limited X-ray Machine Operator (LXMO). The limited x-ray machine operator permit allows the individual to perform the following exams:

- a. chest;
- b. extremities;
 - i. upper—fingers, hand, wrist, forearm, elbow, humerus and shoulder girdle;
 - ii. lower—toes, foot, calcaneus, ankle, tibia/fibula, knee/patella, femur, and hip;
- c. abdomen;
- d. skull/sinuses;
 - i. skull;
 - ii. paranasal sinuses;
 - iii. facial bones (orbits, nasal bones);
- e. spine;
 - i. cervical spine;
 - ii. thoracic spine;
 - iii. lumbar spine;
 - iv. sacrum, coccyx, and sacroiliac joints.

3. Qualifications. To be eligible for a permit under this Chapter, an applicant shall:

- a. be at least 18 years of age;
- b. be of good moral character;
- c. have successfully completed a four-year course of study in a secondary school approved by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, passed an approved equivalency test, or have graduated from a secondary school outside Louisiana having comparable approval;

d. shall submit evidence of enrollment in an official LXMO program approved by the board;

e. be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to work in the United States duly issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the United States, Department of Homeland Security, under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 stat. 163) and the commissioner's regulations thereunder (8 CFR);

f. self-report any legal, regulatory, licensing, permitting, transgression, and/or accusation and the outcome of such proceedings to the board.

4. Exemption. A limited licensed Private Radiologic Technologist (PRT) with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners who was licensed between January 1, 2025, and the effective date of this rule shall be issued a temporary permit to practice as a limited x-ray machine operator, however in order to obtain a two-year limited x-ray machine operator permit, the PRT must comply with the requirements as stated in this Rule.

5. Educational Requirements

a. An applicant shall have attended and successfully completed an educational program and formal training meeting the following standards in preparation for the position of limited x-ray machine operator prior to making an application for a permit:

- i. a board-approved course of radiological study and safety;
- ii. a board-approved clinical training program;
- iii. paid the applicable fees prescribed in these rules.

6. Application for Permit

a. Temporary Work Permit. Requests for application for a temporary permit form shall be requested and submitted to the state board.

b. Limited X-ray Machine Operator Permit. Requests for application for a Limited X-ray Machine Operator permit form shall be requested and submitted to the state board.

7. Follow-Up to Application Submission

a. Incomplete Applications. Applications which are received with incomplete data may cause postponement. "Incomplete notices" are provided to those who did not submit all information requested on the application form.

b. Finding of Ineligibility. If information is received indicating ineligibility, the applicant is notified of the deficiencies. The application is retained on an inactive basis and may be reactivated at the applicant's request whenever the requirements have been met. The application fee is not refundable, however, there is no additional charge for reactivating the application.

8. Modifications to Submitted Information

a. Address or Name Changes. If a temporary limited x-ray machine operator permit applicant must change the mailing address which was entered on the application form, the individual must inform the board in writing. Changes in the permitter's name are to be handled in the same manner, but must be accompanied by documentary evidence of the change (e.g., copy of marriage certificate, legal name change form, etc.).

9. Re-Examination

a. An applicant who fails to pass the ARRT examination in Limited Scope of Radiography within the issued one-year time frame of the temporary permit shall become ineligible for an extension of that temporary permit. The Board will hold the original application for permit up to one year with no additional fee.

10. Issuance of Limited X-ray Machine Operator Permit (LXMO). If the qualifications, requirements and procedures prescribed or incorporated by these rules and regulations are met to the satisfaction of the board, the board shall issue to the applicant a permit to engage in the practice

of limited x-ray machine operation in the state of Louisiana.

a. The board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant seeking to practice limited x-ray machine operation for the purpose of obtaining the clinical experience requirements in order to qualify to sit for the required American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography certification examination, provided that the applicant:

- i. has submitted a board approved clinical training agreement to the board;
- ii. satisfies the applicable fees prescribed in these rules.

iii. upon payment a temporary one-year work permit shall be issued one time only and for the time listed on the temporary work permit.

b. The temporary permit issued under this section shall expire, and thereby become null and void and to no effect on the earliest of the following dates:

i. 12 months from the date on which it was issued;

ii. the date on which the board gives notice to the permit holder of its final action granting or denying issuance of a limited x-ray machine operator permit;

c. The temporary permit holder who has:

i. successfully and competently completed the required clinical training;

ii. has successfully passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Limited Scope of Radiography exam for Louisiana will then be granted a two-year limited x-ray machine operator permit.

11. Renewal. The board will require that those limited x-ray machine operators applying for renewal of permits shall have, in the preceding two-year period, participated in and completed the continuing education requirements, and/or board-approved alternatives as set forth in these rules. Every person permitted under the provision of this Chapter, shall maintain certification and document of on-going compliance with the board.

12. Biannual Application for Permit Renewal

a. Notification for the renewal of the permit will be mailed to each limited x-ray machine operator whose permit to practice limited x-ray machine operation will expire that May 31 with the permit fee due. Renewal season is March 1 through May 31.

b. Notification for renewal of permit shall be mailed prior to expiration by the board to each person holding a permit issued under these rules and regulations. Such notification shall be mailed to the most recent address as reflected in the official records of the board.

c. The Limited x-ray machine operator is responsible for renewal in the event of not receiving mailed notification. Every limited x-ray machine operator permitted by this board shall renew his/her permit every two years upon application and payment of a renewal fee.

d. Limited x-ray machine operator permits issued under this Section which have expired may be renewed by the board. The Limited x-ray machine operator permit issued under this section shall expire, and thereby become null and void and to no effect on the earliest of the following dates:

i. 24 months from the date on which it was issued;

ii. the date on which the board gives notice to the permit holder of its final action granting or denying issuance of a Limited X-Ray Machine Operator Permit

B. LXMO Continuing Education Requirements

1. Any limited x-ray machine operator who fails to meet the continuing education requirements for renewal and pay appropriate fees by May 31 shall be placed on expired status. The limited x-ray machine operator shall no longer be considered as holding a valid permit in the state of Louisiana.

2. Limited X-ray Machine Operator. Twelve hours of continuing education credits must be earned per permitting term to meet the continuing education requirements. Credits earned in excess of 12 per permitting term may not be carried over into the next permitting term.

3. Documentation. A limited x-ray machine operator is required to maintain proof of participation in continuing education activities and is required to attest to this participation on the form provided. Said documentation shall be submitted to the board as part of the renewal process. Failure to provide documentation acceptable to the board will result in an expired status. The board will accept copies of documents. Original documents shall be kept by the limited x-ray machine operators for two years after the end of the permitting term for the purpose of further verification should the board choose to audit the permitters' submissions.

C. Permitting Term Schedule. Since the permitting term is defined as that period from June 1 of the renewal or issuance of permit year to the second May 31 to occur after that date, the continuing education credits must be earned in the two years prior to the second occurrence of May 31.

D. Expiration of Limited X-ray Machine Operator Permit. Every permit issued by the board under this Chapter, the expiration date of which is not stated thereon or provided by these rules, shall become null and void on May 31, of the second year following the year of issuance. The timely submission of an accurate and complete application for renewal of a permit, appropriate documentation of completion of required continuing education hours and payment of appropriate fees shall operate to continue the expiring permit pending issuance of the renewal permit.

E. Complaint. If a complaint is made to the board, the board shall notify the limited x-ray machine operator of the complaint and determine if there should be any action taken on the permit issued under this section. The board shall require the permit holder to abide by a code of ethics adopted by the board.

F. Applicants for LXMO Renewal Who Fail to Meet CE Requirements. A limited x-ray machine operator who applies for renewal of permit, but who fails to meet the renewal requirements within the previous permitting term, will automatically be transferred to an expired status. Individuals who are listed as having an expired status, due to failure to meet these renewal requirements, will be published on the website managed by the board and will be reported in response to any inquiries regarding the limited x-ray machine operator's status with the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.

1. A limited x-ray machine operator whose permit has been placed on expired status for failure to meet continuing education requirements may be returned to an approved status by payment of the appropriate fees and expenses as

specified in this section and completing the required continuing education hours in the six months (on or before December 31) following the May 31 expiration date and paying the delinquency fee. Any hours completed or other requirements met while the permit is expired may not be used to meet the continuing education requirements for the subsequent permit term.

G. Minimum Standards for the Accreditation of LXMO Education Programs. Limited x-ray machine operator programs must be approved by the board. The licensed technologist and/or program director shall submit evidence of compliance with minimum standards of education for the accreditation of educational programs to the board upon forms provided by the board.

H. LXMO Code of Ethics. A LXMO Code of Ethics will be adopted by the board and shall be sent to each limited x-ray machine operator candidate.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3207 and 3220.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 51:799 (June 2025).

Chapter 12. Continuing Education Requirements

§1201. Definitions

Active Status—radiologic technologists or limited x-ray machine operators who maintain their license or permit by submitting appropriate continuing education, paying an initial or renewal fee, and are listed in good standing with the LSRTBE.

Advanced Level CPR—Repealed.

Approved Continuing Education Activity—an educational activity which has received approval through a recognized continuing education evaluation/mechanism.

1. Other activities that meet the definition of an approved continuing education activity are the approved entry-level exams. Examples are:

- a. ARRT examination in radiography;
- b. ARRT examination in Limited Scope of Radiography for Limited X-ray Machine Operator permits only
- c. ARRT or NMTCB examination in nuclear medicine technology;
- d. ARRT examination in radiation therapy technology;
- e. MDCB examination in dosimetry;
- f. ARDMS examination in diagnostic medical sonography; vascular technology or diagnostic cardiac sonography.

2. The advanced-level examinations considered acceptable continuing education activity are:

- a. ARRT examination in cardiovascular; interventional technology;
- b. ARRT examination in mammography;
- c. ARRT examination in computed tomography;
- d. ARRT examination in magnetic resonance imaging;
- e. other ARRT examinations as developed and implemented.

3. Within their licensing period, technologists who pass an entry-level examination for a discipline in which they are not certified and for which they are eligible, or one

of the advanced-level examinations that they have not previously passed and for which they are eligible, have met the continuing education requirement for that licensing period.

CAMRT—Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists.

Category A and A+ Credit—educational activity which is planned, organized, and administered to enhance the knowledge and skills of the licensed or permitted individual and provides services to patients, the public, or medical profession.

Continuing Education (CE)—educational activities which serve to improve and expand the knowledge and skills underlying professional performance that a radiologic technologist or limited x-ray machine operator uses to provide services for patients, the public or the medical profession. A contact hour credit is awarded for each 50 to 60 minute educational activity. Activities longer than one hour will be assigned whole or partial CE credit based on the 50-minute hour. Educational activities of 30 to 49 minutes of duration will be awarded half a credit. An activity that lasts less than 30 minutes will receive no credit.

Continuing Education (CE) Activity—a learning activity that is planned, organized, and administered to maintain and enhance the professional knowledge and skills underlying professional performance that a technologist or limited x-ray machine operator uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the medical profession. Activities meeting this definition may qualify as either category A or A+ credit depending upon whether they have been submitted to review and approval.

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Eligible for Renewal Status—a radiologic technologist or limited x-ray machine operator who has completed all requirements for the renewal of a Louisiana radiologic technologist license or limited x-ray machine operator permit is considered to be eligible for renewal status.

Expired Status—a radiologic technologist or limited x-ray machine operator who fails to meet the continuing education requirements for renewal and pay appropriate fees by May 31 shall be placed on expired status. The radiologic technologist or limited x-ray machine operator shall no longer be considered as holding a valid license or permit in the state of Louisiana.

Inactive Status—classification of license or permit where the LSRTBE waives renewal fees to those licensees or permitted individuals who confirm in writing to the board that they are not actively employed in the state of Louisiana as radiologic technologists or limited x-ray machine operators.

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Permitting—the process of granting a permit attesting to the demonstration of limited qualifications in a profession.

Permitting Term—the LSRTBE issues permits to limited x-ray machine operators for two-year terms. All renewal permits are issued on June first and expire on May 31 of the second year of its issuance.

Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism (RCEEM)—Repealed.

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Temporary Permit for Limited X-ray Machine Operator—a LSRTBE issued permit that is granted to qualified applicants for one year.

Temporary Permit for Radiologic Technologists— a LSRTBE issued permit that is granted to qualified individuals for 90 days.

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§1205. Continuing Education Requirements

A. Radiologic technologist, nuclear medicine technologist, radiation therapy technologist and fusion technologist must complete 24 hours of continuing education credits must be earned per licensing term to meet the continuing education requirements. Credits earned in excess of 24 per licensing term may not be carried over into the next licensing term. The continuing education requirement is independent of the number of licenses held by an individual (i.e., a radiologic technologist certified in both radiography and radiation therapy technology needs only 24 credits).

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 21:180 (February 1995), amended LR 23:71 (January 1997), LR 40:2264 (November 2014), amended LR 42:2190 (December 1), LR 40:2264 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners LR 51:802 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Health Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Radiologic Technologists—Fees and Expenses (LAC 46:LXVI.1217)

Notice is hereby given that the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana R.S. 37:3207 and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has amended its rules governing fees and expenses, (LAC 46:LXVI.1217). The Rule changes were made in conjunction with R.S. 37: §3218, which allow for the promulgation of a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any other administrative function provided for in this Chapter. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS

Part LXVI. Radiologic Technologists

Chapter 12. Continuing Education Requirements

§1217. Fee and Expenses

A. The rules of this Chapter prescribe the fees and costs applicable to the licensing of radiologic technologists and permitting of Limited X-ray Machine Operators (LXMO).

B. For processing applications for licensure and permits, the following fees shall be payable to the board:

1. initial two-year radiographer, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy or fusion technologist license, \$150;
2. duplicate license, \$25;
3. biennial renewal of license, 2 years, or biennial renewal of LXMO permit, 2 years, \$150;
4. issuance of ninety 90-day temporary radiographer, nuclear medicine, or radiation therapy working permit, 1-year temporary fusion technology permit, or 1-year temporary LXMO permit; \$50;

5. late fee in addition to the renewal fee for a license or permit placed on an expired status using a postmark date, \$200;

6. reinstatement of a license or LXMO two-year permit that has been revoked or suspended, \$300.

C. - C.5 ...

6. Processing and handling a request for the board's endorsement of licensure or permit status to another state for the purpose of reciprocity, \$50. All requests will be processed within 5 business days. Requests completed by the board will be mailed or emailed. No verbal responses will be provided;

C.7. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3207 and 3220.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 21:181 (February 1995), amended LR 40:2266 (November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 42:2191 (December 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, LR 51:803 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Insurance
Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 131—Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation of
Homeowners Policies in Effect and Renewed for
More Than Three Years (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 202)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has promulgated Regulation 131—Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation of Homeowners Policies in Effect and Renewed for More Than Three Years.

The Department of Insurance has promulgated Regulation 131 to implement the provisions of Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which allows an insurer to notify the commissioner of its plan to nonrenew or cancel up to five percent of its insureds' homeowners policies in a calendar year that have been in effect for at least three years on or before August 1, 2024, for any reason and to request the commissioner's approval of a plan to nonrenew or cancel more than five percent of its insureds' homeowners policies in a calendar year that have been in effect for three years or more on or before August 1, 2024. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 37

INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

**Chapter 202. Regulation Number 131—Plan for
Nonrenewal or Cancellation of
Homeowners Policies in Effect and
Renewed for More Than Three Years**

§20201. Authority

A. Regulation 131 is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. R.S. 22:11, and 22:1265(F).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:803 (June 2025).

§20203. Purpose

A. The purpose of Regulation 131 is to implement the provisions of Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which allows an insurer to notify the commissioner of its plan to nonrenew or cancel up to five percent of its insureds' homeowners policies in a calendar year that have been in effect for at least three years on or before August 1, 2024, for any reason and to request the commissioner's approval of a plan to nonrenew or cancel more than five percent of its insureds' homeowners policies in a calendar year that have been in effect for three years or more on or before August 1, 2024.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:803 (June 2025).

§20205. Scope and Applicability

A. Regulation 131 requires insurers providing property, casualty, or liability insurance to submit a plan for nonrenewal or cancellation of certain homeowners' policies pursuant to R.S. 22:1265(L) to the Louisiana Department of Insurance.

B. Regulation 131 only applies to insurers seeking to comply with the provisions of R.S. 22:1265(L).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:803 (June 2025).

§20207. Definitions

A. As used in Regulation 131, these terms shall have the following meaning ascribed herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Commissioner—the Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance.

Department—the Louisiana Department of Insurance.

Homeowners Insurance—a policy of insurance on a one- or two-family owner-occupied premises, which combines fire and allied lines with any one or more perils of casualty, liability, or other types of insurance within one policy form at a single premium, where the insurer's liability for damage to the premises under said policy is determined with reference to the replacement value of the premises.

Homeowners Policies—shall mean for purposes of this regulation, policies of homeowners insurance that have been in effect for more than three years on or before August 1, 2024.

Nonrenewal or Cancellation Date—the termination date of an insured's policy of homeowners insurance.

Insured—customers owning homeowners policies as provided for in R.S. 22:1265.

Insurer—any insurer that provides property, casualty, and liability insurance in the state of Louisiana.

Not In The Public Interest—means the imposition of a plan to cancel or nonrenew up to 5 percent of homeowners policies that has an outsized impact on a specific coastal geographic area, zip code, or parish.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:804 (June 2025).

§20209. Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation

A. Any insurer that makes a filing pursuant to R.S. 22:1265(L) for the nonrenewal or cancellation of up to five percent or for more than five percent of its insureds' homeowners policies in Louisiana in a calendar year shall file with the commissioner a Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation setting forth the insurer's plan in the state of Louisiana. A Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation shall not include a nonrenewal or cancellation of more than 5 percent of the insurer's homeowners' policies in force in any one parish that is subject to the "3-year rule", unless authorized by the commissioner under Paragraph C of this section. The commissioner shall have the discretion to disapprove any Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation up to five percent if deemed to not be in the public interest. Approval by the commissioner is required for a Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation requesting more than 5 percent of its insureds' homeowners' policies in any one parish in Louisiana in a calendar year. An insurer shall only send a notice of nonrenewal or cancellation to an insured on or after January 1, 2025. The commissioner shall provide written approval to the insurer. The Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. a listing of the physical addresses, types of policies, zip code and parishes for the properties that will be the subject of the requested nonrenewal or cancellation process;

2. data submitted through a LDI portal or link to such data by parish representing each proposed parish and zip code affected by the nonrenewal or cancellation, along with

the deductible amount. The data shall pinpoint all proposed homeowners policies to be nonrenewed or cancelled and demonstrate compliance with the requirement that no more than 5 percent of the insurer's homeowners policies in force in any one parish that is subject to the "3 year rule" and a listing of those homeowners policies that may be nonrenewed or cancelled;

3. a policy count of all active homeowners policies meeting the eligibility criteria under the current "3-year rule" concept, including policy inception date and nonrenewal or cancellation date. The policy count and a percentage of the amount of homeowners policies being nonrenewed or cancelled shall be presented on a statewide basis, as well as a per parish basis and zip code basis;

4. the coverage A limits or residential coverage limit for each property risk that will be the subject of the requested nonrenewal or cancellation;

5. a listing of homeowners policies inception date, nonrenewal or cancellation dates for all homeowners policies, premium amount, that will be subject to the non-renewal or cancellation;

6. a mathematical breakdown that illustrates compliance with the requirement that no more than 5 percent of the insurer's homeowners policies in force in any one parish that is subject to the "3-year rule" and a listing of homeowners' policies that may be nonrenewed or cancelled;

7. the insurer's total homeowners policies in force in the particular zip code and parish;

8. the insurer's total homeowners policies in force in the state;

9. the insurer's premium by state and by parish as a percentage of the insurer's total written premium in the state; and

10. any other factors that the commissioner determines are applicable, relevant, and appropriate.

B. Any business plan, documentation or information filed pursuant to Regulation 131 shall be considered proprietary or trade secret pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:3.2 and the Uniform Trade Secrets Act pursuant to Chapter 13-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall be applicable to any business plan, documentation or information.

C. Subject to the review and approval of the commissioner, an insurer may submit a request to non-renew more than 5 percent in any parish. In determining whether to grant the request, the commissioner will consider the impact of the request on the insurer's risk and financial profile, the ability of the insurer to maintain or expand its operations, the cost of reinsurance and such other factors as the insurer shall submit or the commissioner shall deem necessary for the evaluation of the request to determine its overall impact on the insurance market. The commissioner will approve or reject any request within thirty days of submission.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:804 (June 2025).

§20211. Rescission

A. The commissioner may rescind his approval of any Plan for Nonrenewal or Cancellation filing made pursuant to this Regulation if it is subsequently determined that the

insurer made any material misrepresentation in its submission, or if the insurer violates the statutory prohibitions against discrimination contained in provisions of R.S. 22:34, R.S. 22:35(A), R.S. 22:1964, or if the insurer violates any provision of Title 22 through the implementation of its approved plan.

B. The commissioner shall set forth the date when such rescission shall be effective and such other terms as are necessary to effectuate a rescission.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:804 (June 2025).

§20213. Enforcement

A. The commissioner may take any and all administrative action provided in Title 22 whenever an insurer is found to be in violation of R.S. 22:34, R.S. 22:35(A), R.S. 22:1964, or any provision of law pursuant to Title 22.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, R.S. 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:805 (June 2025).

§20215. Effective Date

A. Regulation 131 shall become effective upon final publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:805 (June 2025).

§20217. Severability

A. If any section or provision of Regulation 131 or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity or determination shall not affect other sections or provisions or the application of Regulation 131 to any persons or circumstances that can be given effect without the invalid section or provision or application, and for these purposes the Sections and provisions of Regulation 131 and the application to any persons or circumstances are severable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, 22:1265, Act 2024, No. 9 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:805 (June 2025).

Timothy J. Temple
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RULE

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of Motor Vehicles

Driving Schools (LAC 55:III.159)

Under the authority of R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1) and R.S. 40:1461, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:961 et seq., the Office of Motor Vehicles amends Section 159 in Chapter 1, regarding driving schools. The amended §159 changes verbiage saying fines may be assessed and adds a schedule of fines. This is in accordance with Act 579 of the 2024 Regular Session. This Rule becomes effective upon the promulgation of the permanent Rule in the *Louisiana Register* on June 20, 2025. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Part III. Motor Vehicles

Chapter 1. Driver's License

Subchapter A. General Requirements

§159. Suspension, Revocation and Penalty Assessment

A. All regulations outlined in this Chapter shall be adhered to by the driving school and its employees. The Office of Motor Vehicles may fine, suspend or revoke any driving school license, instructor license, examiner license, owner license or third-party tester agreement issued under these rules and regulations upon discovery of satisfactory evidence of violations. If the violation involves the owner of the driving school or other management staff, then the driving school may be assessed fines, or the license may be suspended or revoked, or both. If the violation involves the instructor, then the instructor may be assessed fines, or the license may be suspended or revoked, or both. Fines will be assessed based on the schedule of fines. If the fine is not paid within 30 days of the mailing of the notice of the fine, or an administrative hearing is not requested, the license, the contract, or both may be suspended or revoked.

Driving School Fine Schedule		
The following range of fines that may be set for violations cited under the corresponding provision of statutory law, rules, or contract provisions. When citing specific violations, the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) will set the fine within the corresponding range. OMV reserves the right to evaluate each violation to determine the appropriate sanction based upon the severity of the conduct up to and including suspension or revocation of the license and contract. The previous imposition of a fine is not a prerequisite for the suspension or the revocation of a license or contract.		
Violation	First Violation (per student unless indicated otherwise)	Second or Subsequent Violation (per student unless indicated otherwise)
For a driver education course, failure to provide a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction. §144	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
For a pre-licensing course, failure to provide a minimum of 6 hours of classroom instruction. §144	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to provide 8 hours of actual driving instruction. §144	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
A driving school advertising without having first obtained a license and contract with OMV. §144	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
No person shall hold himself for remuneration as a qualified or licensed instructor without obtaining a license and contract from OMV. §144	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to maintain Qualifications for a Driving School Owner/Administrator during the period of the current license and contract. §145A	\$25 - \$100 (per qualification requirement)	\$100 - \$500 (per qualification requirement)
Failure to maintain Qualifications for Instructor. §145B	\$25 - \$100 (per qualification requirement)	\$100 - \$500 (per qualification requirement)
Non-compliance with Application Process and Fees for Private Driving Schools and Instructors §146.	\$25 - \$100 (per requirement)	\$100 - \$500 (per requirement)
Failure to comply with location requirements. §147A.	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to comply with bond requirements. §147B.	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to comply with classroom requirements. §147C.	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to comply with examination requirements. §147D	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to comply with Regulations and Policies for Secondary and Alternative School Driver Education Courses. §150.	\$25 - \$100 (per requirement)	\$100 - \$500 (per requirement)
Failure to comply with Regulations for All Driver Education Providers. §151.	\$50 - \$200 (per requirement)	\$200 - \$1000 (per requirement)
Failure to comply with. School Policies and Course Specifications. §152	\$50 - \$200 (per requirement)	\$200 - \$1000 (per requirement)
Failure to comply with Parental Orientation. §153	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to comply with Driver Education Curriculum requirements. §154	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - \$1000
Failure to comply with Third-Party Tester/Examiner Requirements. §155.	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - \$1000
Failure to comply with Application Process and Fees for Third-Party Testers/Examiners. §156.	\$25 - \$100	\$100 - \$500
Failure to comply with General Regulations for Third-Party Testers. §157.	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - \$1000
Non-compliance with a provision of contract.	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - \$1000
Non-compliance with any statutory requirement in R.S. 32:402.1, R.S. 32:408, R.S. 32:408.1, or R.S. 40:1461 et seq.	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - \$1000

A.1. - A.6. ...

B. Appeal Rights

1. Notice of Suspension, Revocation or Fine

a. A currently licensed owner/instructor whose license and third-party tester agreement is revoked or suspended, or who has been assessed a fine, shall be notified in writing by DPS either by email or mail.

B.2. - B.2.d. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:402.1(A) (1) and R.S. 40:1461.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 43:1780 (September 2017), amended LR 45:1604 (November 2019), amended LR 51:805 (June 2025).

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RULE

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of Motor Vehicles

Ignition Interlock Devices (LAC 55:III.Chapter 4)

In compliance with Act 462 of the 2023 legislative session, the Office of Motor amends the definition Section, amends the monitoring requirement, corrects inconsistencies in the reporting requirement, and changes reporting entry on removal to transactions and adds to what can be reported in that entry. This Rule shall become effective upon the promulgation of the permanent Rule in the *Louisiana Register* on June 20, 2025. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Part III. Motor Vehicles

Chapter 4. Ignition Interlock Devices

Subchapter A. Specifications for Electronic Reporting Of Interlock Device Installation/Removal

Chapter 4. Specifications for Electronic Reporting Of Interlock Device Installation/Removal

§401. Introduction

A. Effective August 15, 2011, Act 192 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature requires ignition interlock device reports to be submitted electronically. The person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to this Section, or which has been reinstated pursuant to R.S. 32:667(I), shall have the system monitored by the manufacturer, at the manufacturer's expense, for proper use at least every thirty days, and more frequently as the court may order, on the operation of each interlocking ignition device in the person's vehicles. A report of such monitoring shall be issued by the manufacturer to the court and the department within fourteen days after the system is monitored. However, the report issued to the department shall be in an electronic format specified by the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 40:2604 (December 2014), amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 51:807 (June 2025).

§403. Definitions

Authorized Manufacturer—name of manufacturers approved by State Police Applied Technology.

Authorized Removal—a removal at the end of the period the ignition interlock device is required as a condition of reinstatement or for a hardship or restricted driver's license lease term for the ignition interlock device, or in cases in which the motor vehicle in which the device is installed is sold or otherwise transferred to a licensed new or used motor vehicle dealer. An authorized removal also includes private sales except in cases where the motor vehicle is sold or otherwise transferred to person who resides in the same household as the person who is required to have an ignition interlock device, or is sold or otherwise transferred to a person who is related to the person who is required to have an ignition interlock device. An authorized removal includes the removal of the ignition interlock devices from a vehicle which has been declared a total loss as defined in the state's title law.

Business Days—business days are Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. central time. Business days do not include Saturday, Sunday or state holidays, any other holiday declared by the governor, or days when state offices in East Baton Rouge Parish are declared closed by the Commissioner of Administration.

Department—Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles.

Edit Error—a record submitted by an authorized manufacturer unacceptable for filing purposes due to the absence of information in a required field or the presence of invalid information in the key data fields is an edit error. Key data fields are identified and detailed in §405. A record which is returned to an authorized manufacturer as an edit error is not a filing. The record shall be corrected and re-reported within 15 business days of the return-date.

Installation Date—the date the interlock device was installed in the vehicle.

Return Filing Report—a report prepared by the department for an authorized manufacturer following completion of processing and editing of data. The report will contain any error records or, if no errors are found, a message stating "No Errors in File". It is the responsibility of the authorized manufacturer to review and take the necessary corrective action as required by these rules and regulations. If the file cannot be processed, no return report will be sent. The file must be corrected and all of the filing records must be resubmitted. None of the filing records submitted with an incomplete or incorrect header record will be accepted.

Test File Indicator—if the submitted file is a test file, the test file indicator must be set in the header record to insure that the test records are not uploaded to the database. The IT staff must be contacted to schedule a test prior to the test file being uploaded to the server.

Transaction Date—the date the interlock device was removed or a violation established in R.S. 32:378.2(M)(2) occurred.

Unauthorized Removal—the ignition interlock device is removed prior to the time period for which the person is required to have an ignition interlock device. An unauthorized removal does not include instances where the ownership of the vehicle is transferred as provided in "Authorized Removal."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 40:2604 (December 2014), amended LR 51:807 (June 2025).

§405. Record Formats

A. The following format shall be used by an authorized manufacturer for submitting electronic filing of the report required by R.S. 32:378.2(H).

1. Header Record

Char Pos	Type	Data Description	Format
1 - 4	Num (4)	Manufacturer Code	
5 - 12	Num (8)	Date Created	CCYYMMDD
13 - 19	Num (7)	Number of Records in Filing	9999999
20 - 20	Alpha (1)	Test File Indicator	T (Test) or P (Production)
21 - 176	Alpha (156)	Filler	Spaces
177 - 177	Num (1)	Record Type	3 (Header)

2. Interlock Filing Record

Char Pos	Type	Data Description	Format
1 - 9	Num (9)	Driver's License Number	Right justified, zero fill if not available
10 - 49	A/N (40)	Driver Name	Last, First
50 - 57	Num (8)	Driver DOB	CCYYMMDD
58 - 77	A/N (20)	Driver Street	
78 - 92	Alpha (15)	Driver City	
93 - 94	Alpha (2)	Driver State	
95 - 99	Num (5)	Driver Zip Code	
100 - 116	A/N (17)	VIN	
117 - 119	A/N (3)	Installer ID Code	
120 - 139	A/N (20)	Manufacturer's Name	
140 - 159	A/N (20)	Machine Serial Number	
160 - 167	Num (8)	Installation Date	CCYYMMDD
168 - 175	Num (8)	Transaction Date	CCYYMMDD
176 - 176	Num (1)	Reporting Type	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8
177 - 177	Num (1)	Record Type	1 (Data Record)

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 40:2604 (December 2014) ; amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 51:807 (June 2025).

§411. Interlock Filing Record

A. The following fields are required unless otherwise noted. The filing records must have a record type = "1". If an error on any of the required fields is encountered, a description of the error will be written to the return report. These records will not be processed and must be corrected and resent:

1 - 6. ...

7. driver zip code—the zip code of the person whose driver's license is being submitted (required);

8. - 12. ...

13. transaction date—the date the interlock device was removed, or a violation established in R.S. 32:378.2(M)(2) occurred. (Required);

14. reporting type—reporting types are "1" = Authorized Removal, "2" = Tampered, "3" = Failed to start test, "4" = Rolling retest failed, "5" = Install (required) "6"= Failure to have interlock serviced two or more times, "7" = Unauthorized Removal, "8" = circumventing the device;

15. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 40:2605 (December 2014), amended LR 51:808 (June 2025).

§413. Reporting Instructions

A. The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections utilizes the move it server as the method of exchanging electronic data for interlock installation and transaction reporting. The "information exchange" service allows secure electronic data transfer between the department and each authorized manufacturer. Any authorized manufacturer not currently reporting to OMV on the move it server shall send an e-mail a request to access this system to Interlock@dps.la.gov for the purpose of reporting interlock installations/removals electronically.

B. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 40:2606 (December 2014), amended LR 51:808 (June 2025).

§415. Error Messages

A. The following error message will be sent for submissions by an authorized manufacturer:

1. driver's license number: If the license is missing, invalid or does not match the DOB and/or driver name, the filing record will be sent to OMV to add manually. No error will be sent back to the authorized manufacturer.

2. driver name: "name required"—This is a required field. The correct format is Last, First

3. driver DOB:

a. "date of birth required"—This is a required field.

b. "DOB must be numeric"—This is a numeric field.

c. "DOB format is CCYYMMDD"—All dates are CCYYMMDD.

d. "DOB greater than today's date"—date of birth > process date

4. driver street: "driver street required"—This is a required field.

5. driver city: "driver city required"—This is a required field.

6. driver state: "driver state required"—This is a required field.

7. driver zip code:

a. "driver zip code required"—This is a required field.

b. "driver zip code must be numeric"—This is a numeric field.

8. VIN: "VIN required"—This is a required field.

9. manufacturer's name: "manufacturer's name required"—This is a required field.

10. machine serial number: "serial required"—This is a required field.

11. installation date:

a. "installation date required—This is a required field.

b. "installation date must be numeric"—This is a numeric field.

c. "installation date format is CCYYMMDD"—All dates are CCYYMMDD.

d. "installation Date > today's date" - Installation date cannot be in the future.

e. "installation date > transaction date"—Transaction date cannot be prior to the installation date.

12. transaction date:

a. "transaction date required"—This is a required field.

b. "transaction date must be numeric"—This is a numeric field.

c. "transaction date format is CCYYMMDD"—All dates are CCYYMMDD.

d. "transaction date > today's date"—transaction date cannot be in the future.

e. "transaction date < installation date"—Transaction date cannot be prior to the installation date.

13. reporting type:

a. "reporting type is required"—this is a required field.

b. “reporting type is invalid”—this field must have a value of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 6, 7, or 8.

14. record type: “record type required”—This is a required field.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(H).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 40:2606 (December 2014), amended Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, amended LR 51:808 (June 2025).

Subchapter B. Credit for Suspension Time or Condition of Reinstatement Time for Installation of an Ignition Interlock Device

§451. Requirements to Receive Credit toward Suspension Time or Condition of Reinstatement Time

A. Effective August 1, 2019, an individual who had an ignition interlock device installed by an interlock manufacturer approved by Louisiana State Police, Applied Technology Unit, as a requirement of bail, a part of a pre-trial diversion program, or a term of suspended or deferred sentence pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 894, for an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs and is arrested or subsequently convicted for such an offense, shall receive credit towards suspension time or any reinstatement requirement that may be imposed upon complying with the requirements of this Subchapter.

B. A person seeking to receive credit towards suspension time for having an approved and functioning ignition interlock device installed on the motor vehicle the person operates shall:

1. make a request at your local Office of Motor Vehicle;
2. submit the completed application for ignition interlock restriction form signed by the applicant;
3. submit documentation from the court having jurisdiction over the prosecution of the person for an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs, or from the prosecutor administering the pre-trial diversion program, that the person is required to install an ignition interlock device on the motor vehicle as a requirement of the court or the prosecutor, as the case may be;
4. submit the completed approved form from the ignition interlock manufacturer verifying compliance with R.S. 32:378.2(M)(2).

C. Applicant may apply for a driver’s license with the interlock restriction provided their record is valid status. They will be required to show the interlock installment/lease agreement, proof of registration and insurance, and will be required to pay a duplicate license fee to add the restriction to the driver’s license.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:378.2(M)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 46:187 (February 2020); amended by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 51:809 (June 2025).

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RULE

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

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

Under the authority of Revised Statute 47:32, 112, 295 and 1511, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Revised Statute 49:950 et seq., the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, amends LAC 61:I.1501 relative to individual income tax withholding tables and formulas.

The primary purpose of this amendment is to update the withholding tables and formulas due to the new flat three percent individual income tax rate provided by Act 11 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Act 11 amended R.S. 47:32 to repeal the graduated rates and brackets for individuals in favor of a flat three percent tax rate applicable to all taxable income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025. This amendment will allow the secretary to administer the updated individual income tax withholding tables and formulas for tax year 2025. 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

§1501. Income Tax Withholding Tables

A. - B.1. ...

2. With the use of the information obtained from Form R-1300(L-4), *Employee’s Withholding Exemption Certificate*, determine which column of the tables to use.

a. If your employee does not claim a standard deduction, use the column in the table designated 0.

b. If your employee utilizes the filing status of Single Individual or Married-Separate the column in the table designated 1.

c. If your employee utilizes the filing status of Married-Joint, Qualified Surviving Spouse, or Head of Household, use the column in the table designated 2.

C. Withholding Tax Tables

1. For the purposes of the withholding tax tables:

a. Filers utilizing a filing status of Single Individual or Married-Separate are allowed a standard deduction in the amount of \$12,500.00;

b. Filers utilizing a filing status of Married-Joint, Qualified Surviving Spouse, or Head of Household are allowed a standard deduction in an amount equal to 200 percent of the dollar amount provided for single individuals.

2. Withholding Tables—Effective on or after January 1, 2025:

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	0.03	0.00
50.01	52.00	1.58	0.09	0.00
52.01	54.00	1.64	0.15	0.00
54.01	56.00	1.70	0.21	0.00
56.01	58.00	1.76	0.28	0.00
58.01	60.00	1.82	0.34	0.00
60.01	62.00	1.88	0.40	0.00
62.01	64.00	1.95	0.46	0.00
64.01	66.00	2.01	0.52	0.00
66.01	68.00	2.07	0.58	0.00
68.01	70.00	2.13	0.65	0.00
70.01	72.00	2.19	0.71	0.00
72.01	74.00	2.26	0.77	0.00
74.01	76.00	2.32	0.83	0.00
76.01	78.00	2.38	0.89	0.00
78.01	80.00	2.44	0.96	0.00
80.01	82.00	2.50	1.02	0.00
82.01	84.00	2.56	1.08	0.00
84.01	86.00	2.63	1.14	0.00
86.01	88.00	2.69	1.20	0.00
88.01	90.00	2.75	1.26	0.00
90.01	92.00	2.81	1.33	0.00
92.01	94.00	2.87	1.39	0.00
94.01	96.00	2.94	1.45	0.00
96.01	98.00	3.00	1.51	0.03
98.01	100.00	3.06	1.57	0.09
100.01	102.00	3.12	1.64	0.15
102.01	104.00	3.18	1.70	0.21
104.01	106.00	3.24	1.76	0.27
106.01	108.00	3.31	1.82	0.34

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
108.01	110.00	3.37	1.88	0.40
110.01	112.00	3.43	1.94	0.46
112.01	114.00	3.49	2.01	0.52
114.01	116.00	3.55	2.07	0.58
116.01	118.00	3.62	2.13	0.64
118.01	120.00	3.68	2.19	0.71
120.01	122.00	3.74	2.25	0.77
122.01	124.00	3.80	2.32	0.83
124.01	126.00	3.86	2.38	0.89
126.01	128.00	3.92	2.44	0.95
128.01	130.00	3.99	2.50	1.01
130.01	132.00	4.05	2.56	1.08
132.01	134.00	4.11	2.62	1.14
134.01	136.00	4.17	2.69	1.20
136.01	138.00	4.23	2.75	1.26
138.01	140.00	4.30	2.81	1.32
140.01	142.00	4.36	2.87	1.39
142.01	144.00	4.42	2.93	1.45
144.01	146.00	4.48	2.99	1.51
146.01	148.00	4.54	3.06	1.57
148.01	150.00	4.60	3.12	1.63
150.01	152.00	4.67	3.18	1.69
152.01	154.00	4.73	3.24	1.76
154.01	156.00	4.79	3.30	1.82
156.01	158.00	4.85	3.37	1.88
158.01	160.00	4.91	3.43	1.94
160.01	162.00	4.97	3.49	2.00
162.01	164.00	5.04	3.55	2.07
164.01	166.00	5.10	3.61	2.13
166.01	168.00	5.16	3.67	2.19
168.01	170.00	5.22	3.74	2.25
170.01	172.00	5.28	3.80	2.31
172.01	174.00	5.35	3.86	2.37
174.01	176.00	5.41	3.92	2.44
176.01	178.00	5.47	3.98	2.50
178.01	180.00	5.53	4.05	2.56
180.01	182.00	5.59	4.11	2.62
182.01	184.00	5.65	4.17	2.68
184.01	186.00	5.72	4.23	2.75
186.01	188.00	5.78	4.29	2.81
188.01	190.00	5.84	4.35	2.87
190.01	192.00	5.90	4.42	2.93
192.01	194.00	5.96	4.48	2.99
194.01	196.00	6.03	4.54	3.05
196.01	198.00	6.09	4.60	3.12
198.01	200.00	6.15	4.66	3.18
200.01	202.00	6.21	4.73	3.24
202.01	204.00	6.27	4.79	3.30
204.01	206.00	6.33	4.85	3.36

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
206.01	208.00	6.40	4.91	3.43
208.01	210.00	6.46	4.97	3.49
210.01	212.00	6.52	5.03	3.55
212.01	214.00	6.58	5.10	3.61
214.01	216.00	6.64	5.16	3.67
216.01	218.00	6.71	5.22	3.73
218.01	220.00	6.77	5.28	3.80
220.01	222.00	6.83	5.34	3.86
222.01	224.00	6.89	5.41	3.92
224.01	226.00	6.95	5.47	3.98
226.01	228.00	7.01	5.53	4.04
228.01	230.00	7.08	5.59	4.10
230.01	232.00	7.14	5.65	4.17
232.01	234.00	7.20	5.71	4.23
234.01	236.00	7.26	5.78	4.29
236.01	238.00	7.32	5.84	4.35
238.01	240.00	7.39	5.90	4.41
240.01	242.00	7.45	5.96	4.48
242.01	244.00	7.51	6.02	4.54
244.01	246.00	7.57	6.08	4.60
246.01	248.00	7.63	6.15	4.66
248.01	250.00	7.69	6.21	4.72
250.01	252.00	7.76	6.27	4.78
252.01	254.00	7.82	6.33	4.85
254.01	256.00	7.88	6.39	4.91
256.01	258.00	7.94	6.46	4.97
258.01	260.00	8.00	6.52	5.03
260.01	262.00	8.06	6.58	5.09
262.01	264.00	8.13	6.64	5.16
264.01	266.00	8.19	6.70	5.22
266.01	268.00	8.25	6.76	5.28
268.01	270.00	8.31	6.83	5.34
270.01	272.00	8.37	6.89	5.40
272.01	274.00	8.44	6.95	5.46
274.01	276.00	8.50	7.01	5.53
276.01	278.00	8.56	7.07	5.59
278.01	280.00	8.62	7.14	5.65
280.01	282.00	8.68	7.20	5.71
282.01	284.00	8.74	7.26	5.77
284.01	286.00	8.81	7.32	5.84
286.01	288.00	8.87	7.38	5.90
288.01	290.00	8.93	7.44	5.96
290.01	292.00	8.99	7.51	6.02
292.01	294.00	9.05	7.57	6.08
294.01	296.00	9.12	7.63	6.14
296.01	298.00	9.18	7.69	6.21
298.01	300.00	9.24	7.75	6.27
300.01	302.00	9.30	7.82	6.33
302.01	304.00	9.36	7.88	6.39
304.01	306.00	9.42	7.94	6.45

Daily Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
306.01	308.00	9.49	8.00	6.52
308.01	310.00	9.55	8.06	6.58
310.01	312.00	9.61	8.12	6.64
312.01	314.00	9.67	8.19	6.70
314.01	316.00	9.73	8.25	6.76
316.01	318.00	9.80	8.31	6.82
318.01	320.00	9.86	8.37	6.89
320.01	322.00	9.92	8.43	6.95
322.01	324.00	9.98	8.50	7.01
324.01	326.00	10.04	8.56	7.07
326.01	328.00	10.10	8.62	7.13
328.01	330.00	10.17	8.68	7.19
330.01	332.00	10.23	8.74	7.26
332.01	334.00	10.29	8.80	7.32
334.01	336.00	10.35	8.87	7.38
336.01	338.00	10.41	8.93	7.44
338.01	340.00	10.48	8.99	7.50
340.01	342.00	10.54	9.05	7.57
342.01	344.00	10.60	9.11	7.63
344.01	346.00	10.66	9.17	7.69
346.01	348.00	10.72	9.24	7.75
348.01	350.00	10.78	9.30	7.81
350.01	352.00	10.85	9.36	7.87
352.01	354.00	10.91	9.42	7.94
354.01	356.00	10.97	9.48	8.00
356.01	358.00	11.03	9.55	8.06
358.01	360.00	11.09	9.61	8.12
360.01	362.00	11.15	9.67	8.18
362.01	364.00	11.22	9.73	8.25
364.01	366.00	11.28	9.79	8.31
366.01	368.00	11.34	9.85	8.37
368.01	370.00	11.40	9.92	8.43
370.01	372.00	11.46	9.98	8.49
372.01	374.00	11.53	10.04	8.55
374.01	376.00	11.59	10.10	8.62
376.01	378.00	11.65	10.16	8.68
378.01	380.00	11.71	10.23	8.74
380.01	382.00	11.77	10.29	8.80
382.01	384.00	11.83	10.35	8.86
384.01	386.00	11.90	10.41	8.93
		(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$386)		

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

Weekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
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	0.61	0.00
270.01	290.00	8.65	1.22	0.00
290.01	310.00	9.27	1.84	0.00
310.01	330.00	9.89	2.46	0.00
330.01	350.00	10.51	3.08	0.00
350.01	370.00	11.12	3.70	0.00
370.01	390.00	11.74	4.31	0.00
390.01	410.00	12.36	4.93	0.00
410.01	430.00	12.98	5.55	0.00
430.01	450.00	13.60	6.17	0.00
450.01	470.00	14.21	6.79	0.00
470.01	490.00	14.83	7.40	0.00
490.01	510.00	15.45	8.02	0.59
510.01	530.00	16.07	8.64	1.21
530.01	550.00	16.69	9.26	1.83
550.01	570.00	17.30	9.88	2.45
570.01	590.00	17.92	10.49	3.07
590.01	610.00	18.54	11.11	3.68
610.01	630.00	19.16	11.73	4.30
630.01	650.00	19.78	12.35	4.92
650.01	670.00	20.39	12.97	5.54
670.01	690.00	21.01	13.58	6.16
690.01	710.00	21.63	14.20	6.77
710.01	730.00	22.25	14.82	7.39
730.01	750.00	22.87	15.44	8.01
750.01	770.00	23.48	16.06	8.63
770.01	790.00	24.10	16.67	9.25
790.01	810.00	24.72	17.29	9.86
810.01	830.00	25.34	17.91	10.48
830.01	850.00	25.96	18.53	11.10
850.01	870.00	26.57	19.15	11.72
870.01	890.00	27.19	19.76	12.34
890.01	910.00	27.81	20.38	12.95
910.01	930.00	28.43	21.00	13.57
930.01	950.00	29.05	21.62	14.19
950.01	970.00	29.66	22.24	14.81
970.01	990.00	30.28	22.85	15.43
990.01	1,010.00	30.90	23.47	16.04
1,010.01	1,030.00	31.52	24.09	16.66
1,030.01	1,050.00	32.14	24.71	17.28

Weekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
1,050.01	1,070.00	32.75	25.33	17.90
1,070.01	1,090.00	33.37	25.94	18.52
1,090.01	1,110.00	33.99	26.56	19.13
1,110.01	1,130.00	34.61	27.18	19.75
1,130.01	1,150.00	35.23	27.80	20.37
1,150.01	1,170.00	35.84	28.42	20.99
1,170.01	1,190.00	36.46	29.03	21.61
1,190.01	1,210.00	37.08	29.65	22.22
1,210.01	1,230.00	37.70	30.27	22.84
1,230.01	1,250.00	38.32	30.89	23.46
1,250.01	1,270.00	38.93	31.51	24.08
1,270.01	1,290.00	39.55	32.12	24.70
1,290.01	1,310.00	40.17	32.74	25.31
1,310.01	1,330.00	40.79	33.36	25.93
1,330.01	1,350.00	41.41	33.98	26.55
1,350.01	1,370.00	42.02	34.60	27.17
1,370.01	1,390.00	42.64	35.21	27.79
1,390.01	1,410.00	43.26	35.83	28.40
1,410.01	1,430.00	43.88	36.45	29.02
1,430.01	1,450.00	44.50	37.07	29.64
1,450.01	1,470.00	45.11	37.69	30.26
1,470.01	1,490.00	45.73	38.30	30.88
1,490.01	1,510.00	46.35	38.92	31.49
1,510.01	1,530.00	46.97	39.54	32.11
1,530.01	1,550.00	47.59	40.16	32.73
1,550.01	1,570.00	48.20	40.78	33.35
1,570.01	1,590.00	48.82	41.39	33.97
1,590.01	1,610.00	49.44	42.01	34.58
1,610.01	1,630.00	50.06	42.63	35.20
1,630.01	1,650.00	50.68	43.25	35.82
1,650.01	1,670.00	51.29	43.87	36.44
1,670.01	1,690.00	51.91	44.48	37.06
1,690.01	1,710.00	52.53	45.10	37.67
1,710.01	1,730.00	53.15	45.72	38.29
1,730.01	1,750.00	53.77	46.34	38.91
1,750.01	1,770.00	54.38	46.96	39.53
1,770.01	1,790.00	55.00	47.57	40.15
1,790.01	1,810.00	55.62	48.19	40.76
1,810.01	1,830.00	56.24	48.81	41.38
1,830.01	1,850.00	56.86	49.43	42.00
1,850.01	1,870.00	57.47	50.05	42.62
1,870.01	1,890.00	58.09	50.66	43.24
1,890.01	1,910.00	58.71	51.28	43.85
1,910.01	1,930.00	59.33	51.90	44.47
1,930.01	1,950.00	59.95	52.52	45.09
		(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$1,950)		

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	1.21	0.00
540.01	580.00	17.30	2.45	0.00
580.01	620.00	18.54	3.68	0.00
620.01	660.00	19.78	4.92	0.00
660.01	700.00	21.01	6.16	0.00
700.01	740.00	22.25	7.39	0.00
740.01	780.00	23.48	8.63	0.00
780.01	820.00	24.72	9.86	0.00
820.01	860.00	25.96	11.10	0.00
860.01	900.00	27.19	12.34	0.00
900.01	940.00	28.43	13.57	0.00
940.01	980.00	29.66	14.81	0.00
980.01	1,020.00	30.90	16.04	1.19
1,020.01	1,060.00	32.14	17.28	2.42
1,060.01	1,100.00	33.37	18.52	3.66
1,100.01	1,140.00	34.61	19.75	4.90
1,140.01	1,180.00	35.84	20.99	6.13
1,180.01	1,220.00	37.08	22.22	7.37
1,220.01	1,260.00	38.32	23.46	8.60
1,260.01	1,300.00	39.55	24.70	9.84
1,300.01	1,340.00	40.79	25.93	11.08
1,340.01	1,380.00	42.02	27.17	12.31
1,380.01	1,420.00	43.26	28.40	13.55
1,420.01	1,460.00	44.50	29.64	14.78
1,460.01	1,500.00	45.73	30.88	16.02
1,500.01	1,540.00	46.97	32.11	17.26
1,540.01	1,580.00	48.20	33.35	18.49
1,580.01	1,620.00	49.44	34.58	19.73
1,620.01	1,660.00	50.68	35.82	20.96
1,660.01	1,700.00	51.91	37.06	22.20
1,700.01	1,740.00	53.15	38.29	23.44
1,740.01	1,780.00	54.38	39.53	24.67
1,780.01	1,820.00	55.62	40.76	25.91
1,820.01	1,860.00	56.86	42.00	27.14
1,860.01	1,900.00	58.09	43.24	28.38
1,900.01	1,940.00	59.33	44.47	29.62
1,940.01	1,980.00	60.56	45.71	30.85

Biweekly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
1,980.01	2,020.00	61.80	46.94	32.09
2,020.01	2,060.00	63.04	48.18	33.32
2,060.01	2,100.00	64.27	49.42	34.56
2,100.01	2,140.00	65.51	50.65	35.80
2,140.01	2,180.00	66.74	51.89	37.03
2,180.01	2,220.00	67.98	53.12	38.27
2,220.01	2,260.00	69.22	54.36	39.50
2,260.01	2,300.00	70.45	55.60	40.74
2,300.01	2,340.00	71.69	56.83	41.98
2,340.01	2,380.00	72.92	58.07	43.21
2,380.01	2,420.00	74.16	59.30	44.45
2,420.01	2,460.00	75.40	60.54	45.68
2,460.01	2,500.00	76.63	61.78	46.92
2,500.01	2,540.00	77.87	63.01	48.16
2,540.01	2,580.00	79.10	64.25	49.39
2,580.01	2,620.00	80.34	65.48	50.63
2,620.01	2,660.00	81.58	66.72	51.86
2,660.01	2,700.00	82.81	67.96	53.10
2,700.01	2,740.00	84.05	69.19	54.34
2,740.01	2,780.00	85.28	70.43	55.57
2,780.01	2,820.00	86.52	71.66	56.81
2,820.01	2,860.00	87.76	72.90	58.04
2,860.01	2,900.00	88.99	74.14	59.28
2,900.01	2,940.00	90.23	75.37	60.52
2,940.01	2,980.00	91.46	76.61	61.75
2,980.01	3,020.00	92.70	77.84	62.99
3,020.01	3,060.00	93.94	79.08	64.22
3,060.01	3,100.00	95.17	80.32	65.46
3,100.01	3,140.00	96.41	81.55	66.70
3,140.01	3,180.00	97.64	82.79	67.93
3,180.01	3,220.00	98.88	84.02	69.17
3,220.01	3,260.00	100.12	85.26	70.40
3,260.01	3,300.00	101.35	86.50	71.64
3,300.01	3,340.00	102.59	87.73	72.88
3,340.01	3,380.00	103.82	88.97	74.11
3,380.01	3,420.00	105.06	90.20	75.35
3,420.01	3,460.00	106.30	91.44	76.58
3,460.01	3,500.00	107.53	92.68	77.82
3,500.01	3,540.00	108.77	93.91	79.06
3,540.01	3,580.00	110.00	95.15	80.29
3,580.01	3,620.00	111.24	96.38	81.53
3,620.01	3,660.00	112.48	97.62	82.76
3,660.01	3,700.00	113.71	98.86	84.00
3,700.01	3,740.00	114.95	100.09	85.24
3,740.01	3,780.00	116.18	101.33	86.47
3,780.01	3,820.00	117.42	102.56	87.71
3,820.01	3,860.00	118.66	103.80	88.94
3,860.01	3,900.00	119.89	105.04	90.18
		(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	1.21	0.00
580.01	620.00	18.54	2.45	0.00
620.01	660.00	19.78	3.68	0.00
660.01	700.00	21.01	4.92	0.00
700.01	740.00	22.25	6.15	0.00
740.01	780.00	23.48	7.39	0.00
780.01	820.00	24.72	8.63	0.00
820.01	860.00	25.96	9.86	0.00
860.01	900.00	27.19	11.10	0.00
900.01	940.00	28.43	12.33	0.00
940.01	980.00	29.66	13.57	0.00
980.01	1,020.00	30.90	14.81	0.00
1,020.01	1,060.00	32.14	16.04	0.00
1,060.01	1,100.00	33.37	17.28	1.18
1,100.01	1,140.00	34.61	18.51	2.42
1,140.01	1,180.00	35.84	19.75	3.66
1,180.01	1,220.00	37.08	20.99	4.89
1,220.01	1,260.00	38.32	22.22	6.13
1,260.01	1,300.00	39.55	23.46	7.36
1,300.01	1,340.00	40.79	24.69	8.60
1,340.01	1,380.00	42.02	25.93	9.84
1,380.01	1,420.00	43.26	27.17	11.07
1,420.01	1,460.00	44.50	28.40	12.31
1,460.01	1,500.00	45.73	29.64	13.54
1,500.01	1,540.00	46.97	30.87	14.78
1,540.01	1,580.00	48.20	32.11	16.02
1,580.01	1,620.00	49.44	33.35	17.25
1,620.01	1,660.00	50.68	34.58	18.49
1,660.01	1,700.00	51.91	35.82	19.72
1,700.01	1,740.00	53.15	37.05	20.96
1,740.01	1,780.00	54.38	38.29	22.20
1,780.01	1,820.00	55.62	39.53	23.43
1,820.01	1,860.00	56.86	40.76	24.67
1,860.01	1,900.00	58.09	42.00	25.90
1,900.01	1,940.00	59.33	43.23	27.14
1,940.01	1,980.00	60.56	44.47	28.38
1,980.01	2,020.00	61.80	45.71	29.61

Semi-Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
2,020.01	2,060.00	63.04	46.94	30.85
2,060.01	2,100.00	64.27	48.18	32.08
2,100.01	2,140.00	65.51	49.41	33.32
2,140.01	2,180.00	66.74	50.65	34.56
2,180.01	2,220.00	67.98	51.89	35.79
2,220.01	2,260.00	69.22	53.12	37.03
2,260.01	2,300.00	70.45	54.36	38.26
2,300.01	2,340.00	71.69	55.59	39.50
2,340.01	2,380.00	72.92	56.83	40.74
2,380.01	2,420.00	74.16	58.07	41.97
2,420.01	2,460.00	75.40	59.30	43.21
2,460.01	2,500.00	76.63	60.54	44.44
2,500.01	2,540.00	77.87	61.77	45.68
2,540.01	2,580.00	79.10	63.01	46.92
2,580.01	2,620.00	80.34	64.25	48.15
2,620.01	2,660.00	81.58	65.48	49.39
2,660.01	2,700.00	82.81	66.72	50.62
2,700.01	2,740.00	84.05	67.95	51.86
2,740.01	2,780.00	85.28	69.19	53.10
2,780.01	2,820.00	86.52	70.43	54.33
2,820.01	2,860.00	87.76	71.66	55.57
2,860.01	2,900.00	88.99	72.90	56.80
2,900.01	2,940.00	90.23	74.13	58.04
2,940.01	2,980.00	91.46	75.37	59.28
2,980.01	3,020.00	92.70	76.61	60.51
3,020.01	3,060.00	93.94	77.84	61.75
3,060.01	3,100.00	95.17	79.08	62.98
3,100.01	3,140.00	96.41	80.31	64.22
3,140.01	3,180.00	97.64	81.55	65.46
3,180.01	3,220.00	98.88	82.79	66.69
3,220.01	3,260.00	100.12	84.02	67.93
3,260.01	3,300.00	101.35	85.26	69.16
3,300.01	3,340.00	102.59	86.49	70.40
3,340.01	3,380.00	103.82	87.73	71.64
3,380.01	3,420.00	105.06	88.97	72.87
3,420.01	3,460.00	106.30	90.20	74.11
3,460.01	3,500.00	107.53	91.44	75.34
3,500.01	3,540.00	108.77	92.67	76.58
3,540.01	3,580.00	110.00	93.91	77.82
3,580.01	3,620.00	111.24	95.15	79.05
3,620.01	3,660.00	112.48	96.38	80.29
3,660.01	3,700.00	113.71	97.62	81.52
3,700.01	3,740.00	114.95	98.85	82.76
3,740.01	3,780.00	116.18	100.09	84.00
3,780.01	3,820.00	117.42	101.33	85.23
3,820.01	3,860.00	118.66	102.56	86.47
3,860.01	3,900.00	119.89	103.80	87.70
3,900.01	3,940.00	121.13	105.03	88.94
3,940.01	3,980.00	122.36	106.27	90.18

Semi-Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
3,980.01	4,020.00	123.60	107.51	91.41
4,020.01	4,060.00	124.84	108.74	92.65
4,060.01	4,100.00	126.07	109.98	93.88
4,100.01	4,140.00	127.31	111.21	95.12
4,140.01	4,180.00	128.54	112.45	96.36
4,180.01	4,220.00	129.78	113.69	97.59
		(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$4,220)		

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	2.42	0.00
1,160.01	1,240.00	37.08	4.89	0.00
1,240.01	1,320.00	39.55	7.36	0.00
1,320.01	1,400.00	42.02	9.84	0.00
1,400.01	1,480.00	44.50	12.31	0.00
1,480.01	1,560.00	46.97	14.78	0.00
1,560.01	1,640.00	49.44	17.25	0.00
1,640.01	1,720.00	51.91	19.72	0.00
1,720.01	1,800.00	54.38	22.20	0.00
1,800.01	1,880.00	56.86	24.67	0.00
1,880.01	1,960.00	59.33	27.14	0.00
1,960.01	2,040.00	61.80	29.61	0.00
2,040.01	2,120.00	64.27	32.08	0.00
2,120.01	2,200.00	66.74	34.56	2.37
2,200.01	2,280.00	69.22	37.03	4.84
2,280.01	2,360.00	71.69	39.50	7.31
2,360.01	2,440.00	74.16	41.97	9.78
2,440.01	2,520.00	76.63	44.44	12.26
2,520.01	2,600.00	79.10	46.92	14.73
2,600.01	2,680.00	81.58	49.39	17.20
2,680.01	2,760.00	84.05	51.86	19.67
2,760.01	2,840.00	86.52	54.33	22.15
2,840.01	2,920.00	88.99	56.80	24.62
2,920.01	3,000.00	91.46	59.28	27.09

Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
3,000.01	3,080.00	93.94	61.75	29.56
3,080.01	3,160.00	96.41	64.22	32.03
3,160.01	3,240.00	98.88	66.69	34.51
3,240.01	3,320.00	101.35	69.16	36.98
3,320.01	3,400.00	103.82	71.64	39.45
3,400.01	3,480.00	106.30	74.11	41.92
3,480.01	3,560.00	108.77	76.58	44.39
3,560.01	3,640.00	111.24	79.05	46.87
3,640.01	3,720.00	113.71	81.52	49.34
3,720.01	3,800.00	116.18	84.00	51.81
3,800.01	3,880.00	118.66	86.47	54.28
3,880.01	3,960.00	121.13	88.94	56.75
3,960.01	4,040.00	123.60	91.41	59.23
4,040.01	4,120.00	126.07	93.88	61.70
4,120.01	4,200.00	128.54	96.36	64.17
4,200.01	4,280.00	131.02	98.83	66.64
4,280.01	4,360.00	133.49	101.30	69.11
4,360.01	4,440.00	135.96	103.77	71.59
4,440.01	4,520.00	138.43	106.24	74.06
4,520.01	4,600.00	140.90	108.72	76.53
4,600.01	4,680.00	143.38	111.19	79.00
4,680.01	4,760.00	145.85	113.66	81.47
4,760.01	4,840.00	148.32	116.13	83.95
4,840.01	4,920.00	150.79	118.60	86.42
4,920.01	5,000.00	153.26	121.08	88.89
5,000.01	5,080.00	155.74	123.55	91.36
5,080.01	5,160.00	158.21	126.02	93.83
5,160.01	5,240.00	160.68	128.49	96.31
5,240.01	5,320.00	163.15	130.96	98.78
5,320.01	5,400.00	165.62	133.44	101.25
5,400.01	5,480.00	168.10	135.91	103.72
5,480.01	5,560.00	170.57	138.38	106.19
5,560.01	5,640.00	173.04	140.85	108.67
5,640.01	5,720.00	175.51	143.32	111.14
5,720.01	5,800.00	177.98	145.80	113.61
5,800.01	5,880.00	180.46	148.27	116.08
5,880.01	5,960.00	182.93	150.74	118.55
5,960.01	6,040.00	185.40	153.21	121.03
6,040.01	6,120.00	187.87	155.68	123.50
6,120.01	6,200.00	190.34	158.16	125.97
6,200.01	6,280.00	192.82	160.63	128.44
6,280.01	6,360.00	195.29	163.10	130.91
6,360.01	6,440.00	197.76	165.57	133.39
6,440.01	6,520.00	200.23	168.04	135.86
6,520.01	6,600.00	202.70	170.52	138.33
6,600.01	6,680.00	205.18	172.99	140.80
6,680.01	6,760.00	207.65	175.46	143.27
6,760.01	6,840.00	210.12	177.93	145.75
6,840.01	6,920.00	212.59	180.40	148.22
6,920.01	7,000.00	215.06	182.88	150.69

Monthly Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
7,000.01	7,080.00	217.54	185.35	153.16
7,080.01	7,160.00	220.01	187.82	155.63
7,160.01	7,240.00	222.48	190.29	158.11
7,240.01	7,320.00	224.95	192.76	160.58
7,320.01	7,400.00	227.42	195.24	163.05
7,400.01	7,480.00	229.90	197.71	165.52
7,480.01	7,560.00	232.37	200.18	167.99
7,560.01	7,640.00	234.84	202.65	170.47
7,640.01	7,720.00	237.31	205.12	172.94
7,720.01	7,800.00	239.78	207.60	175.41
7,800.01	7,880.00	242.26	210.07	177.88
7,880.01	7,960.00	244.73	212.54	180.35
7,960.01	8,040.00	247.20	215.01	182.83
8,040.01	8,120.00	249.67	217.48	185.30
8,120.01	8,200.00	252.14	219.96	187.77
8,200.01	8,280.00	254.62	222.43	190.24
8,280.01	8,360.00	257.09	224.90	192.71
8,360.01	8,440.00	259.56	227.37	195.19
		(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$8,440)		

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
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 Table				
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	6.18	0.00
12,900.01	13,300.00	404.79	18.54	0.00
13,300.01	13,700.00	417.15	30.90	0.00
13,700.01	14,100.00	429.51	43.26	0.00
14,100.01	14,500.00	441.87	55.62	0.00
14,500.01	14,900.00	454.23	67.98	0.00
14,900.01	15,300.00	466.59	80.34	0.00
15,300.01	15,700.00	478.95	92.70	0.00
15,700.01	16,100.00	491.31	105.06	0.00
16,100.01	16,500.00	503.67	117.42	0.00
16,500.01	16,900.00	516.03	129.78	0.00
16,900.01	17,300.00	528.39	142.14	0.00
17,300.01	17,700.00	540.75	154.50	0.00
17,700.01	18,100.00	553.11	166.86	0.00
18,100.01	18,500.00	565.47	179.22	0.00
18,500.01	18,900.00	577.83	191.58	0.00
18,900.01	19,300.00	590.19	203.94	0.00
19,300.01	19,700.00	602.55	216.30	0.00
19,700.01	20,100.00	614.91	228.66	0.00
20,100.01	20,500.00	627.27	241.02	0.00
20,500.01	20,900.00	639.63	253.38	0.00
20,900.01	21,300.00	651.99	265.74	0.00
21,300.01	21,700.00	664.35	278.10	0.00
21,700.01	22,100.00	676.71	290.46	0.00
22,100.01	22,500.00	689.07	302.82	0.00
22,500.01	22,900.00	701.43	315.18	0.00
22,900.01	23,300.00	713.79	327.54	0.00
23,300.01	23,700.00	726.15	339.90	0.00
23,700.01	24,100.00	738.51	352.26	0.00
24,100.01	24,500.00	750.87	364.62	0.00
24,500.01	24,900.00	763.23	376.98	0.00
24,900.01	25,300.00	775.59	389.34	3.09
25,300.01	25,700.00	787.95	401.70	15.45
25,700.01	26,100.00	800.31	414.06	27.81
26,100.01	26,500.00	812.67	426.42	40.17
26,500.01	26,900.00	825.03	438.78	52.53
26,900.01	27,300.00	837.39	451.14	64.89
27,300.01	27,700.00	849.75	463.50	77.25
27,700.01	28,100.00	862.11	475.86	89.61
28,100.01	28,500.00	874.47	488.22	101.97
28,500.01	28,900.00	886.83	500.58	114.33
28,900.01	29,300.00	899.19	512.94	126.69
29,300.01	29,700.00	911.55	525.30	139.05
29,700.01	30,100.00	923.91	537.66	151.41
30,100.01	30,500.00	936.27	550.02	163.77
30,500.01	30,900.00	948.63	562.38	176.13
30,900.01	31,300.00	960.99	574.74	188.49
31,300.01	31,700.00	973.35	587.10	200.85
31,700.01	32,100.00	985.71	599.46	213.21

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
32,100.01	32,500.00	998.07	611.82	225.57
32,500.01	32,900.00	1,010.43	624.18	237.93
32,900.01	33,300.00	1,022.79	636.54	250.29
33,300.01	33,700.00	1,035.15	648.90	262.65
33,700.01	34,100.00	1,047.51	661.26	275.01
34,100.01	34,500.00	1,059.87	673.62	287.37
34,500.01	34,900.00	1,072.23	685.98	299.73
34,900.01	35,300.00	1,084.59	698.34	312.09
35,300.01	35,700.00	1,096.95	710.70	324.45
35,700.01	36,100.00	1,109.31	723.06	336.81
36,100.01	36,500.00	1,121.67	735.42	349.17
36,500.01	36,900.00	1,134.03	747.78	361.53
36,900.01	37,300.00	1,146.39	760.14	373.89
37,300.01	37,700.00	1,158.75	772.50	386.25
37,700.01	38,100.00	1,171.11	784.86	398.61
38,100.01	38,500.00	1,183.47	797.22	410.97
38,500.01	38,900.00	1,195.83	809.58	423.33
38,900.01	39,300.00	1,208.19	821.94	435.69
39,300.01	39,700.00	1,220.55	834.30	448.05
39,700.01	40,100.00	1,232.91	846.66	460.41
40,100.01	40,500.00	1,245.27	859.02	472.77
40,500.01	40,900.00	1,257.63	871.38	485.13
40,900.01	41,300.00	1,269.99	883.74	497.49
41,300.01	41,700.00	1,282.35	896.10	509.85
41,700.01	42,100.00	1,294.71	908.46	522.21
42,100.01	42,500.00	1,307.07	920.82	534.57
42,500.01	42,900.00	1,319.43	933.18	546.93
42,900.01	43,300.00	1,331.79	945.54	559.29
43,300.01	43,700.00	1,344.15	957.90	571.65
43,700.01	44,100.00	1,356.51	970.26	584.01
44,100.01	44,500.00	1,368.87	982.62	596.37
44,500.01	44,900.00	1,381.23	994.98	608.73
44,900.01	45,300.00	1,393.59	1,007.34	621.09
45,300.01	45,700.00	1,405.95	1,019.70	633.45
45,700.01	46,100.00	1,418.31	1,032.06	645.81
46,100.01	46,500.00	1,430.67	1,044.42	658.17
46,500.01	46,900.00	1,443.03	1,056.78	670.53
46,900.01	47,300.00	1,455.39	1,069.14	682.89
47,300.01	47,700.00	1,467.75	1,081.50	695.25
47,700.01	48,100.00	1,480.11	1,093.86	707.61
48,100.01	48,500.00	1,492.47	1,106.22	719.97
48,500.01	48,900.00	1,504.83	1,118.58	732.33
48,900.01	49,300.00	1,517.19	1,130.94	744.69
49,300.01	49,700.00	1,529.55	1,143.30	757.05
49,700.01	50,100.00	1,541.91	1,155.66	769.41
50,100.01	50,500.00	1,554.27	1,168.02	781.77
50,500.01	50,900.00	1,566.63	1,180.38	794.13
50,900.01	51,300.00	1,578.99	1,192.74	806.49
51,300.01	51,700.00	1,591.35	1,205.10	818.85
51,700.01	52,100.00	1,603.71	1,217.46	831.21

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
52,100.01	52,500.00	1,616.07	1,229.82	843.57
52,500.01	52,900.00	1,628.43	1,242.18	855.93
52,900.01	53,300.00	1,640.79	1,254.54	868.29
53,300.01	53,700.00	1,653.15	1,266.90	880.65
53,700.01	54,100.00	1,665.51	1,279.26	893.01
54,100.01	54,500.00	1,677.87	1,291.62	905.37
54,500.01	54,900.00	1,690.23	1,303.98	917.73
54,900.01	55,300.00	1,702.59	1,316.34	930.09
55,300.01	55,700.00	1,714.95	1,328.70	942.45
55,700.01	56,100.00	1,727.31	1,341.06	954.81
56,100.01	56,500.00	1,739.67	1,353.42	967.17
56,500.01	56,900.00	1,752.03	1,365.78	979.53
56,900.01	57,300.00	1,764.39	1,378.14	991.89
57,300.01	57,700.00	1,776.75	1,390.50	1,004.25
57,700.01	58,100.00	1,789.11	1,402.86	1,016.61
58,100.01	58,500.00	1,801.47	1,415.22	1,028.97
58,500.01	58,900.00	1,813.83	1,427.58	1,041.33
58,900.01	59,300.00	1,826.19	1,439.94	1,053.69
59,300.01	59,700.00	1,838.55	1,452.30	1,066.05
59,700.01	60,100.00	1,850.91	1,464.66	1,078.41
60,100.01	60,500.00	1,863.27	1,477.02	1,090.77
60,500.01	60,900.00	1,875.63	1,489.38	1,103.13
60,900.01	61,300.00	1,887.99	1,501.74	1,115.49
61,300.01	61,700.00	1,900.35	1,514.10	1,127.85
61,700.01	62,100.00	1,912.71	1,526.46	1,140.21
62,100.01	62,500.00	1,925.07	1,538.82	1,152.57
62,500.01	62,900.00	1,937.43	1,551.18	1,164.93
62,900.01	63,300.00	1,949.79	1,563.54	1,177.29
63,300.01	63,700.00	1,962.15	1,575.90	1,189.65
63,700.01	64,100.00	1,974.51	1,588.26	1,202.01
64,100.01	64,500.00	1,986.87	1,600.62	1,214.37
64,500.01	64,900.00	1,999.23	1,612.98	1,226.73
64,900.01	65,300.00	2,011.59	1,625.34	1,239.09
65,300.01	65,700.00	2,023.95	1,637.70	1,251.45
65,700.01	66,100.00	2,036.31	1,650.06	1,263.81
66,100.01	66,500.00	2,048.67	1,662.42	1,276.17
66,500.01	66,900.00	2,061.03	1,674.78	1,288.53
66,900.01	67,300.00	2,073.39	1,687.14	1,300.89
67,300.01	67,700.00	2,085.75	1,699.50	1,313.25
67,700.01	68,100.00	2,098.11	1,711.86	1,325.61
68,100.01	68,500.00	2,110.47	1,724.22	1,337.97
68,500.01	68,900.00	2,122.83	1,736.58	1,350.33
68,900.01	69,300.00	2,135.19	1,748.94	1,362.69
69,300.01	69,700.00	2,147.55	1,761.30	1,375.05
69,700.01	70,100.00	2,159.91	1,773.66	1,387.41
70,100.01	70,500.00	2,172.27	1,786.02	1,399.77
70,500.01	70,900.00	2,184.63	1,798.38	1,412.13
70,900.01	71,300.00	2,196.99	1,810.74	1,424.49
71,300.01	71,700.00	2,209.35	1,823.10	1,436.85
71,700.01	72,100.00	2,221.71	1,835.46	1,449.21

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
72,100.01	72,500.00	2,234.07	1,847.82	1,461.57
72,500.01	72,900.00	2,246.43	1,860.18	1,473.93
72,900.01	73,300.00	2,258.79	1,872.54	1,486.29
73,300.01	73,700.00	2,271.15	1,884.90	1,498.65
73,700.01	74,100.00	2,283.51	1,897.26	1,511.01
74,100.01	74,500.00	2,295.87	1,909.62	1,523.37
74,500.01	74,900.00	2,308.23	1,921.98	1,535.73
74,900.01	75,300.00	2,320.59	1,934.34	1,548.09
75,300.01	75,700.00	2,332.95	1,946.70	1,560.45
75,700.01	76,100.00	2,345.31	1,959.06	1,572.81
76,100.01	76,500.00	2,357.67	1,971.42	1,585.17
76,500.01	76,900.00	2,370.03	1,983.78	1,597.53
76,900.01	77,300.00	2,382.39	1,996.14	1,609.89
77,300.01	77,700.00	2,394.75	2,008.50	1,622.25
77,700.01	78,100.00	2,407.11	2,020.86	1,634.61
78,100.01	78,500.00	2,419.47	2,033.22	1,646.97
78,500.01	78,900.00	2,431.83	2,045.58	1,659.33
78,900.01	79,300.00	2,444.19	2,057.94	1,671.69
79,300.01	79,700.00	2,456.55	2,070.30	1,684.05
79,700.01	80,100.00	2,468.91	2,082.66	1,696.41
80,100.01	80,500.00	2,481.27	2,095.02	1,708.77
80,500.01	80,900.00	2,493.63	2,107.38	1,721.13
80,900.01	81,300.00	2,505.99	2,119.74	1,733.49
81,300.01	81,700.00	2,518.35	2,132.10	1,745.85
81,700.01	82,100.00	2,530.71	2,144.46	1,758.21
82,100.01	82,500.00	2,543.07	2,156.82	1,770.57
82,500.01	82,900.00	2,555.43	2,169.18	1,782.93
82,900.01	83,300.00	2,567.79	2,181.54	1,795.29
83,300.01	83,700.00	2,580.15	2,193.90	1,807.65
83,700.01	84,100.00	2,592.51	2,206.26	1,820.01
84,100.01	84,500.00	2,604.87	2,218.62	1,832.37
84,500.01	84,900.00	2,617.23	2,230.98	1,844.73
84,900.01	85,300.00	2,629.59	2,243.34	1,857.09
85,300.01	85,700.00	2,641.95	2,255.70	1,869.45
85,700.01	86,100.00	2,654.31	2,268.06	1,881.81
86,100.01	86,500.00	2,666.67	2,280.42	1,894.17
86,500.01	86,900.00	2,679.03	2,292.78	1,906.53
86,900.01	87,300.00	2,691.39	2,305.14	1,918.89
87,300.01	87,700.00	2,703.75	2,317.50	1,931.25
87,700.01	88,100.00	2,716.11	2,329.86	1,943.61
88,100.01	88,500.00	2,728.47	2,342.22	1,955.97
88,500.01	88,900.00	2,740.83	2,354.58	1,968.33
88,900.01	89,300.00	2,753.19	2,366.94	1,980.69
89,300.01	89,700.00	2,765.55	2,379.30	1,993.05
89,700.01	90,100.00	2,777.91	2,391.66	2,005.41
90,100.01	90,500.00	2,790.27	2,404.02	2,017.77
90,500.01	90,900.00	2,802.63	2,416.38	2,030.13
90,900.01	91,300.00	2,814.99	2,428.74	2,042.49
91,300.01	91,700.00	2,827.35	2,441.10	2,054.85
91,700.01	92,100.00	2,839.71	2,453.46	2,067.21

Annual Louisiana Income Tax Withholding Table				
Standard Deduction:		0	1	2
Salary Range:				
Min	Max			
92,100.01	92,500.00	2,852.07	2,465.82	2,079.57
92,500.01	92,900.00	2,864.43	2,478.18	2,091.93
92,900.01	93,300.00	2,876.79	2,490.54	2,104.29
93,300.01	93,700.00	2,889.15	2,502.90	2,116.65
93,700.01	94,100.00	2,901.51	2,515.26	2,129.01
94,100.01	94,500.00	2,913.87	2,527.62	2,141.37
94,500.01	94,900.00	2,926.23	2,539.98	2,153.73
94,900.01	95,300.00	2,938.59	2,552.34	2,166.09
95,300.01	95,700.00	2,950.95	2,564.70	2,178.45
95,700.01	96,100.00	2,963.31	2,577.06	2,190.81
96,100.01	96,500.00	2,975.67	2,589.42	2,203.17
96,500.01	96,900.00	2,988.03	2,601.78	2,215.53
96,900.01	97,300.00	3,000.39	2,614.14	2,227.89
97,300.01	97,700.00	3,012.75	2,626.50	2,240.25
97,700.01	98,100.00	3,025.11	2,638.86	2,252.61
98,100.01	98,500.00	3,037.47	2,651.22	2,264.97
98,500.01	98,900.00	3,049.83	2,663.58	2,277.33
98,900.01	99,300.00	3,062.19	2,675.94	2,289.69
99,300.01	99,700.00	3,074.55	2,688.30	2,302.05
99,700.01	100,100.00	3,086.91	2,700.66	2,314.41
100,100.01	100,500.00	3,099.27	2,713.02	2,326.77
		<i>(Add 3.09% for amounts in excess of \$100,500)</i>		

3. In place of the withholding tables in Paragraph C.2, employers may use the formulas provided in Subsection D.

D. Income Tax Withholding Formulas. The overall structure of the formulas used to compute the withholding tax is to calculate the tax on the total wage amount and then subtract the amount of tax calculated on the standard deduction. The correct withholding formula depends upon the standard deduction amount claimed and annual wages.

1. Effective on or after January 1, 2025:

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.
 $W = S \cdot .0309$

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.
 $W = (S - (12500 / N)) \cdot .0309$

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.
 $W = (S - (25000 / N)) \cdot .0309$

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 Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 51:809 (June 2025).

Richard Nelson
Secretary

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RULE

Special School District Board of Directors

Open Meetings Accessibility; ADA (LAC 28:I.Chapter 8)

Under the authority of R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2, and 17:1945.1, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Special School District Board of Directors creates LAC 28:I.Chapter 8 relative to Louisiana's Open Meetings law.

Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session amended R.S. 42:17.2 of Louisiana's Open Meetings law to permit certain, eligible public bodies and agencies to conduct its open meetings via electronic means (e.g., videoconference or teleconference). Regardless of its eligibility status, agencies are required by R.S. 42:14(E) to provide electronic or alternate participation in open meetings as an ADA accommodation for board members and people with disabilities. In order to implement such provisions, R.S. 42:14(E) requires agencies to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. Therefore, the primary purpose of this regulation is to promulgate rules as required by R.S. 42:14(E) and 42:17.2. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part I. BESE/8(g) Operations

Chapter 8. Open Meetings Accessibility; ADA

§801. Agency Eligibility

A. The Special School District Board of Directors 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 political 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 R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2, and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:819 (June 2025).

§802. Postings Prior to Meeting via Electronic Means

A. At least 24 hours prior to the meeting, the following shall be posted on the Special School District's website:

1. meeting notice and agenda; and

2. detailed information regarding how members of the public may:

a. participate in the meeting via electronic means, including the applicable videoconference link and/or teleconference phone number; and

b. submit written comments regarding matters on the agenda prior to the meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2, and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:819 (June 2025).

§803. Electronic Meeting Requirements

A. The Special School District Board of Directors is a public body that primarily focuses on issues dealing with disabilities and is authorized by R.S. 42:17.2.F(2) to conduct successive meetings via electronic means without limitation.

B. A schedule of meetings identifying which will be conducted via electronic means and which will be conducted as in-person meetings shall be posted on the Special School District's website.

C. All members of the Special School District Board of Directors, whether participating from the anchor location or via electronic means, shall be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum and may vote.

D. An online archive of any open meetings conducted via electronic means shall be maintained and available for two years on the Special School District's website.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2, and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:819 (June 2025).

§804. Disability Accommodations

A. Although an open meeting may be scheduled as in-person, the Special School District Board of Directors is obligated to provide for participation via electronic means on an individualized basis by people with disabilities.

B. People with disabilities are defined as any of the following:

1. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
2. a designated caregiver of such a person; or
3. a participant board member with an ADA-qualifying disability.

C. The written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, shall include the name, telephone number and email address of the designated agency representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.

D. The requestor shall be provided with accommodation, or a viable alternative method, for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2, 42:17.2.1, and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:819 (June 2025).

§805. Definitions

Anchor Location—the Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired, 2888 Brightside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, Student Activity Center, Room 196, or any other physical location announced in advance.

Chairman—the President of the Special School District Board of Directors, or his/her designee.

Quorum—a majority of members of the Special School District Board of Directors, including those participating in the meeting via electronic means.

Recording Secretary—the member of the Special School District staff responsible for recording the meeting.

Virtual Meeting—the same meaning as “Meeting via electronic means” as provided in R.S. 42:17.1(D)(1).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2.F(2), and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:819 (June 2025).

§806. Notifying the Public of a Virtual Meeting

A. The Special School District Board shall post the agenda and identify the meeting as a virtual meeting, and shall include the following:

1. the anchor location for the virtual meeting;
2. an electronic link to access the virtual meeting;
3. instructions for joining the virtual meeting;
4. email address for the public to submit electronic comments prior to the virtual meeting;
5. the final date and time by which members of the public may submit electronic comments prior to the virtual meeting.

B. The electronic link, instructions for joining the virtual meeting, and email address to submit comments, shall be placed on the Special School District website once the agenda is posted.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2.F(2), and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:820 (June 2025).

§807. Public Comment Before & During a Virtual Meeting

A. Members of the public wishing to participate in a virtual meeting may do so in any of the following manners:

1. a computer using computer video and audio;
2. a computer using computer video and phone audio;
3. a smartphone or smart device using video and audio;
4. a phone using audio only; or
5. attend in person at anchor location room.

B. Members of the public wishing to provide public comment on any agenda item prior to the virtual meeting may do so via email as designated on the agenda and the Special School District website. Such public comment(s) shall include the following information:

1. the individual's name;
2. entity/company represented (if applicable);
3. title/position (if applicable);
4. agenda item for which the comment is provided.

C. Members of the public wishing to provide public comment during the virtual meeting, when applicable, may do so as follows:

1. by using an audio and/or video device at such time when the chairman calls for public comment on that agenda item;
2. by using the "chat" feature, or similar method of providing written comment, during the virtual meeting;
3. if attending the virtual meeting at the anchor location, by filling out a public comment card and providing it to the recording secretary.

D. Pursuant to R.S. 42:17.2(C), all public comments, both those submitted prior to the virtual meeting or during

the virtual meeting, will be acknowledged and read into the record at the appropriate time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2.F(2), and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:820 (June 2025).

§808. Procedures during a Virtual Meeting

A. Once the meeting is called to order, the chairman shall state that this is a virtual meeting of the Special School District Board of Directors and shall provide the manner in which the public may submit or make comments for the meeting agenda items, including the code for members of the public to unmute themselves.

B. Prior to the introduction of the first agenda item, the chairman shall take roll-call to establish a quorum. Members of the Special School District Board of Directors may either be present at the anchor location or participate via electronic means.

1. A board member must participate via audio and video. As such, any member of the Special School District Board of Directors participating via electronic means must be visually present throughout the meeting.

2. In the event a board member's audio or video capabilities are compromised, he/she may no longer be counted for purposes of a quorum, and thus, may not vote on any agenda item for which the audio or video was compromised.

C. Prior to action on an agenda item, the chairman shall read into the record the following:

1. any public comment received prior to the meeting;
2. any public comment received during the meeting via public comment card, or via "chat" function;
3. profanity and inappropriate language is prohibited and shall not be read into the record.

D. In accordance with R.S. 42:29(A)(5), all votes taken at a virtual meeting shall be by roll call vote.

E. To the extent possible, the Special School District Board of Directors shall follow all procedures that it follows for regular meetings.

F. After the conclusion of a virtual meeting, a recording of the meeting shall be made available to the public via the Special School District's website.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E), 42:17.2.F(2), and 17:1945.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Special School District Board of Directors, LR 51:820 (June 2025).

Kristy Flynn
President

2506#009

RULE

Department of Treasury Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Disability Accommodations for Open Meetings
(LAC 58:I.4701)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted by R.S. 42:14(E), the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System adds LAC

58:I.4701, Disability Accommodations for Open Meetings. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 58

RETIREMENT

Part I. Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System Chapter 47. Disability Accommodations for Open Meetings

§4701. Disability Accommodations

A. Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System provides for participation via electronic means on an individualized basis for any person with a disability.

B. A person with a disability is defined as any of the following:

1. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
2. a designated caregiver of such a person; or
3. a participant member of the agency with an ADA-qualifying disability.

C. The written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, shall include the name, telephone number, and email address of the agency representative to whom disability accommodation requests may be submitted. Any accommodation request shall be made no later than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

D. Upon receipt of an accommodation request, the designated agency representative may ask only if the requestor has an ADA-qualifying disability or is a caregiver of such a person (yes or no).

E. The requestor shall be provided with an accommodation, including any teleconference or video conference link, for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

F. All disability accommodation requests, whether submitted by telephone or email, shall be documented and included in the system's annual mandatory report pursuant to R.S. 46:2596.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:14(E).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Treasury, Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, LR 51:821 (June 2025).

Bernard E. "Trey" Boudreaux, III
Executive Director

2506#006

RULE

Department of Treasury Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Election of Both Active and Retired Member Trustees (LAC 58:I.401, 403, and 405)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) amends LAC 58:I §401(B): General Schedule of Elections, §403, Receipt of Nominating Petitions, and §405(F), Election Process. The amendments are necessary to make the Rules consistent with LASERS current business

hours, which were changed effective August 1, 2022, at the direction of the LASERS Board of Trustees to better serve members and staff. This Rule change complies with and is enabled by R.S. 11:515. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 58

RETIREMENT

Part I. Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System Chapter 4. Rules Common to the Election of Both Active and Retired Member Trustees

§401. General Schedule of Elections

[Formerly §§301 and 501.B]

A. - A.2. ...

B. The schedule for elections shall be as follows:

1. first day in March: nominations shall be opened;
2. second Tuesday in July: nominations shall be closed. All nominating petitions must be received by the close of business;
3. Monday following second Tuesday in July: a drawing shall be held to determine candidate positions on a ballot;
4. fourth Friday in September: the final day that information on candidates and ballots may be mailed;
5. fourth Friday in October: all ballots or electronic votes must be received by the close of business. No faxed ballots shall be accepted;
6. Wednesday following fourth Friday in October: all ballots and electronic votes shall be tallied and verified by this date;
7. regular November meeting: the board shall be presented with the certified ballot count, and if it is accepted, shall authorize publication of results;
8. January following election: newly elected members receive orientation; oaths shall be taken prior to the regular January meeting.

C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:511 and R.S. 11:515.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Treasury, Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System, LR 22:373 (May 1996), amended LR 23:996, 997 (August 1997), LR 25:1278 (July 1999), LR 26:2633 (November 2000), LR 33:1151 (June 2007), LR 34:446, 447 (March 2008), LR 37:1615 (June 2011), LR 39:119 (January 2013), LR 51:821 (June 2025).

§403. Receipt of Nominating Petitions

A. Signed nominating petitions will be accepted if received by facsimile or emailed by the date nominations are closed so long as original nominating petitions are received by close of business on the first Friday following the close of nominations. If originals are not received by that deadline, the person in whose name they are submitted shall not be qualified as a candidate.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11: 511 and R.S. 11:515.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Treasury, Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System, LR 37:1616 (June 2011), LR 51:821 (June 2025).

§405. Election Process

[Formerly §§303.C-I and 503.C-J]

A. - E. ...

F. If electronic voting methods are utilized, members shall follow the instructions on the election brochure for registering their votes. Votes shall be confidential. Ballots or

electronic votes received after the close of business on the fourth Friday in October shall be rejected. Ballots must be returned to the address set forth in the instructions on the election brochure.

G. - I. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 11:511 and R.S. 11:515.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Treasury, Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System, LR 22:373 (May 1996), amended LR 23:996, 997 (August 1997), LR 25:1278 (July 1999), LR 26:1490 (July 2000), LR 26:2633 (November 2000), LR 31:946, 947 (April 2005), LR 34:446, 447 (March 2008), LR 37:1616 (June 2011), LR 39:119 (January 2013), LR 41:1772 (September 2015), LR 51:821 June 2025).

Bernard E. "Trey" Boudreaux, III
Executive Director

2506#007

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Alligators (LAC 76:V.701)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the alligator regulations governing wild alligator season length. The action extends the wild alligator hunting season through December 31. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 7. Alligators

§701. Alligator Regulations

A. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby establish regulations governing the harvest of wild populations of alligators and alligator eggs, raising and propagation of farmed alligators, tanning of skins and regulations governing the selling of hides, alligator parts and farm raised alligators. The administrative responsibility for these alligator programs shall rest with the department secretary, and the assistant secretary, Office of Wildlife.

A.1. - A.6.f.vii. ...

7. Open Season, Open Areas, and Quotas

a. Open seasons are as follows.

i. The state shall be divided into the east and west alligator hunting zones by the following boundary: beginning at the southwestern most part of Point Au Fer Island thence north along the western boundary of Terrebonne Parish to the Atchafalaya River, thence north along the Atchafalaya River to the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee, thence north along the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee, to Interstate 10, thence east along Interstate 10 to Interstate 12, thence east along Interstate 12 to Interstate 55, thence north along Interstate 55 to the Mississippi state line. The season for taking alligators in the wild shall open on the last Wednesday of August in the east zone and the first Wednesday of September in the west zone and will remain open until December 31 thereafter in each zone. The secretary shall be authorized to close, extend, delay, or reopen the season as biologically justifiable.

A.7.a.ii - A.18.c. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Chapter 1, Part V, Subpart A.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:1070 (December 1990), amended LR 17:892 (September 1991), LR 19:215 (February 1993), LR 20:321 (March 1994), LR 26:1492 (July 2000), LR 28:1996 (September 2002), LR 30:2338 (October 2004), LR 30:2878 (December 2004), LR 31:2267 (September 2005), LR 33:677 (April 2007), LR 35:690 (April 2009), LR 37:2421 (August 2011), LR 39:2291 (August 2013), LR 42:909 (June 2016), LR 43:90 (January 2017), LR46:50 (January 2020), LR46:1398 (October 2020), LR 48:508 (March 2022), LR 48:2992 (December 2022), LR 51:822 (June 2025).

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

2506#034

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Bear Hunting Areas, Seasons, Rules, and Bag Limits (LAC 76:XIX.109)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopts a Louisiana Black Bear hunting season for the 2025 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 Louisiana Black Bear during 2025 hunting season. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§109. Bear Hunting Areas, Seasons, Rules and Bag Limits

A. Bear Hunting Season 2025

1. Hunting is only allowed in Bear Areas 1, 2 and 4.

2. Bear season opens the first Saturday in December and remains open through Sunday following the third Saturday in December.

B. General Rules

1. Bears may only be harvested one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

2. Harvest limit is one bear per harvest permit per season.

3. Bear hunting is limited to still hunt only. The use of dogs when hunting bear is prohibited.

4. Harvest of cubs and females with cubs is prohibited. A cub is defined as any bear 75 pounds or less.

5. Bear hunting is restricted to bona fide resident hunters who are properly licensed, hunter safety certified, and possess a valid bear hunting permit issued by the department. The number of bear harvest permits issued will be determined based on Bear Area specific population estimates and vital rate data acquired at regular intervals. The number of bear harvest permits issued at any given time

during the season shall not allow the harvest to exceed the number of bears of either sex in any Bear Area that would compromise the long-term sustainability of the Bear Area population.

6. Harvest of bears without a harvest permit is prohibited. Bear harvest permits will consist of three types in Bear Area 4: Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Private Landowner, and General. Bear harvest permits will consist of two types in Bear Areas 1 and 2: Private Landowner and General. One permit allowed per hunter per season.

a. WMA Permits will authorize bear harvest for specified WMAs.

b. Private Landowner Permits will be allocated to qualifying private landowners, their designee, or lessee in Bear Areas with an open season for that permit year. To qualify for a Private Landowner Permit, applicants must provide evidence of qualifying acreage (40+ contiguous acres), proof of ownership, and payment of property taxes for property within the Bear Area for which they apply. Landowner designees must provide evidence deemed sufficient by the department that they have full agency and authority to act on behalf of a qualifying private landowner. Lessees of qualifying private lands must provide a duly executed and properly recorded lease agreement evidencing they have the right to hunt bear upon the qualifying acreage.

c. General Permits authorize hunting on private property, with landowner permission, within Bear Areas with an open season for that permit year. Individuals receiving a General Permit are responsible for coordinating with landowners to gain permission and access to hunting on their property.

7. Except as otherwise provided by law, bear harvest permits shall only be issued by lottery. Applicants shall apply to LDWF on department-approved applications prior to each season. All applications require a non-refundable application fee. Applicants for the General and WMA Permits must possess a valid resident basic hunting license and bear hunting license, or a combination license conveying equivalent privileges to apply.

a. Applicants not selected will be given an additional preference point for each subsequent year in which they apply. Each preference point serves as an additional lottery opportunity. Preference points are capped at five. Applicants must apply every year in order to earn and retain preference points. Failure to apply in any given year will result in forfeiture of previously acquired preference points for any subsequent application. Successful lottery applicants are not allowed to apply for another bear permit for two years after being drawn.

8. Transferability of bear permits: Only the private landowner permits are transferrable. Transferees must be a bona fide Louisiana resident who is properly licensed and hunter safety certified. Permits being transferred must be within 21 days of the lottery draw notification. A permit may only be transferred one time. The department shall be notified once a permit has been transferred and provided the transferees name, address, and phone number.

9. Bear hunter training: All successful applicants or transferees will be required to attend a department bear hunter training course prior to hunting. Individuals not attending a department bear hunter training course will be prohibited from hunting. Successful youth applicants must

attend bear hunting training with a properly licensed adult. The adult attending the training is responsible for supervising the youth during the bear hunt and must be within arm's reach or within the same stand or blind as the youth. A bear tag will be issued to harvest permit holders upon completion of the training course.

10. Baiting and scent attractants: Baiting is allowed November 1 to the day the season closes. Hunting over raw or processed bait and the use of a scent lure is allowed. No person shall use raw sweet potatoes or chocolate as bait or scent. The use of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as an attractant to deer is prohibited in CWD Control Areas. The department shall provide a list of approved baits to each successful applicant at the bear hunting training course.

11. Harvested bears must be tagged immediately upon harvest and prior to being moved from site of harvest. All successful bear hunters must immediately contact their designated department biologist (see permit) to report their kill and schedule biological data collection.

12. Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink: Any person hunting bears 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 bear from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery bear hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting bear 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.

13. Harvested bears may be field dressed, but all other portions of the bear shall be removed from the hunting grounds. Thereafter, all edible portions of meat shall be removed from the bear for consumption. "Edible portions" include, at a minimum, all four quarters, all backstraps and tenderloins along the backbone.

14. Methods of take:

a. Bear may be taken with the following firearms, any of which may be fitted with a magnified scope:

i. Centerfire firearms .25 caliber or larger, rimfire firearms .30 caliber or larger, and shotguns 10 gauge and smaller using slugs, all of which must load exclusively from the breech.

ii. Rifles and pistols, .44 caliber or larger, or shotguns 10 gauge and smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets.

iii. Pre-charged pneumatic devices that 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.

b. Bear may be taken by legal archery gear with a minimum draw weight of no less than 30 pounds, including traditional bow, compound bow, crossbow, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means.

c. All other methods of take are prohibited.

C. Description of Bear Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes:

i. Acadia, Assumption, Cameron, Iberia, Lafayette, Lafourche, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Vermillion.

b. Portions of the following parishes:

i. Allen—that portion south of US 190 and east of US 165;

ii. Ascension—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

iii. Calcasieu—that portion south of Interstate 10;

iv. Iberville—that portion south of Interstate 10 and west of the Mississippi River;

v. Jefferson—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

vi. Jefferson Davis—that portion south of US 190 and east of US 165;

vii. Orleans—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

viii. Plaquemines—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

ix. St. Charles—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

x. St. James—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

xi. St. John the Baptist—that portion west of the Mississippi River;

xii. St. Martin—that portion south of Interstate 10;

xiii. West Baton Rouge—that portion south of Interstate 10.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes: Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana.

b. Portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—that portion north of Interstate 10;

ii. St. Landry—that portion east of Interstate 49;

iii. St. Martin—that portion north of Interstate 10;

iv. West Baton Rouge—that portion north of Interstate 10.

3. Area 3

a. All of the following parishes: Avoyelles, Concordia, LaSalle.

b. Portions of the following parish:

i. Catahoula—that portion west of US Highway 425.

4. Area 4

a. All of the following parishes: East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, West Carroll.

b. Portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula—that portion east of US Highway 425;

ii. Franklin—that portion east of US Highway 425;

iii. Richland—that portion east of US Highway 425.

5. Area 5

a. All of the following parishes: Caldwell, Ouachita, Morehouse, Union.

b. Portions of the following parishes:

i. Franklin—that portion west of US Highway 425;

ii. Richland—that portion west of US Highway 425.

6. Area 6

a. All of the following parishes: Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Evangeline, Grant, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, Webster, Winn.

b. Portions of the following parishes:

i. Allen—that portion north of US 190 and west of US 165;

ii. Calcasieu—that portion north of Interstate 10;

iii. Jefferson Davis—that portion north of US 190 and west of US 165;

iv. St. Landry—that portion west of Interstate 49.

7. Area 7

a. All of the following parishes: East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Livingston, St. Bernard, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes:

i. Ascension—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Iberville—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

iii. Jefferson—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

iv. Orleans—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

v. Plaquemines—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

vi. St. Charles—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

vii. St. James—that portion east of the Mississippi River;

viii. St. John the Baptist—that portion east of the Mississippi River.

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 50:1012 (July 2024), amended LR 51:822 (June 2025).

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

2506#033

RULE

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

**Hunting Regulations for the 2025-2027 Seasons
(LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)**

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission amends the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2025-2026 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2025-2027 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 2026 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 hunting season for wildlife in Louisiana. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

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).

§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
Deer 2025-2026	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	Deer Areas 1,2,3,5,6,7,8, and 9—6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 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.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule 2025-2026

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.	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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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 Johnson-Vernon, Fort Johnson North, Esler Field, 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.

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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 individuals(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 depredating 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)

1. Invertebrates		
Pink Mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>	E
Louisiana Pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera hembeli</i>	T
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 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. **2025-2026 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. **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.

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. 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 or individuals 65 or older 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 buck's 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, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants, 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, mushrooms and berries 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. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

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, Floy McElroy, Fort Johnson-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 Esler Field. 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.

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 during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. 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 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta and Pass-a-Loutre. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

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).

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: third Sat. of Dec. for 9 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 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. 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 Deer Either-sex modern firearms season, and 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 the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. 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.

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. 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.

m. 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.

n. 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.
 - o. 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 day after Firearms Bucks-Only season ends 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. to the third Sun. of Nov., and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31. 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.
 - p. 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.

q. 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.

r. Esler Field. 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.

s. 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.

t. Fort Johnson 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.

u. Fort Johnson-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.

v. 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 area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or 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.

w. Hutchinson Creek

i. Deer: same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

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.

x. 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 3 consecutive 3 day hunts.

(b). Youth Lottery: 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.

y. 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.

z. 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.

aa. 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.

bb. 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.

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.

cc. 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.

dd. Loggy Bayou. 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). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex 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 Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

ee. Manchac

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules 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 Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Crabs: no crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

ff. Marsh Bayou

i. Deer: same as outside, Archery Only, either-sex.

ii. 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, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iii. Raccoon: second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

gg. Maurepas Swamp. Camping limited to tent camping in designated areas. See WMA map for locations. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail. Benchmark Closure: Area Closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. gage height and reopens to deer hunting when water levels recede to 2.5 ft. gage height following a closure. Motorized vehicles prohibited on Crusel Tract (see WMA map for Crusel Tract). Limited Use Area: small game same as outside except shotgun only. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location. Area Closed to all hunters except Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

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, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, and Sun. 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 except closed Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts and closed during youth deer season and except spring squirrel season will be open the 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.

hh. Pass-A-Loutre. Self-clearing permit required for all activities. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters, Camp Canal and all designated camping areas. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Camping allowed ONLY in designated areas. See self-clearing permit station at headquarters and WMA map for designated camping areas. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower prohibited. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2 p.m. Sept. 1-Jan. 31, except allowed after 2 p.m. in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1- Feb.15.

(b). Youth Shotgun bucks only: second to last Sat. in Oct. for 2 days.

(c). Deer Shotgun: bucks only may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot for seven days starting the day after the closure of the first split of duck season.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Beagles prohibited October through last day of waterfowl season.

iii. 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. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 16-March 15. 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.

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.

ii. 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 the Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, and closed during youth deer 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.

(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.

jj. 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 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, 337-735-8667 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.

kk. 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.

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 area supervisor, Lafayette Wildlife Field Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

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.

II. 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 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.-Oct. 31, and Mon. after Thanksgiving for 12 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

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.

mm. 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 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 the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) 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. 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.

nn. 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.

oo. 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.

pp. 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.

qq. 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.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

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.

rr. 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 Firearms Either-Sex Deer and 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 season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

(b). On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31, and Mon. after close of second firearms either-sex deer season for 9 days, except closed last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

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. Rifle and Pistol/Handgun Range open Tuesday-Sunday. Skeet ranges: manual thrower range open Tuesday through Sunday. High and low house open by appointment only, contact Lafayette office, 337-262-2080. No trespassing in restricted areas.

x. 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.

ss. 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.

tt. 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.

uu. 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.

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.

vv. 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.

ww. 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, second Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, except when there are 5 Sats. in Dec. then it will open on the third 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.

(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.

xx. 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.

yy. 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 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 day after firearms bucks only season closes to 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 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: 1 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 Johnson-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 Johnson-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 Johnson-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 Johnson-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 1/2-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 50:50:826 (June 2024), LR 51:861 (June 2025).

§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.

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 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:99 (January 2014), LR 40:1556 (August 2014), LR 41:980 (May 2015), LR 42:1129 (July 2016), LR 43:1426 (July 2017), LR 44:1306 (July 2018), LR 45:966 (July 2019), LR 46:990 (July 2020), LR 47:936 (July 2021), LR 48:1899 (July 2022), LR 49:1268 (July 2023), LR 50:828 (June 2024), LR 51:863 (June 2025).

§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. 6-Sept. 21 Oct. 18-Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 11 North Zone: Sept. 6-Sept. 28 Oct. 11-Nov. 16 Dec. 20-Jan. 18	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 20-Sept. 28	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 20-Sept. 28 Nov. 8-Jan. 7	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 20-Sept. 28 Nov. 8-Jan. 7	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)
Gallinules	Sept. 20-Sept. 28 Nov. 8-Jan. 7	15	45
Snipe	West Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Feb. 28 East Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	West Zone: Nov. 8-Nov. 9 (Youth only) Nov. 15-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Jan. 25 Jan. 31-Feb. 1 (Veteran's only) East Zone: Nov. 15-Nov. 16 (Youth and Veteran's only) Nov. 22-Dec. 8 Dec. 20-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-	East Zone: Nov. 15-Dec. 8 Dec. 20-Feb. 7 West Zone:	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Fronted Geese	Nov. 8-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Feb. 1	Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 3.	Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 9.
Canada Geese	East Zone: Nov. 15-Dec. 8 Dec. 20-Feb. 7 West Zone: Nov. 8-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Feb. 1	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. 9-Dec. 19 Feb. 8-Mar. 15 West Zone: Dec. 8-Dec. 19 Feb. 2-Mar. 15	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. 13-Sept. 29	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	Nov. 1-Nov. 7 Jan. 8-Jan. 31	
Ducks	Nov. 1-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. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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.

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 42:1130 (July 2016), amended LR 43:1427 (July 2017), LR 44:1306 (July 2018), LR 45:966 (July 2019), LR 46:991 (July

2020), LR 47:937 (July 2021), LR 48:1899 (July 2022), LR 49:1268 (July 2023), LR 50:828 (June 2024), LR 51:864 (June 2025).

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

2506#035

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Wahoo Harvest Regulations (LAC 76:VII.391)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a Rule (LAC 76:VII.391) establishing recreational harvest regulations for wahoo in waters of the state and apply those regulations to federal waters off Louisiana. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has been considering management of wahoo in the absence of state regulations. In order to further the conservation of the species and maintain state management authority over the harvest regulations of wahoo, these regulations are necessary. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery §391. Wahoo Harvest Regulations

A. Recreational Take and Possession Limits

1. The recreational bag and possession limit for wahoo, *Acanthocybium solandri*, whether caught within or without Louisiana waters shall be five fish per person, per day.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. and R.S. 325.1(A).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 51:865 (June 2025).

Tyler M. Bosworth
Secretary

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Notices of Intent

NOTICE OF INTENT

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies
Gulf of America (LAC 28:CXXI.1103 and 1303)

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:CXXI in *Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies*. The revisions are made in response to Presidential Executive Order 14172 of January 20, 2025.

Title 28 EDUCATION

Part CXXI. Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies

Chapter 11. Grade 4—The Ancient World

§1103. Standards

A. - S. ...

1. Identify and locate geographical features in the Americas, including Mississippi River and Delta, Amazon River, the Pacific Ocean, Appalachian Mountains, Gulf of America, Atlantic Ocean, South America, and the Yucatan Peninsula.

2. - 7. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:24.4, and R.S. 17:154.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 48:1769 (July 2022), LR 51:

Chapter 13. Grade 5—The Medieval to the Early Modern World

§1303. Standards

A. - M. ...

1. Identify and locate the geographical features of the Americas, including the Andes Mountains, Appalachian Mountains, Great Plains, Pacific Ocean Mountains, Gulf of America, Rocky Mountains, Atlantic Ocean, Mississippi River, Amazon River, South America, Caribbean Sea, North America, Yucatan Peninsula, and the Central Mexican Plateau.

M.2. - N.7....

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:24.4, and R.S. 17:154.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 48:1772 (July 2022), LR 51:

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 a 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, July 10, 2025, to Tavares A. 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 A. 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 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies—Gulf of America

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units due to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change aligns Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policy with Presidential Executive Order 14172 of January 20, 2025, which directs the reinstatement of the name "Mount McKinley" to the highest peak in North America and orders the renaming of the northern part of the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America". Online materials will be updated at no additional cost, and printed materials will be updated for the next publishing cycle. Some updates to materials could result in an indeterminable local printing cost.

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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or 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)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Division of Administration Racing Commission

Voided and Voidable Claims (LAC 35:X1.9914)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission proposes to amend LAC 35:X1.9914. The proposed amendment updates and clarifies 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.

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 51:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and/or 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 measurable impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.6.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Public Comments

The domicile office of the Louisiana State Racing Commission is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, and interested parties may submit oral or written comments, data, views, or arguments relative to this proposed Rule until July 10, 2025 at close of business to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100.

Stephen Landry
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

RULE TITLE: Voided and Voidable Claims

**I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

It is not anticipated that state or local government units will incur any costs or savings as a result of this proposed rule.

The Louisiana State Racing Commission proposes to amend Section 9914 (Voided and Voidable Claims) of Part XI, Chapter 99 of Title 35 (Horse Racing) of the Louisiana Administrative Code. Specifically, the proposed rule removes the following conditions under which a horse claim is voided or voidable:

Automatic Voided Claims

A claim must be voided if the horse:

- Dies on the racetrack
- Suffers an injury requiring

Discretionary (Voidable) Claims

A claim may be voided at the new owner's discretion within 1 hour after the race if the horse:

- Is vanned off the track at the direction of the official veterinarian
- Is observed by the official veterinarian to be lame or unsound while on the racetrack.
- Is observed by the official veterinarian to have bled through its nostrils while on the track.

Optional Drug and Disease Testing

The successful claimant may request that the horse be tested for the presence of equine infectious anemia (EIA) and/or erythropoietin (EPO) and/or darbepoietin

- If the EIA test is positive, the horse must be returned to the previous owner and barred from racing in the state of Louisiana.
- If the EPO/darbepoietin test is positive, the horse must be returned to the previous owner and barred from racing in the state of Louisiana until the horse tests negative.

**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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR
NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

The successful claimant will face increased financial risk due to the reduced number of conditions under which a claim can be voided. If a claimant acquires a horse that is injured, ill, or tests positive for drugs and has no option to void the claim, they may be responsible for any resulting veterinary costs and medical treatment.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)**

Eliminating the conditions under which a claim can be voided or made voidable may decrease buyer confidence, leading to fewer claims and, ultimately, a decline in competitive racing.

Stephen Landry
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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

Licensed Psychological Associate
(LAC 46:LXIII.Chapters 61-85)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists intends to adopt Subpart 3, Chapters 61 thru 85 to facilitate the licensure and regulation of a licensed psychological associate in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. and pursuant to Act No. 286 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, the Louisiana Licensing Law for Psychologist 37:2352(4), 37:2353(C)(1), 37:2354(B)(5), 37:2354(G)(1) and (2), 37:2356.1, 37:2356.4, 37:2357(C), 37:2359, 37:2365(C), 29:769(E), 37:3651, and Section 1. Chapter 1-E of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of sections 51 thru 59.

Title 46

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS**

Part LXIII. Psychologists

Subpart 3. Licensed Psychological Associate

Chapter 61. General

§6101. Jurisdiction

A. The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (board), in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., has jurisdiction over licensed psychological associates.

B. Upon submission of an application for licensure or registration as a licensed psychological associate, an applicant voluntarily subjects himself to the jurisdiction of the board.

C. Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, per R.S. 37:2360 it is unlawful for any person not licensed in accordance with the provisions of Title 37, Chapter 28 entitled Psychologists or Chapter 15, Part VI, entitled Medical Psychologists, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes to represent himself as a psychologist or to engage in the practice of psychology. Upon approval of a Supervised Practice Plan by the board, a candidate may lawfully engage in the practice of psychology during the course and scope of supervised practice as defined in this Subpart.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§6103. Scope

A. The scope of practice of a licensed psychological associate is set forth in R.S. 37:2356.4.

B. A license psychological associate shall engage in the practice of psychology only with those populations and within the boundaries of their competence. A licensed psychological associate's competence is based on their education, training, supervised experience, consultation, study, or professional experience.

C. Nothing in this Subpart shall be interpreted as expanding the scope of practice set forth in R.S. 37:2356.4.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 63. Definitions

§6301. General Definitions

A. The application of the following definitions are limited to Title 46; Part LXIII. Psychologists; Subpart 3. Licensed Psychological Associates.

B. Definitions

Applicant—a person who submits to the board the required application fee and the complete prescribed application which includes evidence that the person satisfies the requirements for licensed psychological associate license set forth §6501 of this Subpart.

ASPPB—the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

Consultant—a licensed psychologist or medical psychologist, licensed in accordance with R.S. 37:1360.51 et seq., who provides advice and expertise on a case-by-case basis, lacks functional authority, and is neither legally nor professionally liable for psychological services rendered.

Continuing Professional Supervision—supervision as defined in Chapter 73 of this Subpart.

Degree—a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree from a program as defined herein.

Emergency Temporary Registration (ETC)—an expedited registration permitting the registrant to temporarily practice psychology in Louisiana granted only during a declared public health emergency.

Foreign Graduate—a person who has a conferred degree from a college, university, or professional school outside of the United States or Canada, which program meets the accreditation or equivalency requirements of this Subpart.

Full-Time—is engaging in the practice of psychology or supervised practice 35 or more hours per week.

Graduate—a person who has a conferred degree from a program meeting the requirements of this Subpart.

General Professional Supervision—a type of supervision as defined in Chapter 73 of this Subpart

Health Service Psychology—the provision of direct health care/behavioral health care services in psychology, which provision of services includes, but is not limited to, assessment, screening, psychotherapy, counseling, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, remediation, consultation, and supervision.

Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA)—a person who has been granted a license pursuant to this Subpart.

Part-Time—is engaging in the practice of psychology 20 to 30 hours per week or 80 to 120 hours per month.

Professional Examination—the examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) as constructed by the ASPPB.

Program—a structured and organized set of academic activities /requirements that lead to the award of a Degree in health service psychology, and which program meets the requirements set forth in Chapter 67 of this Subpart.

Qualified Supervisor or Supervisor—is a person who is licensed in accordance with R.S. 37:2356, or a medical psychologist, licensed in accordance with R.S. 37:1360.51 et

seq., and authorized pursuant to Chapter 73 of this Subpart to provide supervised training in Louisiana to a candidate for licensure as a licensed psychological associate, subject to the jurisdiction of the board.

Registrant—an applicant granted an Emergency Temporary Registration as set forth in this Subpart.

Regionally Accredited University—a degree-granting institution of higher learning accredited by a Regional Accrediting Organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education (CHEA).

Supervised Practice Plan—a form prescribed by the board, documenting, in part, a bona fide relationship with a qualified supervisor and outlining the applicant's plan to complete supervised practice requirements for licensure; the Supervised Practice Plan identifies the supervisor of record and requires board approval prior to implementation.

Supervisee—candidate for licensure who may practice psychology only pursuant to a Supervised Practice Plan approved by the board and under the supervision of a qualified supervisor meeting the requirements set forth in this Subpart.

Supervisor of Record—the qualified supervisor listed on the Supervised Practice Plan approved by the board.

Substitute Supervisor—a qualified supervisor who has been designated by the supervisor of record to provide supervision to a candidate for a specific and limited duration, and who is authorized to intervene with a client.

Withdrawal—the removal of an Application from board consideration.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 65. Licensure

§6501. Licensure Requirements; Application; Applicant

A. All persons applying under the provisions of this Subsection shall:

1. submit to the board the required application fee and the complete prescribed application which includes evidence that the person:

- a. is at least 21 years of age;
- b. is of good moral character;
- c. is a citizen of the United State or has declared his

intention to become a citizen. A statement by the person under oath that the person is a citizen or that the person intends to apply for citizenship when the person becomes eligible to make such application shall be sufficient proof of compliance with the requirement of this Paragraph;

d. holds a master's degree in psychology from a regionally accredited institution offering a program meeting the requirements set forth in this Subpart;

e. is not be in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter or the rules and regulations adopted by the board; is not the subject of any pending complaints; is not the subject of a current investigation; does not possess current or prior disciplinary action by a professional board, certifying agency, or school; and has not been found guilty of or settled a claim for malpractice or negligence when the subject matter of such is related in any way to mental health practice;

2. demonstrate professional knowledge of the laws and rules regarding the practice of psychology in Louisiana by passing the Louisiana Jurisprudence Examination; and

3. submit criminal history record information as authorized by R.S. 37:2356.1 and in accordance with Chapter 12 of this Part, including submitting such number of full sets of fingerprints or other identifiable information, and payment of any fees and costs as may be incurred by the board in requesting or obtaining criminal history record information. The results of the criminal history record information search must be obtained, reviewed and considered acceptable by the board prior to approving the applicant's status as a candidate.

B. The board shall issue a license as a licensed psychological associate to each applicant who satisfies the requirements set forth in Paragraph A of this Section and completes the requirements under one of the following provisions:

1. New Applicant.

a. A new applicant shall satisfy all requirements set forth in R.S. 37:2356.4, as further defined in this Subpart, including requirements for professional examination in accordance with Chapter 69, and supervised training experience in accordance with Chapter 73.

b. a new applicant who has previously taken and passed the Professional Examination more than six years prior to application submission:

i. shall be required to complete 40 hours or credits of continuing education as set forth in Chapter 8 of this Part, including two hours of credits within the area of ethics or law and two hours or credits within the area of multiculturalism or diversity. This requirement must be completed within two-years immediately preceding application submission; and

ii. based on the evidence submitted as required under this Subpart, the board may require additional training, remediation, or supervision to ensure competence and to satisfy the requirements for licensure.

2. Reciprocity Applicant.

a. A reciprocity applicant shall provide proof of current licensure, in good standing, held for a minimum of 5 years, as a licensed psychological associate, or its equivalent as determined by the board, granted by another member jurisdiction of ASPPB if that jurisdiction has entered into a similar agreement with this board providing for the licensure of Louisiana psychologists in that jurisdiction by reciprocity.

b. For licensure by reciprocity, the requirements for licensure by another member jurisdiction of ASPPB shall be the substantial equivalent of those required in R.S. 37:2356.4, as further defined in this section.

3. Endorsement Applicant.

a. Endorsement pursuant to the Welcome Home Act.

i. An endorsement applicant who is relocating to and will be residing in Louisiana, shall provide proof that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in R.S. 37:51 et seq., the Welcome Home Act, which requirements include, but are not limited to, current licensure or certification for a minimum of one year, in good standing, as a licensed psychological associate, or its equivalent as determined by the board, by another member jurisdiction of ASPPB that required the applicant to pass an examination, or to meet education, training, or experience standards.

4. Military Applicant.

a. The board shall issue a temporary registration to a member of the military, including the United States Department of Defense civilian employees who have been assigned to duty in Louisiana, or an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military or a United States Department of Defense Civilian employee, pending full licensure, pursuant to R.S. 37:3651.

b. Temporary Registrations shall be issued in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Part, applicable to psychologists. For purposes of this Chapter, the rules within Chapter 10 applicable to licensed psychological associates and their scope of practice shall be interpreted by replacing the term *psychologist* with the term *licensed psychological associate* and the term *doctoral* with the term *masters*.

c. The board shall prioritize consideration of Military Applications.

5. Foreign Applicant.

a. foreign applicants shall provide the board with documents and evidence in the form and manner prescribed by the board to establish that their formal education and training is equivalent to the education and training as specified in this Subpart. At minimum, a foreign applicant shall provide the following:

i. an original diploma or other certificate of graduation, which will be returned, and a photostatic copy of such a document, which shall be retained;

ii. a transcript or comparable document of all course work completed;

iii. a certified translation of all documents submitted in a language other than English;

iv. satisfactory evidence of supervised experience;

v. a statement prepared by the foreign applicant in English based on the documents referred to in this Section, indicating the chronological sequence of studies and research. The form of this statement shall be as comparable as possible to a transcript issued by American Universities.

b. The board may seek reimbursement from a foreign applicant to recover expenses incurred in reviewing unusual credentials.

C. The board may, at its discretion, require a meeting with any applicant to review and verify his satisfactory character, current fitness, plans to practice, and specialty declaration prior to the issuance or denial of a license pursuant to this Chapter or any of the laws, rules or regulations governing the practice of a licensed psychological associate.

D. Applicant status shall not be used for professional representation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4, 37:3651, 37:51

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§6503. Candidate for Licensed Psychological Associate

A. The status of candidate is granted to an applicant:

1. whose licensed psychological associate application has been recognized by the board as meeting the requirements of §6501.A. and

2. whose Supervised Practice Plan has been approved by the board.

B. Applicants granted candidate status shall be admitted and may take the required professional examination prior to completion of supervised practice.

C. A candidate for licensed psychological associate:

1. shall engage in the practice of psychology only under continuing professional supervision in accordance with the requirements of this Subpart;

2. may utilize the title of “Provisional Psychological Associate” when representing themselves, their work, or their services, provided they are operating under a Supervised Practice Plan preapproved by the board. The permitted use of this title does not imply or confer licensure, nor does it constitute qualification for independent practice, either at the time these rules were promulgated or at any point in the future;

3. shall disclose their supervisory relationship to patients, clients, and third-parties with whom they interact in a professional capacity;

4. shall not supervise other mental health providers;

D. The qualified supervisor may bill for psychological services performed by the provisional psychological associate.

E. The board shall issue a license as a licensed psychological associate to each candidate who satisfies the requirements of §6501.A. and

1. satisfactorily completes supervised practice as set forth in this Subpart; and

2. pass the professional examination as set forth in this Subpart.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§6505. Withdrawal and Denial of Application

A. Withdrawal:

1. An application shall be withdrawn and removed from board consideration as follows.

a. An applicant may submit a written request to the board to withdraw their application at will.

b. The board, following written notice to the applicant, may administratively close an application that is abandoned without action or progress for five years.

2. Withdrawn applications shall be retained in accordance with the board’s Records Retention Schedule approved by the Louisiana Secretary of State.

3. An applicant’s withdrawn application(s) may be retained for consideration in conjunction with future application(s) submitted by that applicant.

B. Denial:

1. If the board determines that an applicant does not meet the qualifications for licensure, the application shall be denied.

2. Denial Proceedings:

a. The board shall notify the applicant of its intent to deny giving the applicant 30 days to remedy all deficiencies or provide reasons and evidence why the application should not be denied.

b. An applicant shall not be entitled to a pre-denial hearing.

3. An applicant who is denied licensure based on the evidence submitted as required under this Subpart may reapply after having completed any noted deficiencies in the application, or additional training and remediation

prescribed by the board to satisfy the requirements for licensure.

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Chapter 67. Training and Credentials

§6701. Program Requirements

A. To satisfy the requirements for licensure, an applicant shall hold a degree in health service psychology awarded from a program, which program at the time of graduation, is either accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or is an equivalent program as defined in §6703 of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§6703. Non-Accredited Health Service Programs

A. A non-accredited health service program shall meet all of the following:

1. Offer training in health service psychology at the master’s level at a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

2. The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be clearly identified and labeled as such. The program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogs and brochures its intent to educate and train in an applied health service area of psychology recognized by the board.

3. The program must stand as a recognizable, coherent organizational entity within the institution.

4. There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines.

5. The program must be an integrated, organized sequence of study.

6. There must be an identifiable psychology faculty with at least one core faculty member holding professional licensure to practice in the jurisdiction in which the program is located.

7. The program must have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that program for a degree.

8. The program must include supervised practicum, internship or field training appropriate to the practice of psychology.

9. The program shall be an internal degree program (as opposed to external program) unless it is either designated by ASPPB or it is accredited by the American Psychological Association.

10. The program shall involve at least one continuous academic year of full-time residency on the campus of the institution at which the degree is granted. A one-year residency requires completion of either 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours.

11. The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of two academic years of full-time graduate study.

12. The specific requirements for each competency are articulated in APA Commission on Accreditation Implementing Regulations. Because science is at the core of health service psychology, programs must demonstrate that they rely on the current evidence-base when training students in the following competency areas. At a minimum, students must demonstrate competence in the following:

a. Research. For example, individuals demonstrate knowledge, skills, and competence sufficient to produce new knowledge; to critically evaluate and use existing knowledge to solve problems; substantial knowledge of scientific methods, procedures, and practices; and ability to disseminate research.

- b. Ethical and legal standards.
- c. Individual and cultural diversity.
- d. Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors.
- e. Communication and interpersonal skills.
- f. Intervention.
- g. Supervision.
- h. Consultation and

interprofessional/interdisciplinary skills.

B. Exemption. An applicant graduating prior to July 31, 2027, may provide documentation of the following in lieu of internship requirements:

1. completion of at least one semester or two quarter hours of clinical, counseling, or school psychology practicum; and

2. include a minimum of three graduate semester hours or six graduate quarter hours directly related to psychological theory in five of the seven following content areas.

a. biological aspects of behavior: physiological psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, biological bases of development;

b. cognitive and social aspects of behavior: cognitive development, social psychology, group processes, community psychology, learning, organizational psychology;

c. human development and/or individual differences: developmental psychology, lifespan development, and developmental psychopathology, personality theory;

d. professional and scientific ethics and standards: professional and ethical problems psychology, legal, ethical, and professional issues in psychotherapy;

e. research design, methodology, statistics, and data analysis: research methods or research design in psychology; statistical analysis in psychology;

f. cultural competence, as deemed satisfactory to the board, multicultural counseling, counseling the culturally different, treating persons with disabilities; or

g. methods of assessment and diagnosis: abnormal psychology, psychological assessment, clinical diagnosis, and intellectual and personality assessment.

3. A single course or class shall be applied to one content area only.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 69. Assessments and Examination

§6901. Professional Examination

A. Pursuant to R.S. 37:2356.4.A.(1)(e), the professional examination of the board shall be the examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) as constructed by the American Association of State Psychology Boards.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§6903. Criterion for passing the Examination

A. To satisfy the professional examination requirement for licensure, a candidate shall meet the following requirements:

1. Passing Score. The board establishes the criterion for a passing score on the Professional Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) be a scaled score of 450 on the computer administered version;

2. A candidate shall have a maximum of six years to pass the professional examination;

3. A candidate for licensure may retake the written examination as frequently as it is offered.

B. A candidate who fails to satisfy the criterion for passing the examination within six years shall be removed from candidacy for licensure, their Application shall be withdrawn, and they shall not be issued a license to practice as a licensed psychological associate in Louisiana.

B. A candidate denied licensure under the preceding provisions, may reapply to the board after notification of such denial.

C. The above requirements of a Professional Examination shall not prohibit a modified administration of the Professional Examination to a candidate with a qualified disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act and its Amending Act of 2008 (collectively ADA) and in accordance with the ADA Compliance Policy and Procedure adopted by the board.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 71. Fees

§7101. Fees

A. In addition to the Administrative Fees set forth in Chapter 6 of Subpart 1 within Part LXIII, the following fees shall be applicable:

Licensed Psychological Associate Fees	
Application for Licensure	\$200
Jurisprudence Examination	\$75
License Renewal	\$200
Reinstatement of Lapsed License	\$300
Application for Qualified Supervisor Designation	\$50
Renewal of Qualified Supervisor Designation	\$40
Application to Provide Telesupervision	\$25 for first, \$10 for each thereafter
Initial Application and Renewal of Emerit Status	\$100
Processing Fee for Paper Renewals	\$50
License Renewal Extension Request	\$25
Request for Change Approvals to Practice Plan	\$25

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 73. Supervised Practice

§7301. Preface

A. This Chapter details reasonable minimal standards for supervised practice and establishes that the legal, administrative and professional responsibility of supervision rests with the qualified supervisor.

B. The supervisory function serves a multiplicity of purposes. Supervision provides guidance in administrative issues in the practice setting, continues and expands education in skills, offers emotional support, and provides evaluation for purposes of the supervisee's growth, as well as administrative judgment relative to the supervisee's capacity for autonomous professional function. The supervisor assigns work, sets realistic standards for achievement and offers evaluation of the supervisee's performance. The supervisor offers a perspective on the relationship between the supervisee's assignment, the rest of the setting and the facilities available outside of the setting in order that the supervisee's professional procedures are intelligently placed within the context of all of the systems affecting and influencing the client. In addition to all of this, the supervisor must deal with those personal characteristics of the supervisee which either enhance or interfere with work efficiency. The private actions and behaviors of the supervisee which are not relevant to nor expressed in the work setting shall not be dealt with in the supervisory relationship. The supervisor shall limit supervision to those areas in which the supervisor has professional expertise, as well as develop the specialized skills necessary to render competent supervision.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§7303. Types of Supervision

A. Continuing Professional Supervision. Continuing professional supervision is the ongoing training and oversight for the procedure furnished under the supervisor's overall direction and control, including maintenance of the necessary equipment and supplies. Supervision in this context does not require the supervisor's presence during the performance of the procedure. However, the supervisor shall be available to the supervisee during the time when the supervisee is rendering professional services, or arrange the availability of a qualified substitute supervisor who is authorized to intervene with a client. Exceptions to this provision must have prior approval by the Board of Directors.

B. General Professional Supervision. General professional supervision is direct supervisory contact between the supervisor and supervisee. Supervision in this context includes activities such as individual supervision, group supervision, specific case discussion and management, skill training, and professional development and review of the work completed by the supervisee.

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§7305. Supervised Practice Leading Toward Licensure; Duration and Setting

A. 3,500 hours of combined and documented post-degree continuing professional supervision and general professional supervision over a minimum two-year time period shall be required for licensure.

1. Supervised Practice hours shall begin accruing after the date on which all requirements for the degree are met, with no outstanding points of evaluation, and verified by the degree-granting institution;

2. General Professional Supervision Hours. Supervised practice hours shall include general professional supervision hours as follows:

a. full-time supervisees shall receive no less than one hour of general professional supervision per week;

b. part-time supervisees shall receive no less than two hours of general professional supervision per month;

c. no more than 50 hours of general professional supervision may be obtained in a group setting; and

d. specific case discussion and skill training require additional supervisory contact. Supervision is to be conducted on a one-to-one basis, and shall not be substituted for by group seminars or consultation. It is likely that more than one hour per week would be required.

3. To be credited, each assignment in a setting or integrated program shall be of at least 500 hours in duration and at least half-time for that setting or integrated program.

B. Supervised practice shall be completed within five calendar years.

1. Upon approval by the Board of Directors of a written request, the period for completion of supervised practice specified in Subsection A, may be extended for the following:

a. Candidates on extended active military service for a period in excess of three months per year; or

b. Candidates who are unable to fulfill the requirement because of illness, natural disaster, or other personal hardship.

C. Exception. Candidates graduating July 31, 2027, may receive credit for supervised practice upon satisfaction of the following:

1. At the time of Application, the candidate is employed in a position where the focus of work performed is within the scope of practice of a licensed psychological associate;

2. The candidate has been employed in a position where the focus of work performed is within the scope of practice of a licensed psychological associate continuously for more than three years full time or more than five years part-time;

3. Submission of a complete application within one calendar year of the effective date of this Subpart; and

4. Based on the evidence submitted as required under this Subpart, the Board of Directors may require additional training, remediation, or supervision to ensure competence and to satisfy the requirements for licensure. Supervised practice verification shall occur via submission of a form and process as delineated by the board.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§7307. Qualifications of Supervisors

A. A psychologist or medical psychologist must be recognized and designated by the board as a qualified supervisor prior to providing supervision in Louisiana.

B. Supervisors providing supervision in jurisdictions outside of Louisiana must be licensed by the regulatory body that is vested with jurisdictional authority over the practice of psychology in the respective jurisdiction.

C. Supervisors shall have training in the specific area of practice to render competently any psychological service

undertaken by their supervisee in which they are offering supervision.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§7309. Qualified Supervisor Designation

A. The designation of qualified supervisor shall be recognized for:

1. a psychologist who is licensed in good standing with the board;
2. a psychologist who is licensed in good standing with the board, and also licensed in good standing as a medical psychologist in accordance with R.S. 37:1360.51; or
3. a medical psychologist who is licensed only in accordance with R.S. 37:1360.51 and in good standing, who applies for the designation of qualified supervisor and satisfies the following requirements:
 - a. submits to the board the required fee and complete prescribed application form for the designation of qualified supervisor;
 - b. is not in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, the rules and regulations adopted by the board, or the laws governing the practice of psychology;
 - c. is not the subject of any pending complaints or current investigations by any board or association regulating the provision of mental health services;
 - d. does not possess current or prior disciplinary action by a professional board, certifying agency, or school; and
 - e. has not been found guilty of or settled a claim for malpractice or negligence when the subject matter of such is related in any way to mental health practice.

B. Upon submission of an Application for designation as a qualified supervisor, the medical psychologist voluntarily subjects himself to jurisdiction of the board and shall comply with all laws and rules governing the supervision of licensed psychological associates set forth in this Subpart and the ethical standards for licensed psychologists set forth in Chapter 13 of this Part.

C. The board may investigate any complaint against a qualified supervisor.

D. Should a medical psychologist with a designation of qualified supervisor fail to comply with any requirement or condition established by this Rule, the board may immediately terminate his designation as a qualified supervisor. In addition, the board shall notify any jurisdiction in which the medical psychologist holds a license of a complaint or termination by this board.

E. In the event that the medical psychologist fails to obtain a designation of qualified supervisor prior to supervision of a candidate, the conduct may be considered the unlawful practice of psychology and prosecuted accordingly.

F. An applicant for the designation of qualified supervisor shall not be entitled to a pre-denial hearing.

G. A qualified supervisor shall not be entitled to a pre-termination hearing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2352, 37:2356.4, 37:2359, 37:2365

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§7311. Restrictions on Supervision

A. In an effort to maintain a level of supervision and practice consistent with professional standards ensuring the welfare of the supervisee and the client, the supervisor shall limit the number of supervisees as follows:

1. provide no more than 200 hours of continuous professional supervision per month;
2. be the supervisor of record for no more than five assistants to a psychologist (ATAPs); and
3. be the supervisor of record for no more than two candidates for psychologist license.

B. Exemption. The restriction on the number of supervisees and hours of supervision shall not include academic supervision.

C. Notwithstanding, the supervisor shall limit the number of supervision hours and persons supervised so as to be certain to maintain a level of supervision and practice consistent with professional standards ensuring the welfare of the supervisee and the client.

D. The supervisor shall not have a dual relationship with the supervisee, including but not limited to a familial relationship.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

§7313. Conduct of Supervision

A. Responsibility for the overall supervision of the supervisee's professional growth resides in the supervisor.

B. The board recognizes that the variability in preparation for practice of the supervisee will require individually tailored supervision. The specific content of the supervision procedures will be worked out between the supervisor of record and the supervisee.

C. The supervisor must have legal functioning authority over and professional responsibility for the work of the supervisee. This means that the supervisor must be available to the supervisee at the point of the decision-making. The supervisor's relationship with the supervisee shall be clearly differentiated from that of consultant, who may be called in at the discretion of the consultee and who has no functional authority for, nor none of the legal or professional accountability for the services performed or for the welfare of the client.

D. The supervisor is responsible for the delivery of services, the representation to the public of services, and the supervisor/supervisee relationship.

1. All clients will be informed of the availability or possible necessity of meetings with the supervisor at the request of the client, the supervisee, or the supervisor. The supervisor will be available for emergency consultation and intervention.

2. All written communication will clearly identify the supervisor as responsible for all psychological services provided. Public announcement of services and fees, and contact with the public or professional community shall be offered only by or in the name of the supervisor. It is the responsibility of both the supervisor and the supervisee to inform the client, to whatever extent is necessary for the client to understand, of the supervisory status and other specific information as to supervisee's qualifications and functions

3. Billing and receipt of payment is the responsibility of the employing agency or the supervisor. The setting and the psychological work performed shall be clearly identified as that of the licensed psychologist or licensed psychological associate. The physical location where services are delivered may not be owned, leased, or rented by the supervisee.

4. The supervisor must be paid either directly by the client or by the agency employing the supervisee. The supervisee may not pay the supervisor for supervisory services, nor may the supervisee or his immediate family have any financial interest in the employing agency.

5. The supervisor is responsible for the maintenance of information and files relevant to the client. The client shall be fully informed, to whatever extent is necessary for that client to understand, that the supervisor or the employing agency is to be the source of access to this information in the future.

E. In the event the supervisee publicly represents himself inappropriately, or supervision is not conducted as set forth in this Subpart, the Board of Directors may determine that any experience gained in that situation is not commensurate with ethical standards and thus not admissible as experience toward licensure. The Board of Directors may further find that any supervisor providing supervision under those circumstances is in violation of ethical standards which results in action by the board as authorized in this Part.

F. Termination of supervision of a candidate must be reported to the board by both the supervisor and supervisee, in writing within seven calendar days from when either party knew or should have known supervision was terminated.

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§7315. Evaluation and Accreditation of Supervised Practice Leading Toward Licensure

A. The board shall require submission of information by the supervisor(s) in the form and manner prescribed by the board which will enable it to evaluate and credit the extent and quality of the candidate's supervised practice.

B. Assessment of Supervisee's Performance. The board may also require the supervisee to submit reports.

C. Supervised practice time during which the supervisor deems the supervisee's performance to have been unacceptable shall not be credited toward the required supervised practice hours.

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Chapter 75. Continuing Education

§7501. Continuing Education Requirements

A. Unless specifically set forth in this Chapter, licensed psychological associates shall be governed by and comply with the continuing education and reporting requirements applicable to psychologists as set forth in Chapter 8 of this Part. For purposes of this Chapter, the rules within Chapter 8 applicable to licensed psychological associates and their scope of practice shall be interpreted by replacing the term *psychologist* with the term *licensed psychological associate*.

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Chapter 77. Licensees

§7701. Licensee Requirements

A. Unless specifically set forth in this Chapter, licensed psychological associates shall be governed by and comply with all licensee provisions applicable to and governing psychologists set forth in Chapter 9 of this Part. Such provisions include, but are not limited to, license renewal, reinstatement, lapsed license, contact information, and Emerit: Retired, shall be interpreted by replacing the term *psychologist* with the term *licensed psychological associate*.

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Chapter 79. Temporary Registration

§7901. Emergency Temporary Registration of Licensed Psychological Associates

A. Pursuant to R.S. 29:769(E), licensed psychological associates from other jurisdictions of the United States may respond to a declared public health emergency and be granted a temporary registration to engage in the practice of psychology as set forth in R.S. 37:2356.4 and further defined in this Subpart.

B. Prior to providing professional services in Louisiana pursuant to this section, a licensed psychological associate, or its substantial equivalent as determined by the board, who is licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States, shall apply and be approved for an Emergency Temporary Registration (ETR).

C. To apply for an emergency temporary registration, the applicant shall submit a complete application for ETR to the board in the form and manner prescribed the following documentation that the applicant:

1. is domiciled outside of Louisiana;
2. holds a current unrestricted license to practice as a licensed psychological associate or its equivalent as determined by the board in the jurisdiction of his/her domicile in the United States;

3. any other information pertaining to identification or fitness to practice as requested by the board.

D. A person granted an emergency temporary registration, or *registrant*, authorized under this provision may provide psychological services as set forth in R.S. 37:2356.4 provided the registrant:

1. is engaged in a legitimate relief effort during the emergency period;
2. provides satisfactory documentation to the board of the location site(s) that the registrant will be providing services;

3. complies with the Louisiana licensing law for psychologists, R.S. Title 37, Chapter 28; the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 46, Part LXIII; and, other applicable laws, as well as practice in good faith, and within the reasonable scope of his skills, training, and ability; and

4. renders services on a gratuitous basis with no revenue of any kind to be derived whatsoever from the provision of services with the state of Louisiana.

E. During a declared emergency, applications for emergency temporary registration shall be processed as priority. Furthermore, additional requirements for an ETR may be imposed pursuant to the emergency declaration issued which more properly address the needs of the particular declared emergency.

F. The authority provided for the Emergency Rule shall be applicable for a period of time not to exceed 60 days at the discretion of the board, with the potential extension of up to two additional periods not to exceed 60 days for each extension as determined appropriate and necessary by the board.

G. An Emergency Temporary Registration is not the property right of the licensed psychological associate.

H. Should a registrant fail to comply with any requirement or condition established by this Rule, the board may immediately terminate his registration. In addition, any known jurisdiction in which the registrant holds a license shall be notified of the termination of registration and any reasons therefore.

I. In the event a psychologist fails to register with the board, but practices psychology, whether gratuitously or otherwise, then such conduct will be considered the unlawful practice of psychology and the board may take action as authorized in this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4, 29:769(E).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 81. Ethical Standards for Licensed Psychological Associates

§8101. Ethical Standards

A. Unless specifically set forth in this Chapter, the ethical standards for licensed psychological associates shall be the same as those applicable to and governing psychologists set forth in Chapter 13 of this Part. For purposes of this Subpart, the rules within Chapter 13 applicable to licensed psychological associates and their scope of practice shall be interpreted by replacing the term *psychologist* with the term *licensed psychological associate*.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 83. Telepsychology and Telesupervision

§8301. Telepsychology and Telesupervision

A. Unless specifically set forth in this Chapter, licensed psychological associates shall be governed by and comply with the telepsychology and telesupervision requirements applicable to psychologists as set forth in Chapter 14 of this Part. For purposes of this Subpart, the rules within Chapter 14 applicable to licensed psychological associates and their scope of practice shall be interpreted by replacing the term *psychologist* with the term *licensed psychological associate*.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Chapter 85. Disciplinary Action

§8501. Disciplinary Action

A. Unless specifically set forth in this Chapter, licensed psychological associates shall be governed by and comply

with all licensee provisions applicable to and governing psychologists set forth in Chapter 15 of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., 37:2356.4

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

The Board of Examiners of Psychologists hereby issues this Family Impact Statement as set forth in R.S. 49:972. The proposed Rule is related to licensing for licensed psychological associate, creating opportunities to increase workforce and accessible care to underserved populations. The proposed rules may positively impact the facilitation of qualified professionals who work with individuals and families, therefore having a positive impact on the stability of the family, family functioning and behavior, mental health, and personal responsibility of individuals as it relates to facilitating the licensure and regulations of mental health professionals who may work with individuals and families to promote their mental health, education and well-being. This Rule will not impact family earnings and family budget; the ability of the family or a local government to perform their functions; nor will it impact the authority or rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed modifications impact the licensure and regulation of licensed psychological associate's in the interest of the health, safety and the welfare of the public. The rules do not have any known or foreseeable negative impact on any child, individual or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B as it is related to asset development. Specifically, there is no known or foreseeable direct effect on: household income, assets, and financial security; early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development; employment and workforce development; taxes and tax credits; or, child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance. However, increased access to qualified mental health care could positively impact early childhood development and mitigate future expenses to families and children who do not otherwise have access to services.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed rule on small businesses as defined in The Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. This proposed rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed rule will impact only applicants for licensed psychological associate. The proposed rules include provisions to allow for supervised training of an applicant for licensed psychological associate by a licensed psychologist or a licensed medical psychologist. The proposed rules align with statewide, and most nationally accepted standards for healthcare professions by requiring minimum standards, including criminal background checks, on individuals prior to the issuance of a license to practice independently in the state of Louisiana.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jaime T. Monic, Executive Director, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. All comments must be submitted by 12 noon on July 10, 2025.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Licensed Psychological Associate**

**I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

There are estimated implementation costs for the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists associated with promulgating the proposed rule. The board anticipates a one-time technology expense ranging from \$15,000 to \$35,000 in FY 27 to develop online application and renewal functionality for the new license type. No additional implementation costs or savings are anticipated for other state or local governmental units. Publication expenses for the Notice of Intent and final rule in the Louisiana Register are anticipated at approximately \$1,783 in both FY 25 and FY 26.

Proposed rule adopts new regulations under LAC 46: LXIII, Subpart 3, to implement Act 286 of the 2024 Regular Session, creating a new license category for licensed psychological associates (LPAs). These rules establish licensure requirements, application procedures, supervised practice standards, fees, ethical standards, and ongoing education criteria for LPAs—master’s level clinicians who practice under supervision of a licensed psychologist or medical psychologist. The rules are intended to increase access to mental health services in Louisiana, particularly in underserved areas, by creating a defined path for qualified non-doctoral professionals to lawfully provide psychological services.

**II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE
OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

The proposed rule establishes licensure for a licensed psychological associate (LPA) and creates a fee schedule for application, examination, renewal, reinstatement, and administrative processes. It is anticipated that revenue collections for the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists will increase as a result of the new license. Applicants for the LPA license will pay a one-time application fee of \$200, a one-time jurisprudence examination fee of \$75, and an annual renewal fee of \$200. Louisiana anticipates approximately fifteen (15) applicants per year from the three (3) universities that offer a terminal master’s program in psychology. Additionally, individuals who graduated prior to enactment of Act 286 of the 2024 Regular Session may qualify under provisions for legacy licensure, reciprocity, endorsement, and military licensing. While the Board cannot provide specific data, the requirement that applicants undergo a criminal background check may result in an indeterminable increase in revenue collections for the Louisiana State Police.

**III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO
DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR
NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

It is anticipated and intended that the proposed rule will positively benefit individuals qualifying for LPA licensure. It creates expedited licensure pathways for those licensed in other U.S. jurisdictions, individuals moving back to Louisiana under the Welcome Home Act, and active-duty military members and their dependents. Qualified individuals who become licensed psychological associates will expand their employment and independent practice opportunities.

The proposed rule will have the potential to address mental health care needs in Louisiana by increasing the number of professionals qualified to provide psychological services to the citizens of Louisiana through private practice and other organizations or governmental systems.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)**

The proposed rule is anticipated to have a positive impact on employment by creating a new licensure pathway for individuals with a master’s degree in psychology through the licensed psychological associate (LPA) credential, as established by Act 286 of the 2024 Regular Session. This credential allows professionals who previously did not qualify for independent or supervised practice under existing psychology licensure rules to now enter the behavioral health workforce. The rule outlines requirements for supervised practice, examination, continuing education, and ethical standards, thus providing a clear and regulated pathway to licensure for a previously ineligible group of psychology graduates.

By decreasing licensure barriers and formalizing the role of LPAs within Louisiana’s behavioral health system, the proposed rule is estimated to increase access to care in underserved communities and settings that experience provider shortages. Proposed changes may lead to increased availability of mental health services and greater employment opportunities across the state for both new licensees and supervising psychologists. The structured supervision and tele supervision provisions further support employment growth by allowing flexible practice arrangements.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Board of Nursing**

Faculty and Faculty Organization of Undergraduate and
Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs
(LAC 46:XLVII.3515)

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. 37:918, that Board of Nursing (LSBN) is proposing rule changes to Chapter 35, Section 3515, under Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. The proposed change will quantify the percentage of exceptions to the academic qualifications for undergraduate nurse faculty allowable.

Title 46

**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS**

**Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered
Nurses**

Subpart 2. Registered Nurses

**Chapter 35. Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing
Education Degree Programs**

**§3515. Faculty and Faculty Organization of
Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing
Education Degree Programs**

A. - B.8. ...

9. Exceptions to the academic qualifications for undergraduate nurse faculty shall be justified and approved under board established guidelines. Exceptions, if granted by the board shall be:

a. baccalaureate in nursing-prepared individuals who are not enrolled in a graduate program in nursing are

limited to a maximum two calendar years after which they must be enrolled in a graduate nursing program; and

b. baccalaureate in nursing-prepared individuals who are enrolled in a graduate program in nursing at the master's and/or doctoral level shall be initially approved for two years in accordance with current board guidelines. Exceptions may be granted to each individual for a maximum of four years.

c. limited to not more than forty percent of the FTE undergraduate nurse faculty.

C. - J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:918.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Nursing, LR 3:186 (April 1977), amended LR 10:1025 (December 1984), LR 12:678 (October 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Nursing, LR 19:1147 (September 1993), repromulgated LR 24:1293 (July 1998), amended LR 26:2789 (December 2000), repromulgated LR 27:851 (June 2001), amended LR 33:1123 (June 2007), LR 36:1245 (June 2010), LR 42:880 (June 2016), amended LR 49:874 (May 2023), Add LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed additions and/or changes to the rules of the board, Board of Nursing should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any family as defined by R.S. 49.972(D) or on family formation, stability and autonomy. Specifically, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the stability of the family;
2. the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children;
3. the functioning of the family;
4. a family's earnings and budget;
5. the behavior and personal responsibility of the children; or
6. the family's ability or that of the local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

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 not have an impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described on 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 any 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 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 not have an 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 on the proposed Rule to Karen C. Lyon, Executive Director, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 or by facsimile to (225)775-7585. All comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on before July 10, 2025.

Dr. Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA,
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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Faculty and Faculty Organization of Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs

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 Louisiana State Board of Nursing is approximately \$250 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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated economic losses to nursing schools or undergraduate nurse faculty resulting from the proposed rule change. The proposed rule simply provides a guideline for schools to follow when ensuring that undergraduate faculty meets the requisite academic qualifications. The proposed rule change will provide a guideline for the percentage of full time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate nurse faculty excepted from the required academic qualifications.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any effect on competition or employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Board of Nursing

Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC)
Insertion and Removal (LAC 46:XLVII.3707)

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. 37:918, that the Board of Nursing (LSBN) is proposing rule changes to Chapter 37,

Section 3707, under Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. The proposed change will repeal all language pertaining to Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Insertion and Removal.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS

Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered
Nurses

Subpart 2. Registered Nurses

Chapter 37. Nursing Practice

§3707. Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC)
Insertion and Removal

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:918.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Nursing, LR 36:64 (January 2010) amended LR 39:501 (March 2013), repealed by the Department of Health, Board of Nursing, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed additions and/or changes to the rules of the board, Board of Nursing should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any family as defined by R.S. 49.972(D) or on family formation, stability and autonomy. Specifically, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the stability of the family;
2. the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children;
3. the functioning of the family;
4. a family's earnings and budget;
5. the behavior and personal responsibility of the children; or
6. the family's ability or that of the local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

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 not have an impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described on 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 any 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 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 not have an 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 on the proposed Rule to Karen C. Lyon, Executive Director, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 or by facsimile to (225) 775-7585. All comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on before July 10, 2025.

Dr. Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA,
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Executive Director/CEO

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter
(PICC) Insertion and Removal

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 Louisiana State Board of Nursing is approximately \$250 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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated economic losses to healthcare providers or healthcare institutions resulting from the proposed rule change. The repeal of LAC 46: XLVII.3707 allows healthcare providers and institutions to determine the appropriate verification procedure for the insertion and removal of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters, as relates to the practice of nursing.

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 Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
and
Office of Aging and Adult Services

Home and Community-Based Services Waivers
Adult Day Health Care Providers—Cost Reporting
(LAC 50:XXI.711)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:XXI.711 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 adult day health care providers in order to clarify the cost report penalty language. This proposed Rule removes unnecessary language.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part XXI. Home and Community-Based Services

Waivers

Subpart 1. General Provisions

Chapter 7. Reimbursement Methodology

Subchapter B. Adult Day Health Care Providers

§711. Cost Reporting

A. - C. ...

D. Annual Reporting. Cost reports are to be filed on or before November 30 following the close of the cost reporting period. Should the due date fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state or federal holiday, the due date shall be the following business day. The cost report forms and schedules must be filed with one copy of the following documents:

D.1. - M.2....

N. Delinquent Cost Report. When an ADHC provider fails to submit a cost report by the due date, a penalty of 5 percent of the average monthly payment will be imposed. The average monthly payment will be determined using the payments that were paid to the ADHC provider during the cost reporting period covered in the delinquent cost report. The penalty will increase by 5 percent for each successive month until the cost report is submitted. The late filing penalty is non-refundable and not subject to an administrative appeal.

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, the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 47:1114 (August 2021), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 51:399 (March 2025), LR 51:

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 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 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 Kimberly Sullivan, JD, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. Sullivan is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is July 21, 2025.

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 July 10, 2025. 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 July 31, 2025 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after July 10, 2025. 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: Home and Community-Based Services Waivers—Adult Day Health Care Providers Cost Reporting

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 \$540 (\$270 SGF and \$270 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 adult day health care providers in order to clarify cost report penalties and remove unnecessary language.

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 \$270 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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing adult day health care providers in order to clarify cost report penalties and remove unnecessary language. This will have no impact on beneficiaries, but will help providers by making the penalties for failure to submit a cost report easier to understand. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to providers in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This proposed rule has no known effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Emergency Response Network**

Louisiana Stroke Center Recognition
(LAC 48:I.18701, 18703 and 18705)

Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board has exercised the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, and intends to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 187, Requirements for Stroke Center Recognition, Section 18701.A.1., A.4., A.5. and A.6., and Section 18703.A.3, A.5., A.6.a., A.6.b, and A.6.c., and Section 18705.A., and Section 18708.B., C. and D., as approved by the Emergency Response Network Board in a meeting of April 10, 2025, as authorized by R.S. 40:2846(A) and R.S. 40:2845(A)(7). The amendments change the name of one of the six levels of stroke facilities from “stroke bypass hospital” to “stroke referral center”, and designate the education and resources required for a stroke referral center.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 15. Emergency Response Network

Chapter 187. Requirements for Louisiana Stroke Center Recognition

§18701. Stroke Center Recognition

A. The Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) and the Louisiana Department of Health recognize the following six levels of stroke facilities:

1. CSC: comprehensive stroke center;
2. - 3. ...
4. PSC: primary stroke center;
5. ASRH: acute stroke ready hospital; and
6. stroke referral center (formerly designated stroke bypass hospital).

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2846(A) and 48:2845(A)(7).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 40:2590 (December 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 46:1088 (August 2020), amended LR 51:

§18703. Stroke Center Criteria

A. Each facility participating in stroke center recognition shall meet the following criteria.

1. - 2. ...

3. PSC-E: a primary stroke center (PSC-E) shall meet the requirements specified by the joint commission, healthcare facilities accreditation program (HFAP), or other LERN approved accrediting/certification body for Primary Stroke Center verification. Attestation as a PSC-E is only allowed after verification by the joint commission, HFAP, or other LERN approved accrediting/certification body that the facility meets all requirements set forth in the PSC standards. In addition to PSC requirements, a PSC-E must have physician(s) credentialed to perform mechanical thrombectomy and must update resource management portal of endovascular availability at all times. If a physician credentialed to perform endovascular capability is not available, the PSC-E must notify all EMS providers in the region when endovascular resources are not available. The PSC-E must collect and submit quarterly to LERN to the joint commission or other approved accrediting or certification body the same data the joint commission requires the Thrombectomy Stroke centers to collect and any other data as required by LERN.

4. - 5. ...

6. Stroke referral center: a stroke referral center should not receive patients exhibiting signs or symptoms of stroke except for instances when the clinical situation requires stopping at the closest emergency department. A stroke referral center must:

- a. have a transfer protocol in place for transfer to higher levels of care through written and agreed upon relationship with a CSC, TSC, PSC, PSC-E or ASRH stroke center;
- b. participate in LERN stroke education; and
- c. maintain a stroke resource binder or internet resource which at a minimum includes the following LERN guidelines: ED Provider Stroke Care Guideline, Anti-coagulant Associated Intracranial Hemorrhage Guideline, Spontaneous Intracranial Hemorrhage Guideline, and Wake Up/Unknown Time of System Onset Guideline.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2846(A) and 48:2845(A)(7).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 40:2590 (December 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network LR 46:1088 (August 2020), amended by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 50:220 (February 2024), amended LR 51:

§18705. Attestation for Stroke Center Recognition

A. A hospital seeking CSC, TSC, PSC-E, ASRH or stroke referral center recognition will submit an affidavit of the hospital CEO to LERN detailing compliance with the requirements designated herein.

A.1. - B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2846(A) and 48:2845(A)(7).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 40:2590 (December 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network LR 46:1089 (August 2020), amended by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 50:220 (February 2024), amended LR 51:

§18708. Failure to Submit Stroke Data to LERN

A. ...

B. For an ASRH not submitting data to the board for two consecutive quarters, the hospital will automatically be demoted to a stroke referral center.

C. Once an ASRH demotes to a stroke referral center for non-adherence with submission requirement, the hospital CEO cannot re-attest until the hospital has submitted two consecutive quarters of data meeting standards.

D. If an ASRH fails to meet the performance metrics after two quarters of participation in data review, the board appointed stroke committee may temporarily demote the facility to a stroke referral center until the next board meeting, when the board appointed stroke subcommittee will present the blinded data to the board for a vote on demotion to stroke referral center.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2846(A) and 48:2845(A)(7).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 46:1089 (August 2020), amended by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 50:220 (February 2024), amended LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

1. What effect will this proposed Rule have on the stability of the family? The proposed rules will not affect the stability of the family.

2. What effect will this have on the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children? The proposed Rule will not affect the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. What effect will this have on the functioning of the family? The Rule will not affect the functioning of the family.

4. What effect will this have on family earnings and family budget? The Rule will not affect the family earnings or family budget.

5. What effect will this have on the behavior and personal responsibility of children? These rules will not affect the behavior or personal responsibility of children.

6. Is the family or local government able to perform the function as contained in this proposed Rule? No, the proposed Rule will have no impact.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Statement

The impact of the proposed Rule on small business has been considered and it is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small business as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. 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 business.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of these proposed Rules have 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, and no increase on direct or indirect cost. The proposed Rule 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 relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., August 10, 2025, to Paige Hargrove, Louisiana Emergency Response Network, 7979 Independence Blvd, Suite 207, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, or via email to paige.hargrove@la.gov.

Paige Hargrove
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

RULE TITLE: Louisiana Stroke Center Recognition

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the rule publication costs, which are estimated to be \$1,065 in FY 25, it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will result in any material costs or savings to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) or any state or local governmental unit.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collection of state or local governmental units as a result of this rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.

Paige Hargrove
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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Health Standards Section**

Direct Service Worker Registry
(LAC 48:I.Chapter 92)

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), proposes to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 92 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2179-2179.1. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The department proposes to amend the provisions governing the direct service worker (DSW) registry in order to update the definition of DSW registry, to revise the requirements for checking the DSW registry, and to clarify the process for requesting an informal dispute resolution or administrative hearing.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 92. Direct Service Worker Registry

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§9201. Definitions

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Direct Service Worker Registry—the Louisiana adverse actions list maintained by the department, or its designee, of unlicensed persons who have a finding placed against them of abuse, neglect, misappropriation, exploitation, or extortion while employed or contracted as a direct service worker (DSW) at a licensed health care facility or entity, who is ineligible to be employed, contracted or continue to be employed or contracted as a DSW.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2179-2179.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2058 (November 2006), amended LR 33:95 (January 2007), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:3175 (December 2012), LR 42:893 (June 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, amended LR 45:662 (May 2019), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§9202. Introduction

A. - B.5. ...

C. Licensed and/or certified healthcare providers shall access the DSW registry and the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) list of excluded individuals and entities (LEIE) prior to hire, and then monthly thereafter to determine if there is a finding that a prospective hire, or currently employed or contracted DSW, has been determined to have committed exploitation, extortion, abuse or neglect of an individual being supported, or misappropriated the individual's property or funds. If there is such a finding on the DSW registry and/or the OIG's LEIE, the prospective employee or contracted individual shall not be hired or contracted as a DSW nor shall a current employee or contracted individual continue to work as a DSW with the licensed and/or certified health care provider.

1. Access to the DSW registry and/or the OIG's LEIE shall be limited to an inquiry for a specific DSW.

D. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2179-2179.1.

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amended LR 45:663 (May 2019), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter C. Provider Participation

§9231. Health Care Provider Responsibilities

A. - A.3. ...

B. The health care provider shall have a written policy/process to check the DSW registry and the OIG's LEIE prior to hire and then monthly thereafter, to determine if any currently employed or contracted DSW or trainee has been placed on the DSW registry and/or OIG's LEIE with a finding that he/she has been determined to have committed abuse or neglect of an individual being supported or misappropriated the individual's property or funds or committed exploitation or extortion of an individual being supported. If there is such a finding on the DSW registry and/or the OIG's LEIE, the prospective employee or contracted individual shall not be hired or contracted, nor shall a current or contracted DSW continue to work as a DSW.

B.1. - D.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2179-2179.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2061 (November 2006), amended LR 33:97 (January 2007), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:3176 (December 2012), LR 42:894 (June 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, amended LR 45:663 (May 2019), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter E. Violations

§9277. Informal Dispute Resolution

A. When a DSW feels that he/she has been wrongly accused, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. The DSW may request an informal dispute resolution (IDR) within 15 calendar days after the delivery or documented attempted delivery, of the department's notice of violation by U.S. Postal Service mail, FedEx, United Parcel Service, or other document delivery service approved by the department, addressed to the address reflected on the DSW registry, to the DSW's last known address if there is no address for the DSW in the registry, or to the DSW's electronic mail address. The request for an IDR shall be made to the HSS in writing.

2. - 5. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2179-2179.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2061 (November 2006), amended LR 33:98 (January 2007), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:3180 (December 2012), LR 42:895 (June 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter F. Administrative Hearings

§9285. General Provisions

A. The DSW may request an administrative hearing within 30 calendar days after delivery or documented attempted delivery, of the department's notice of violation or the notice of the results of an informal dispute resolution by U.S. Postal Service mail, FedEx, United Parcel Service, or other document delivery service approved by the department

addressed to the DSW's mailing address as reflected on the DSW registry, to the DSW's last known address if there is no address for the DSW in the registry, or to the DSW's electronic mail address.

A.1. - E.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2179-2179.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2062 (November 2006), amended LR 33:98 (January 2007), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:3180 (December 2012), LR 42:896 (June 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, amended LR 45:664 (May 2019), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

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 will have no impact on the direct or indirect cost to 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. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tasheka Dukes, RN, Health Standards Section, Post Office Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Dukes is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

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 July 14, 2025. 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 July 29, 2025 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To

confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after July 14, 2025. 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: Direct Service Worker Registry

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 or local governmental units other than the cost of promulgation in FY 26. It is anticipated that \$756 will be expended in FY 26 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed Rule and the final Rule.

This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing the direct service worker registry in order to update the definition of direct service worker (DSW) registry, to revise the requirements for checking the DSW registry, to add the requirement to access the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) list of excluded individuals and entities (LEIE), and to clarify the process for requesting an informal dispute resolution or administrative hearing.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on state or local revenue collections. This is a licensing Rule that does not add any licensing fees.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers, nor is it anticipated to result in any economic benefits.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

Tasheka Dukes, RN
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Health Standards Section

Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program
Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.Chapter 100)

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), proposes to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 100 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The department proposes to amend the provisions governing the licensing of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in order to revise the

employer's requirements and responsibilities for checking certain databases/registries, to update the department's process for notifying an individual that has been implicated in an investigation and/or had charges substantiated, and to clarify the process for requesting an informal dispute resolution or administrative hearing.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 100. Nurse Aide Training and Competency

Evaluation Program

Subchapter C. Nurse Aide Registry

§10033. General Provisions

A. - B. ...

C. Employers shall use the registry to determine if a prospective hire is a certified nurse aide (CNA) and to check if there is a finding placed on the registry that he/she has abused or neglected a resident, or misappropriated a resident's property or funds.

1. Employers shall ensure checks of the following databases prior to making an offer of employment or offer to contract with a CNA:

- a. Louisiana certified nurse aide registry (LCNAR);
- b. Louisiana adverse actions list; and
- c. Office of Inspector General's (OIG) list of excluded individuals and entities (LEIE).

2. Once a CNA is hired or contracted, the employer shall ensure monthly checks of the below databases:

- a. LCNAR;
- b. Louisiana adverse actions list; and
- c. OIG's LEIE.

3. If a finding exists on the LCNAR, the Louisiana adverse actions list, and/or the OIG's LEIE, the employer shall not continue to employ or contract with the CNA.

D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2078 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:1246 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1936 (November 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter D. Provider Participation

§10045. Employer Responsibilities

A. ...

B. A person shall not be employed or contracted to work as a CNA or CNA trainee if there is a final administrative or judicial court decision that the CNA or CNA trainee has:

1. committed abuse, neglect, or mistreatment of the elderly, infirm, or nursing facility resident;
2. misappropriated a resident's property;
3. been convicted of a non-hirable offense as specified in R.S. 40:1203.3; or

4. a finding of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of a resident's property on the:

- a. LCNAR;
- b. Louisiana adverse actions list; and/or
- c. OIG's LEIE.

C. - I. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2079 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:1247 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter E. Violations

§10059. Notice of Violation

A. When there are substantiated charges against the CNA, either through oral or written evidence, the department shall notify the individual(s) implicated in the investigation of the following information by U.S. Postal Service mail, FedEx, United Parcel Service, or other document delivery service approved by the department, addressed to the address as reflected on the LCNAR, the CNAs last known address, or to the CNA's electronic mail address as reflected on the LCNAR:

1. - 3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2079 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:1247 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§10061. Informal Dispute Resolution

A. When a nurse aide feels that he/she has been wrongly accused, the following procedure shall be followed.

1. The CNA may request an informal dispute resolution (IDR) within 15 calendar days after the delivery or documented attempted delivery of the department's notice of violation by U.S. Postal Service mail, FedEx, United Parcel Service, or other document delivery service approved by the department, addressed to the address as reflected on the LCNAR, the CNA's last known address, or to the CNA's electronic mail address as reflected on the LCNAR. The request for an IDR must be made to the department in writing.

2. - 4.e....

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2080 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:1247 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter F. Administrative Hearings

§10071. General Provisions

A. The CNA may request an administrative hearing within 30 calendar days after the delivery or documented attempted delivery of the department's notice of violation by U.S. Postal Service mail, FedEx, United Parcel Service, or other document delivery service approved by the department, addressed to the address as reflected on the LCNAR, the CNA's last known address, or to the CNA's electronic mail address as reflected on the LCNAR, of the department's notice of violation or the notice of the results of an IDR.

A.1. - G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2080 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:1248 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

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 will have no impact on the direct or indirect cost to 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. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tasheka Dukes, RN, Health Standards Section, Post Office Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Dukes is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

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 July 14, 2025. 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. July 29, 2025 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after July 14, 2025. 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: Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program—Licensing Standards

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 or local governmental units other than the cost of promulgation in FY 26. It is anticipated that \$756 will be expended in FY 26 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed Rule and the final Rule.

This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing the licensing of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs (NATCEPs) in order to revise the employer's requirements and responsibilities for checking certain databases/registries, to update the department's process for notifying an individual that has been implicated in an investigation and/or had charges substantiated, and to clarify the process for requesting an informal dispute resolution or administrative hearing.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on state or local revenue collections. This is a licensing Rule that does not add any licensing fees.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

Tasheka Dukes, RN
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Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Health Standards Section

Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.10001 and 10015)

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), proposes to amend LAC 48:I.10001 and §10015 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The department proposes to amend the provisions governing the licensing of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in order to add definitions and provisions for the utilization of virtual classroom training.

Title 48
PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL
Part I. General Administration
Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification
Chapter 100. Nurse Aide Training and Competency
Evaluation Program
Subchapter A. General Provisions
§10001. Definitions

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Didactic Teaching—a teaching method that focuses on teachers giving lessons to students. Typically, teachers who use didactic teaching create structured lessons that focus on lectures.

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Real-Time Learning—students and teachers work together at the same time and in the same place, face to face either via traditional school classroom or an online space that acts as a virtual classroom.

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Virtual Classroom—a learning environment where students and instructors interact through the use of internet-based platforms, such as video conferencing software or learning management systems, to engage in live, synchronous educational sessions. Virtual classrooms may include tools such as chat, polls, shared document editing, and real-time learning, but exclude hands-on laboratory, skills, and/or clinical practice.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2074 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:1242 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1936 (November 2023), amended by the Louisiana Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter B. Training and Competency Requirements
§10015. Training Curriculum/Program Approval

A. - B.2. ...

C. Curriculum Competencies. The training program shall be conducted to ensure that each nurse aide, at a minimum, is able to demonstrate competencies in the following areas:

C.1. - 9. ...

D. Program Approval

1. - 2. ...

3. All schools applying for approval shall identify the physical or virtual locations used for classroom instruction and physical location for the clinical experience. Non-facility based programs shall also submit clinical contracts which meet the guidelines established by the department.

4. - 6. ...

E. Virtual Classroom Training

1. Nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs may include virtual classroom training for theory or didactic portions of the program, excluding skills, laboratory, and/or clinical instruction.

2. Virtual classroom training must meet the following requirements:

a. Equipment Requirements

i. The program must ensure that learners have access to necessary equipment, including a computer or

tablet with internet access, microphone, and camera for real-time learning with instructors.

ii. The platform used for virtual learning must allow for secure, real-time communication between the instructor and the learner and facilitate the delivery of course materials.

b. Attendance Verification

i. The program must implement a system to verify student attendance in virtual classrooms. This may include but is not limited to, logging into the virtual classroom platform, engaging with content, and participating in live sessions.

ii. The program must retain attendance records, and students must log in at the start of each session. Students must also be required to complete periodic quizzes or assignments to verify engagement.

c. Monitoring and Maintaining Integrity

i. The program must employ methods for monitoring student participation during virtual training to maintain academic integrity. These may include video surveillance, proctored exams, or other forms of verification to ensure that the enrolled student is participating.

ii. The program must have a system for tracking and reporting non-participation or disruptive behavior by a student, which may include withdrawal or other corrective measures.

d. Instructor Qualifications

i. Instructors for virtual classroom training must meet the same qualifications as those required for in-person instruction, including but not limited to, necessary certifications, experience, and familiarity with the virtual teaching platform.

3. Programs that incorporate virtual classroom training must submit a detailed plan, to include the department's approved curriculum, for how virtual learning will be implemented and monitored. The plan must include the types of courses delivered in the virtual classroom, the software platforms used, and methods for ensuring academic integrity.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and P.L. 100-203.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:2075 (November 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Financing LR 38:1242 (May 2012), repromulgated LR 38:1410 (June 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

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 an indeterminable impact on the direct or indirect cost to small businesses that may provide virtual classroom learning.

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 have an indeterminable impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule may have an indeterminable impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers that may provide virtual classroom learning.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tasheka Dukes, RN, Health Standards Section, Post Office Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Dukes is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

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 July 14, 2025. 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. July 29, 2025 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after July 14, 2025. 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: Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program—Licensing Standards

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state or local governmental units other than the cost of promulgation in FY 26. It is anticipated that \$648 will be expended in FY 26 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed Rule and the final Rule.

This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing the licensing of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs (NATCEP) in order to add definitions for didactic teaching, real-time learning, and virtual classroom, and to add provisions for the utilization of virtual classroom training in an effort to attract nurse aide students.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no impact on state or local revenue collections. This is a licensing rule that does not add any licensing fees.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule may have an indeterminable impact on the direct or indirect costs to providers that choose to provide virtual classroom learning. Potential costs are dependent upon whether additional instructors are necessary for virtual classroom learning, cost of equipment and software, decreased use of classroom space, etc.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

It is anticipated that this proposed rule may have an indeterminable effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service for those providers that choose to provide virtual classroom learning. The impact to staffing level is dependent upon if additional instructors are required for virtual classroom learning. In addition, if more students are utilizing virtual classroom learning options, there may be a decrease in need for real-time learning instructors.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Health Standards Section

Nurse Staffing Agencies—Licensing Standards
(LAC 48:I.Chapter 77)

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), proposes to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 77 as authorized by R.S. 36:254. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The department proposes 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 requirements, and modify initial licensure, renewal of licensure, and change of ownership requirements.

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

§7701. Introduction

A. ...

B. Any person, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or other legal entity that meets the definition of an NSA shall submit an initial licensing application and fee to the department within 90 days of the promulgation of the initial rules, regulations, and licensing standards.

B.1. - G.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1728 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§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 an independent contractor, provided that such CNA in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work.

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Client—the licensed healthcare facility to which the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or certified nurse aide is assigned.

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Employee or Contracted Staff—a person employed or engaged as an independent contractor by the nurse staffing agency (NSA) to perform healthcare services in a healthcare facility.

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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 an independent nurse or certified nurse aide bids on open shifts posted by a healthcare facility to provide services for the healthcare facility.

* * *

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 an independent contractor, provided that such LPN in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work.

Line of Credit—a credit arrangement with a federally insured, licensed lending institution that is established to ensure that the NSA has available funds as needed to continue the operations of the NSA. The line of credit shall be issued to the licensed entity. For purposes of NSA licensure, the line of credit shall not be a loan, credit card, or a bank balance.

Louisiana Adverse Actions List—the adverse actions database, or its successor, maintained by the department or its designee, containing all individuals or providers who are sanctioned, which may include exclusions or for-cause terminations through LDH.

* * *

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 an independent contractor, provided that such

nurse in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work.

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 these regulations, NSA does not include the following:

1. - 3. ...

4. A recruitment organization engaged by a healthcare facility to identify foreign educated nurses or CNAs for direct employment by the healthcare facility.

Referral—the act of sending or directing, or facilitating the sending or directing, the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or CNA to a healthcare facility to provide healthcare services at the request of or for the benefit of the healthcare facility.

* * *

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, a registered nurse who is engaged through a licensed NSA may be considered an independent contractor, provided that such registered nurse in his or her sole discretion bids on open shifts and chooses where, when, and how often to work.

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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 51:

§7705. Licensure Requirements

A. - E. ...

F. The NSA shall maintain evidence of the following:

1. current professional liability insurance in an amount sufficient to provide coverage in accordance with the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims as indicated in R.S. 40:1231.2, or current law; and

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 independent 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 51:

§7707. Initial Licensure Application Process

A. ...

B. The initial licensing application packet shall include:

1. - 5. ...

6. evidence of the following:

a. financial solvency comprised of:

i. a line of credit issued from a federally insured, licensed lending institution in the amount of at least \$25,000; or

ii. verification of sufficient assets equal to \$25,000 or the cost of three months of operation, whichever is less;

b. professional liability insurance in an amount sufficient to provide coverage in accordance with the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims as indicated in R.S. 40:1231.2, or current law; and

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 independent contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation law;

7. ...

8. a completed disclosure of ownership and control information form; and

9. any other relevant documentation or information required by the department for licensure;

10. - 11. Repealed.

C. If the initial licensing application packet is incomplete, the applicant shall be notified of the missing information and shall have 90 days from receipt of the notification to submit the additional requested information.

1. If the additional requested information is not submitted to the department within 90 days, the application shall be closed.

2. If an initial licensing application is closed, an applicant who is still interested in becoming a NSA shall submit a new initial licensing packet with a new initial nonrefundable licensing fee to start the initial licensing process.

3. - 8. Repealed.

D. Once the initial licensing application packet has been approved by the department, the NSA applicant shall submit to the department a verified readiness attestation that the NSA is in compliance with the NSA licensing laws, regulations, and standards. However, the department retains the discretion to conduct an on-site survey or inspection.

1. If an applicant fails to submit the required readiness attestation for initial licensure within 90 days of approval, the initial licensing application shall be closed. After an initial licensing application is closed, an applicant who is still interested in becoming a NSA must submit a new initial licensing packet with a new initial non-refundable licensing fee to start the initial licensing process.

2. Repealed.

E. Applicant shall be in compliance with all federal, state, departmental, or local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and all non-refundable fees shall be paid before the NSA provider will be issued an initial license to operate.

1. The secretary of the department may, within his/her sole discretion, grant waivers to provisions of the NSA licensing rules. The NSA shall submit a waiver request in writing to the department on forms prescribed by the department.

2. In the waiver request, the NSA shall demonstrate the following:

a. how the health, safety, and welfare of an individual or individuals receiving services will not be compromised if such waiver is granted;

b. how the quality of care offered will not be compromised if such waiver is granted; and

c. all other requirements of the service, condition, or regulation.

3. The licensing section of the department shall have each waiver request reviewed by an internal waiver review committee. In conducting such internal waiver review, the following shall apply:

a. the waiver review committee may consult subject matter experts as necessary; and

b. the waiver review committee may require the NSA to submit risk assessments or other documentation to the department.

4. The director of the licensing section of the department shall submit the waiver review committee's recommendation on each waiver to the secretary, or the secretary's designee, for final determination.

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

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

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

8. 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 an individual or individuals may be compromised.

F. Repealed.

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 51:

§7709. Initial Licensing Reviews or Surveys

A. Prior to the initial license being issued to the NSA, an initial licensing review or survey shall be conducted to ensure compliance with the NSA licensing laws and standards. Except for existing NSAs who timely apply for a license under §7701 of this Chapter, no NSA services shall be provided by the NSA until the NSA has been found in compliance, and the initial license has been issued to the NSA by the department. An existing NSA that timely applies for a license must receive a license within 180 days in order to continue to provide services.

B. In the event that the initial licensing review or survey finds that the NSA is compliant with all licensing laws, regulations, and any other required statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and non-refundable fees, the department shall issue a full license to the provider. The license shall be valid until the expiration date shown on the license, unless the license is revoked.

C. In the event that the initial licensing review or survey finds that the NSA is noncompliant with any licensing laws, regulations, or any other required statutes, laws, ordinances, rules or regulations that present a potential threat to the health, safety, or welfare of an individual or individuals receiving services, the department shall deny the initial license.

D. In the event that the initial licensing review or survey finds that the NSA is deficient or noncompliant with any licensing laws, regulations, or any other required statutes, laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, but the department in its sole discretion determines that the deficiency or noncompliance does not present a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of an individual or individuals receiving services, the department may issue a provisional initial license for a period not to exceed six months.

1. The provider shall submit an acceptable plan of correction to the department for approval, and the NSA shall be required to correct all such deficiencies or noncompliance(s) prior to the expiration of the provisional license.

a. If all such deficiencies or noncompliance(s) are corrected on the follow-up licensing review or survey, a full license will be issued.

b. If all such deficiencies or noncompliance(s) are not corrected on the follow-up licensing review or survey, or new deficiencies or noncompliance(s) affecting the health, safety, or welfare of an individual or individuals receiving services is cited, the provisional license shall expire and the provider shall be required to begin the initial licensing process again by submitting a new initial license application packet and the appropriate non-refundable licensing fee.

E. An initial licensing review or survey of a NSA shall be an announced survey. Follow-up licensing reviews or surveys to the initial licensing surveys shall be unannounced surveys.

F. Once a NSA has been issued an initial license, the department may conduct licensing reviews and other surveys at intervals deemed necessary by the department to determine compliance with licensing standards and regulations, as well as other required statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and fees.

1. A plan of correction may be required from an NSA where deficiencies or noncompliance(s) have been cited. Such plan of correction shall be approved by the department.

2. A follow-up licensing review or survey may be conducted for any licensing review or survey where deficiencies or noncompliance(s) have been cited to ensure correction of the noncompliant or deficient practice(s).

G. The department's surveyors and staff shall be given access to all areas of the NSA and all relevant files during any licensing review, survey, or complaint investigation, and shall be allowed to interview any NSA staff as necessary to conduct the complaint investigation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1731 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§7711. Types of Licenses and Expiration Dates

A. The department shall have the authority to issue the following types of licenses:

1. Full Initial License. The department shall issue a full license to the NSA when the initial licensing review or survey finds that the NSA is compliant with all licensing laws and regulations, and is compliant with all other required statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and all non-refundable fees have been paid. The license shall be

valid until the expiration date shown on the license, unless the license is revoked.

2. Provisional Initial License. The department may issue a provisional initial license to the NSA when the initial licensing review or survey finds that the NSA is deficient or noncompliant with any licensing laws or regulations or any other required statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or non-refundable fees, but the department determines that the deficiencies or noncompliance(s) do not present a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of an individual or individuals receiving services.

3. ...

4. Provisional Renewal License. The department, in its sole discretion, may issue a provisional license to an existing licensed NSA for a period not to exceed six months.

a. The department will consider the following circumstances in making a determination to issue a provisional license:

i. - iv. ...

v. the existing NSA has failed to correct deficiencies or noncompliant practice(s) within 60 days of being cited for such deficiencies or noncompliant practice(s) or at the time of a follow-up review or survey; or

vi. ...

b. When the department issues a provisional license to an existing licensed NSA, the NSA shall submit a plan of correction to LDH for approval, and the NSA shall be required to correct all such deficiencies or noncompliant practice(s) prior to the expiration of the provisional license. The department shall conduct a follow-up review or survey of the NSA prior to the expiration of the provisional license.

i. If the follow-up review or survey determines that the NSA has corrected the deficiencies or noncompliant practice(s) and has maintained compliance during the period of the provisional license, the department may issue a full license until the anniversary date of the NSA license.

ii. If the follow-up review or survey determines that all deficiencies or noncompliance(s) have not been corrected, or if new deficiencies or noncompliance(s) that are a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of an individual or individuals receiving services are cited on the follow-up review or survey, the provisional license shall expire. The NSA shall be required to begin the initial licensing process again by submitting a new initial license application packet and appropriate nonrefundable fee.

iii. The department shall issue written notice to the NSA of the results of the follow-up review or survey.

B. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1732 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§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. financial solvency comprised of:
 - i. a line of credit issued from a federally insured, licensed lending institution in the amount of at least \$25,000; or
 - ii. verification of sufficient assets equal to \$25,000 or the cost of three months of operation, whichever is less;
 - b. current professional liability insurance in an amount sufficient to provide coverage in accordance with the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims as indicated in R.S. 40:1231.2, or current law; and
 - 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 independent contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation Law;
7. ...
8. a completed disclosure of ownership and control information form;
9. any other relevant documentation or information required by the department for licensure.
10. Repealed.

C. - F. ...

G. Once all application requirements have been completed and approved by the department, a new license shall be issued to the new owner. The transferor shall remain responsible for the operation of the NSA until such time as a license is issued to the transferee.

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 51:

§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. financial solvency comprised of:
 - i. a line of credit issued from a federally insured, licensed lending institution in the amount of \$25,000; or
 - ii. verification of sufficient assets equal to \$25,000 or the cost of three months of operation, whichever is less;
 - b. evidence of current professional liability insurance in an amount sufficient to provide coverage in accordance with the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims as indicated in R.S. 40:1231.2, or current law; and
 - 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 independent contractors or other staff not subject to Louisiana Worker's Compensation law;

A.3. - C.1. ...

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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 51:

§7719. Denial of Initial Licensure, Revocation of License, Denial of License Renewal, Operation without License and Penalty

A. - E. ...

F. Operation without License and Penalty

1. An NSA shall not operate without a license issued by the department.

a. Any such person, partnership, corporation, unincorporated associations, or other legal entity operating a NSA without a license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined no less than \$250 for each day of operation without a license, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

1.b. - 2.a. ...

3. The department shall seek an injunction in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court against any person, partnership, corporation, unincorporated associations, or other legal entity operating an NSA that receives a cease and desist order from the department and who does not cease operations immediately.

a. Any such person, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or other legal entity operating an NSA against whom an injunction is granted shall be liable to the department for attorney fees, costs, and damages.

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 51:

Subchapter B. Administration and Organization

§7735. Governing Body

A. An NSA shall have an identifiable governing body with responsibility for and authority over the policies and activities of the NSA.

A.1. - B.11. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1738 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§7737. Policy and Procedures

A. The NSA shall develop, implement, and comply with NSA-specific written policies and procedures, approved by the owner(s) or governing body, related to compliance with this Chapter, including but not limited to the following policies and procedures:

1. - 13. ...

14. a written policy to address prohibited use of social media. The policy shall ensure that all employees or contracted staff, at a minimum, ensure preservation of dignity, respect, and confidentiality of an individual or individuals' receipt of healthcare services, and protection of an individual or individuals receiving healthcare services' privacy and personal and property rights.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1739 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§7741. Branch Offices and Satellites of Nurse Staffing Agency Providers

A. Nurse staffing agency providers with branch offices or satellite locations shall meet the following:

1. No branch office or satellite location may be opened without prior written approval from HSS. In order for a branch office or satellite location to be approved, the parent NSA shall have maintained a full licensure for the previous 12-month period.

2. The department may consider the following in making a determination whether to approve a branch office or a satellite location:

a. - c. ...

d. if the parent NSA currently has a provisional license;

e. if the parent NSA currently is in a settlement agreement with the department;

f. if the parent NSA is currently under license revocation or denial of license renewal;

g. if the parent NSA is currently undergoing a change of ownership; and

h. if any adverse action has been taken against the license of other NSAs operated by the owner of the parent NSA within the previous two-year period.

3. The branch office or satellite location shall be held out to the public as a branch office or satellite of the parent NSA so that the public will be aware of the identity of the NSA operating the branch office or satellite.

3.a. - 8...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1739 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

Subchapter C. Provider Responsibilities

§7751. Core Staffing Requirements

A. - B.

C. The NSA shall not employ, assign, or refer for use in a healthcare facility in Louisiana, a nurse or CNA unless the nurse or CNA is certified or licensed in accordance with the applicable provision of state and federal laws or regulations, and meets the minimum mandatory qualifications and requirements for CNAs. Each nurse and CNA shall comply with all pertinent regulations of the department relating to the health and other qualifications of employees or contracted staff employed in healthcare facilities.

1. The NSA shall review the Louisiana certified nurse aide registry (LCNAR), the Louisiana adverse actions list, and the Office of Inspector General's list of excluded individuals and entities (OIG-LEIE), to confirm that there has been no finding that any nurse or CNA has committed exploitation, extortion, abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property or funds of an individual in the care of the nurse or CNA, prior to hire or contract and monthly thereafter. If such a finding exists, the NSA shall not employ, assign, or

refer the nurse or CNA, and existing employments, assignments, or referrals shall be terminated.

2. The NSA shall provide the healthcare facility, of which the nurse or CNA is assigned or referred, with documentation verifying the certification or licensure status of a nurse or CNA, as well as the certification and minimum mandatory qualifications for CNAs, in accordance with the applicable provision of state and federal laws or regulations.

D. Administrator/Director Responsibilities. The administrator/director shall:

1. ...

2. be available in person or by telecommunication at all times for all aspects of NSA operation or designate in writing an individual to assume the authority and control of the NSA if the administrator/director is temporarily unavailable;

3. be responsible for the day-to-day management and supervision of the operations of the NSA;

4. - 7. ...

8. implement an ongoing, accurate, and effective budgeting and accounting system; and

9. ensure that all employees or contracted staff receive proper orientation and training on policies and procedures, as required by law or as necessary to fulfill each employee or contracted staff person's responsibilities.

10. Repealed.

E. - E.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1740 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

§7753. Record Keeping

A. - A.10. ...

B. Personnel Records. An NSA shall maintain a personnel record for each employee or contracted staff. At a minimum, this file shall contain the following:

1. - 3. ...

4. evidence of reviews of the LCNAR, the Louisiana adverse actions list, and the Office of Inspector General's list of excluded individuals and entities (OIG-LEIE), to confirm that there has been no finding that any CNA has committed exploitation, extortion, abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property or funds of an individual in the care of the CNA, prior to hire or contract and monthly thereafter. If such a finding exists, the NSA shall not employ, assign, or refer the CNA, and existing employments, assignments, or referrals shall be terminated.

B.5. - C.2.d. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:1740 (October 2023), amended by the Department of Health, Health Standards Section, LR 51:

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 result in an indeterminable decrease in costs to small business providers in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28, since criminal background checks on all applicant(s), owner(s) with five percent or more ownership interest, or administrator(s)/director(s) for any state lived in within the last five years will no longer be required for initial licensure as a NSA or change of ownership of a NSA.

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 and no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule may result in an indeterminable decrease in costs to a NSA in FY 25-26, FY 26-27, and FY 27-28 since criminal background checks on all applicant(s), owner(s) with five percent or more ownership interest, or administrator(s)/director(s) for any state lived in within the last five years will no longer be required for initial licensure as a NSA or change of ownership of a NSA.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tasheka Dukes, RN, Health Standards Section, P.O. Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Dukes is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

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 July 14, 2025. 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 July 29, 2025 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after July 14, 2025. 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: Nurse Staffing Agencies Licensing Standards

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 or local governmental units other than the cost of promulgation in FY 26. It is anticipated that \$2,700 will be expended in FY 26 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed Rule and the final Rule.

This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing the licensing of nurse staffing agencies (NSA) in order to add and update definitions, adjust social media policy requirements, revise administrator requirements, and modify initial licensure, renewal of licensure, and change of ownership requirements.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule will have no impact on state or local revenue collections. This is a licensing Rule that does not add any licensing fees.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed Rule may result in an indeterminable cost savings to providers, as criminal background checks will no longer be required for initial licensure or change of ownership of a NSA for all applicants, owners with five percent or more ownership interest, or administrators/directors for any state of residence in within the past five years.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

Tasheka Dukes, RN
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Office of Public Health

Blood Lead Reference Value and Reporting
(LAC 48:V.Chapter 70)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., the Department of Health (LDH) proposes to amend LAC 48:V.Chapter 70 to specify the blood lead reference value consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and to update the contact information for the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LCLPPP).

Title 48

Public Health—General

Part V. Preventive Health Services

Chapter 70. Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

§7001. Relationship of Local and State Poisoning Prevention Programs

A. The local lead prevention program shall collaborate with the state Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at the Office of Public Health and adhere to current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., and under the authority of R.S. 40:5; 40:1285.1; 40:1285.2; and 40:1285.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 26:85, (January 2000); amended LR 27:52 (January 2001), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 51:

§7003. Definitions

A Case of Lead Poisoning (in children between the ages of six months to 72 months of age)—

1. a venous blood-lead level greater than or equal to 3.5 µg/dl (micrograms per deciliter);

2. - 3. ...

Clinical Laboratory—a facility for the biological, microbiological, serological, chemical, immunohematological, hematological, biophysical, cytological, pathological, or other examination of substances derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease, or in the assessment or impairment of the health of human being.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., and under the authority of R.S. 40:5; 40:1285.1; 40:1285.2; and 40:1285.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 26:85, (January 2000); amended LR 27:52 (January 2001), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 51:

§7005. Mandatory Blood Lead Screening of Children in High Risk Geographical Areas

A. - B.2. ...

3. blood lead levels >3.5µg/dl obtained from finger stick samples will be confirmed using a venous blood sample.

C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., and under the authority of R.S. 40:5; 40:1285.1; 40:1285.2; 40:1285.3; and 40:1285.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 26:85 (January 2000), amended LR 27:52 (January 2001), LR 31:1588 (July 2005), LR 34:2173 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 51:

§7007. Mandatory Case Reporting by Health Care Providers

A. Medical providers must report a lead case, which is indicated by a blood lead test result of >3.5µg/dl (micrograms per deciliter), to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Office of Public Health within 24 working hours to ensure appropriate and timely follow-up. All health care providers shall assure that all the following information is submitted to the testing laboratory with all ordered blood lead samples for analysis and/or submitted

with all lead case reports to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:

A.1. - 14. ...

B. Lead cases, along with the specified information shall be reported within 24 business hours by fax to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Office of Public Health at 225-242-0496 and the original lead case reporting form shall be mailed within five business days to the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Office at 1450 Poydras St. Suite 1631, New Orleans, LA 70112.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., and under the authority of R.S. 40:5; 40:1285.1; 40:1285.2; 40:1285.3; and 40:1285.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 26:85 (January 2000), amended LR 27:52 (January 2001), LR 31:1588 (July 2005), LR 34:2174 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 51:

§7009. Reporting Requirements of Blood Lead Levels by Laboratories and by Health Care Providers Performing Office-Based Blood Lead Analyses for Public Health Surveillance

A. Health care providers who conduct blood lead level screenings using a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waived blood lead analysis device to determine blood lead levels and clinical laboratories responsible for conducting analysis to determine blood lead levels for health care providers and/or for referring laboratories, shall also report all results to the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program by electronic transmission in a format consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for uniform reporting of blood lead results to state and local health departments as available at <https://ldh.la.gov/page/electronic-laboratory-reporting-elr-in-louisiana>.

B. - B.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., and under the authority of R.S. 40:5; 40:1285.1; 40:1285.2; 40:1285.3; and 40:1285.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 26:85 (January 2000), amended LR 27:53 (January 2001), LR 31:1588 (July 2005), LR 34:2174 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 51:

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 July 10, 2025 at close of business, 4:30 p.m., and should be addressed to Jonathan Whipple, Program Monitor, Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, P.O. BOX 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160 or emailed to Jonathan Whipple at jonathan.whipple@la.gov.

Public Hearing

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 Thursday, July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025, in Room 117 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after Thursday, July 10, 2025. 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
and
Ralph L. Abraham, M.D.
Surgeon General

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Blood Lead Reference Value and Reporting

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 \$500 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed rule amends LAC 48:V.Chapter 70 to update the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's regulations in alignment with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. Specifically, the rule lowers the blood lead reference value to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter and updates mandatory screening and case reporting requirements for healthcare providers and laboratories. The rule also clarifies reporting procedures, submission timeframes, and updated contact information for the Office of Public Health. These changes are intended to improve the early identification and intervention of lead exposure in children and ensure timely reporting for public health surveillance. No new service obligations are imposed beyond aligning with CDC recommendations.

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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health Office of Public Health

Reportable Diseases and Conditions (LAC 51:II.105)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., the Department of Health (LDH) proposes to amend LAC 51:II.105 to reflect the current contact information for the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LCLPPP).

Title 51

PUBLIC HEALTH—SANITARY CODE

Part II. The Control of Diseases

Chapter 1. Disease Reporting Requirements

§105. Reportable Diseases and Conditions [formerly paragraph 2:003]

A. - E.3. ...

4. ⁴Report to the Louisiana Genetic Diseases Program, www.genetics.dhh.louisiana.gov, or facsimile [(504) 568-8253 (fax)], or call (504) 568-8254 or (800) 242-3112.

5. ⁵Report to the Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology, <http://www.ldh.la.gov/seet> or call (504) 568-8156, toll free at (888) 293-7020, or by fax at 225-242-0496.

E.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:4(A)(2) and R.S. 40:5(2)(10)(11).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 28:1212 (June 2002), amended LR 32:1050 (June 2006), LR 34:2173 (October 2008), repromulgated LR 34:2582 (December 2008), LR 36:1014 (May 2010), repromulgated LR 36:1253 (June 2010), amended LR 39:1053 (April 2013), LR 41:2653 (December 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, amended LR 45:667 (May 2019), LR 47:51 (January 2021), LR 51:

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 July 10, 2025 at close of business, 4:30 p.m., and should be addressed to Jonathan Whipple, Program Monitor, Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, P.O. BOX 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160 or emailed to Jonathan Whipple at jonathan.whipple@la.gov.

Public Hearing

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 Thursday, July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025, in Room 117 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after Thursday, July 10, 2025. 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.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Reportable Diseases and Conditions

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 \$500 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the Louisiana Register.

Proposed rule updates the Louisiana Administrative Code to revise contact information for the Louisiana Childhood Lead

Poisoning Prevention Program (LCLPPP) and the Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology (SEET) within the Department of Health. The rule does not alter the list of reportable diseases or the reporting obligations for healthcare providers and laboratories. It is a technical amendment intended to ensure timely and accurate disease reporting by reflecting current phone numbers, fax lines, and website addresses for relevant state programs. No new regulatory responsibilities or costs are imposed as a result of the rule.

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, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings
Instituted against a License (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 181)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted Against a License.

The purpose of Regulation 120 is to establish procedures for governing the institution of administrative and agency proceedings resulting in administrative action with respect to a license. The statute has been amended by Acts 135 and 487 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, which provides for notices of intent and for regulatory actions to be sent to the licensee via electronic means. Therefore, Regulation 120 is being amended to provide for electronic delivery.

Title 37

INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 181. Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted against a License

§18109. Definitions

A. ...

Electronic Delivery—a method of providing electronic notice to a licensee including but not limited to email, web portal or other electronic mechanism established for communication from the Department of Insurance.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1105 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

§18111. Actions against License; Notice of Wrongful Conduct; Opportunity to Show Compliance

A. Prior to the institution of an agency proceeding regarding the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a license, the commissioner shall give the licensee notice of the wrongful conduct alleged and an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq. The notice of wrongful conduct shall be in writing and mailed, electronically delivered or delivered personally to the licensee at the last known address or principal place of business identified in the department's database for the licensee, and it must include the particulars set forth under Subpart B herein.

B. ...

C. The licensee shall have 20 calendar days from the mailing, electronic delivery, or personal delivery of the notice of wrongful conduct by the commissioner to demonstrate compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the license as specified in the notice of wrongful conduct, unless the commissioner determines that an extension of time is warranted.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1105 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

§18113. Notice of Regulatory Action

A. If the licensee fails to demonstrate compliance with all lawful requirements of Title 22 for retention of the license to the satisfaction of the commissioner within 20 calendar days of the mailing, electronic delivery, or personal service of the notice of wrongful conduct, or within any extension of time approved by the commissioner, a notice of regulatory action may be issued. The notice shall be in writing and issued via mail, electronic delivery or by personal delivery to the last known address or principal place of business identified in the department's database for the licensee. The revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a license shall take effect 10 calendar days from the date of issuance of the notice of regulatory action, unless otherwise provided in Title 22. The licensee shall have the right to timely demand an administrative hearing to contest the notice of regulatory action in accordance with R.S. 22:2191, et seq.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1105 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

§18115. Notice of Summary Suspension or Order

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, if the commissioner finds that the public health, safety, or welfare of Louisiana citizens imperatively requires emergency action, the commissioner may issue a notice of

summary suspension or order to the licensee, setting forth the basis for such a finding. The notice of summary suspension or order shall be in writing and mailed, electronically delivered or delivered personally to the licensee at the last known address or principal place of business identified in the department's database for the licensee, and it may be issued while agency proceedings for license revocation or other adverse actions authorized by R.S. 49:961© are pending, unless otherwise provided in Title 22. The licensee shall have the right to timely demand an administrative hearing to contest the notice of summary suspension or order in accordance with R.S. 22:2191, et seq.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1106 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon the stability of the family.

2. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of Their Children. The proposed amended regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed amended regulation should have no direct impact upon the functioning of the family.

4. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on Family Earnings and Budget. The proposed amended regulation should have no direct impact upon family earnings and budget.

5. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed amended regulation should have no impact upon the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Rule. The proposed amended regulation should have no impact upon the ability of the family or a local governmental unit to perform the function as contained in the rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on household income assets and financial security.

2. Describe the Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. Describe the Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on taxes and tax credits.

5. Describe the Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation and Utilities Assistance. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed amended regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed amended regulation 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 amended regulation that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

1. Identification and Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

2. The Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, Including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

4. Describe any Less Intrusive or Less Costly Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purpose of the Proposed Rule. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

Provider Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Jacob Carter, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, or by faxing comments to (225) 342-1632, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., July 20, 2025.

Timothy J. Temple
Commissioner

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted against a License

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The proposed rule revisions amend Regulation 120, which was implemented to establish procedures for the governance of administrative action against a license. Act 135 and Act 487 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session added a provision for notices of intent and for regulatory actions to be sent to the licenses via electronic means. Therefore, this regulation is amended to provide for electronic delivery.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact on state or local government revenues.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will benefit administrative and agency proceedings by amending the rule to provide electronic delivery.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact on competition and employment in the state.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission
(LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 207)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to promulgate Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission.

The Department of Insurance promulgates Regulation 135 to comply with Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature which amended R.S. 22:2161. Regulation 135 provides the commissioner with the authority to create and operate advisory boards or commissions.

Title 37
INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 207. Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission

§20701. Authority

A. The commissioner issues Regulation 135 pursuant to the provisions of Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. R.S. 22:11.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

§20703. Purpose

A. The purpose of Regulation 135 is to implement the provisions of Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which allows the commissioner to create advisory boards or commissions to advise with respect to the availability and affordability of insurance and other insurance matters the commissioner may submit for consideration.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

§20705. Definitions

Commissioner—Commissioner of Insurance

Conflicts of Interest—when a member's immediate family member, or legal entity in which they have a substantial economic interest bids on or enters into or has a substantial economic interest in any contract, subcontract, or other transaction which is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such appointed member.

Department—Louisiana Department of Insurance.

Open Meetings Law—provisions of law regarding public meetings pursuant to R.S. 42:11 et seq.

Public Records Law—provisions of law regarding public records pursuant to R.S. 44:1 et seq.

Quorum—means a simple majority of the total membership of an advisory board or commission.

§20707. Creation

A. The commissioner may create an advisory board or commission. For any advisory board or commission so created, the commissioner may appoint members to the advisory board or commission, appoint the Chair, Vice Chair, and other officers and staff, and designate the number of members. The commissioner may charge the advisory board or commission to study and report on any subject matter relative to the availability and affordability of insurance and other insurance matters.

B. Subject to approval of the commissioner, the Chair and Vice Chair may create, appoint members, and charge a subcommittee on any issue within the charge of the advisory board or commission.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

§20709. Duty

A. An advisory board or commission is responsible for providing guidance and recommendations regarding the availability and affordability of insurance products for the residents of Louisiana and other matters relative to the insurance industry of this state that the commissioner may submit to the advisory board or commission. In doing so, an advisory board or commission shall submit substantive conclusions and recommendations in their reports as requested by the commissioner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

§20711. Governance

A. A majority of the members of the advisory board or commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. All official actions of the advisory board or commission shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of the members voting.

B. The advisory board or commission shall meet at least once each quarter, unless the commissioner prescribes a different schedule. The commissioner may remove members who fail to regularly attend meetings and/or provide effective advice regarding the availability and affordability of insurance products for the residents of Louisiana and other matters relative to the insurance industry of Louisiana that the commissioner may submit to the advisory board or commission.

C. No appointed member of any board or commission, immediate family member, or legal entity in which they have a substantial economic interest shall bid on or enter into or have a substantial economic interest in any contract, subcontract, or other transaction which is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Department of such appointed member. Moreover, no member, immediate family member, or legal entity in which said member has a controlling interest shall bid on or enter into or have a substantial economic interest in any contract, subcontract, or other transaction involving the Department. Members must disclose their conflicts of interest prior to any transaction, contract, subcontract, or meeting.

D. All material or information presented at the meeting shall be subject to the Louisiana Public Records Law and the Secretary shall publish the minutes of meetings.

E. All meetings shall adhere to Louisiana's Open Meetings Law. La. R.S. 42:11.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR

§20713. Termination

A. All advisory boards or commissions shall terminate at the conclusion of the commissioner's four-year term. However, the commissioner may otherwise provide for conditions for the termination of the advisory board or commission. The commissioner may terminate an advisory board or commission at any time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

§20715. Severability

A. If any section or provision of Regulation 135 or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity or determination shall not affect other sections or provisions or the application of Regulation 135 to any persons or circumstances that can be given effect without the invalid Section or provision or application, and for these purposes the Sections and provisions of Regulation 135 and the application to any persons or circumstances are severable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

§20717. Effective Date

A. Regulation 135 shall become effective upon final publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, R.S. 22:11, Act 339, 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon the stability of the family.

2. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of Their Children. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed regulation should have no direct impact upon the functioning of the family.

4. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on Family Earnings and Budget. The proposed regulation should have no direct impact upon family earnings and budget.

5. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Rule. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the ability of the family or a local governmental unit to perform the function as contained in the rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed regulation should have no effect on household income assets and financial security.

2. Describe the Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed regulation should have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. Describe the Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed regulation should have no effect on taxes and tax credits.

5. Describe the Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation and Utilities Assistance. The proposed regulation should have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed regulation 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 regulation that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

1. Identification and Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

2. The Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, Including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

4. Describe any Less Intrusive or Less Costly Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purpose of the Proposed Rule. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

Provider Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Jacob Carter, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA

70804-9214, or by faxing comments to (225) 342-1632, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., July 20, 2025.

Timothy J. Temple
Commissioner

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The regulation implements the provisions of Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session, which gives the commissioner authority to create advisory boards or commissions. The boards or commissions will be responsible for studying or reporting on any subject matter related to the availability and affordability of insurance and other insurance matters. The Louisiana Department of Insurance will absorb any additional workload associated with the proposed rule with existing staff and resources.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact to costs/economic benefits associated with the implementation of Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session allowing the commissioner to create advisory boards or commissions. The proposed rule will implement the authority of the commissioner to create boards or commissions to study and provide guidance and recommendations regarding the availability and affordability of insurance products for the residents of Louisiana.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact on competition and employment associated with the implementation of Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session allowing the commissioner to create advisory boards or commissions. The proposed rule will implement the authority of the commissioner to create boards or commissions to study and provide guidance and recommendations regarding the availability and affordability of insurance products for the residents of Louisiana.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Chronic Wasting Disease Control Areas
(LAC 76:V.137)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the Rules and Regulations for Chronic Wasting Disease (“CWD”) Control Areas by reducing the portions of the existing Control Area where supplemental feeding and baiting is prohibited and adding new areas to the Control Area due to a recent CWD confirmed case found in a harvested white-tailed deer in Catahoula Parish.

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 V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

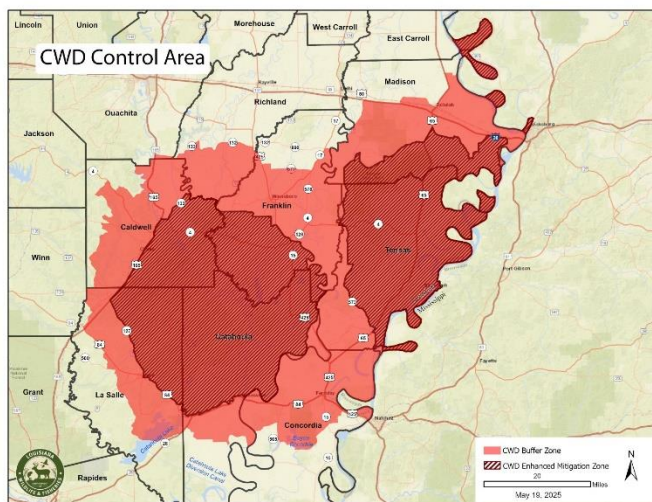
§137. Rules and Regulations for Chronic Wasting Disease Control Areas

A. Definitions

Cervid—any animal of the family *Cervidae* including, but not limited to, white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou “reindeer”, fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, and red deer.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)—Neurodegenerative disease found in most deer species, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, red deer, moose, and caribou. It is infectious, always fatal, and has no treatment. CWD is part of a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) and is similar to BSE (mad cow disease) in cattle and scrapie in sheep. These diseases cause irreversible damage to brain tissue, which leads to excessive salivation, neurological symptoms, emaciation, and death of the animal.

Control Area—a designated area consisting of the CWD infectious zone and buffer zone where mitigation measures and regulations are applied to curb further spread of the disease. The Control Area is established and defined by the map below:



B. Supplemental feeding, baiting, placement of bait, or hunting over bait is prohibited within the portion of the CWD Control Area designated as the CWD Enhanced Mitigation Zone. It is the responsibility of hunters to check their hunting area for bait prior to each hunt. A baited area is an area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attractant for wild quadrupeds or wild birds via ingestion. Supplemental feeding and baiting is allowed in the portion of the CWD Control Area designated as the CWD Buffer Zone, but only by non-stationary, mechanical or electronic broadcast methods. The use of bait not normally ingested by deer is allowed for feral hog trapping, or by holders of bear harvest permits during the designated bear baiting period.

C. The export of any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass originating within a designated CWD Control Area is prohibited, except for: meat that is cut and wrapped; meat that has been boned out; quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, clean skull plates with antlers, cleaned skulls without tissue attached, capes, tanned hides, finished taxidermy mounts, and cleaned cervid teeth.

D. Approved parts transported out of the CWD Control Area must be legally possessed. Approved parts must contain a possession tag with the hunter's name, address, LDWF license number, parish of harvest, date of harvest, and sex of deer. All cervid parts transported out of the Control Area that are in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules.

E. LDWF shall establish a permitting system to allow for uncleaned cervid heads to be transported out of the Control Area solely for taxidermy purposes by waiver.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 48:2190 (August 2022), amended LR 51:

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.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule may have a negative effect on some small businesses that sell deer feed, bait, and other attractants and related gear and equipment.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule until Thursday, August 5, 2025, to Johnathan Bordelon, Deer Program Manager, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 1995 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360, phone 318-487-5334 or via e-mail to jbordelon@wlf.la.gov.

Kevin Sagrera
Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Chronic Wasting Disease Control Areas

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) expenditures resulting from the proposed rule changes.

The proposed rule change makes the following changes:

1. Clarifies the list of baits and attractants prohibited within Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) control areas.
2. Allows persons who hold bear harvest permits to place bait that is not attractive to deer within CWD control areas during bear-baiting periods.
3. Prohibits using bait or supplemental feed within the CWD Enhanced Mitigation Zone in portions of Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, La Salle, and Richland parishes.
4. Allows the use of bait and supplemental feeding dispersed by non-stationary, mechanical, or electronic broadcast methods in portions of Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, La Salle, and Richland parishes called the CWD Buffer Zone
5. Clarifies language directing the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to allow deer heads to be shipped out of the CWD control areas for taxidermy purposes.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to affect the revenue collections of LDWF or other state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change may negatively impact the revenues of businesses that sell bait and feed supplements to hunters who hunt for deer within the areas that the proposed rule change will add to the CWD Enhanced Mitigation Zone. The reduction in the sales of deer bait resulting from the proposed rule change may range between \$235,620 and \$471,240.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule changes.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

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

Fish and Wildlife Values
(LAC 76:I.313 and 315)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the civil fish and wildlife values, guidelines for determining fish and wildlife values and the list of threatened and endangered species. It also establishes conversion factors to be used to convert the weight of fish and shellfish species not in whole form to whole form weight for the purpose of assigning civil restitution penalty values for commercial fish and shellfish species. Authority to establish such rules and regulations is vested in the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission by R.S. 56:40.1-40.9 and R.S. 56:1904.

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 I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies
Thereunder**

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter D. Wildlife Values

**§313. Guidelines for Determining Fish and Wildlife
Values**

A. The following are the guidelines utilized by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in determining fish and wildlife values.

1. With respect to fish and shellfish species, the American Fisheries Society publishes hatchery values reflecting estimated costs involved in rearing various

freshwater and saltwater fish. These figures, adjusted by the Consumer Price Index; current data relating to expenditures of both sport and commercial fishermen relating to the animal or species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenues being generated for the state; ex-vessel commercial prices, as reported by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Trip Ticket Program; estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation and release of species of fish; the current commercial retail selling price of living replacement animals; and, the current commercial selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

2. With respect to avian species, existing information and estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation and release of species of birds; cost to purchase replacement animals from other states or jurisdictions; the costs to zoos and other zoological institutions to raise and maintain like animals; the current commercial retail selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce; and, the expenditures of sportsmen and others relating to the animal or species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenue being generated for the state, and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

3. With respect to mammal species, estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation, and release of species of mammals; pelt values; costs to zoos and other zoological institutions to raise and maintain like animals; the current commercial retail selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce; and the expenditures of sportsmen and others relating to the animal of species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenue being generated for the state, and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

4. With respect to reptiles and amphibian species, the estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation and release of species of reptiles and amphibians; pelt or hide values, costs to zoos and other zoological institutions to raise and maintain the animal; the current commercial retail selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce; and the expenditures of hunters, trappers, and recreational sportsmen with respect to the animal or species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenues being generated for the state and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

5. Certain species are highly prized because of their rarity or may have a high intangible perceived value placed on the animal or species by the public. Other species have an intrinsically high value because they are threatened or endangered. In addition to the guidelines set forth above, the department shall, with respect to these rare and/or threatened and/or endangered species which might have limited commercial value but which possess a high intangible, intrinsic, aesthetic, ecological, or biological value, consider

those factors when determining its recommendations with respect to valuation.

6. Not all the criteria set forth in the guidelines above will be applicable to each particular series and each criterion or factor shall be considered by the department only insofar as it is applicable to each particular species.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:40.1-40.9.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:200 (March 1989), amended LR 37:2434 (August 2011), LR 51:

§315. Fish and Wildlife Values

A. All fish and wildlife species found within, or taken from the state have value, regardless of whether a specific value is provided herein. If a specific value is not provided for in this Section, that species is not deemed to be without value and its value may be determined.

B. Fish and Wildlife Values

1. Game Mammals and Game Birds

Quality Deer ¹	\$1,600
Non-Quality Antlered Deer	\$800
Non-Quality Antlerless Deer	\$400
Squirrels	\$27
Rabbits	\$42
Turkeys	\$775
Ducks	\$51
Mottled Ducks	\$100
Geese	\$73
Coots	\$20
Gallinules and Rails	\$29
Snipe	\$26.50
Quail	\$65
Woodcock	\$80
Doves	\$25

¹Quality deer defined as buck meeting two of the following three criteria: at least eight total points, a minimum spread of 13.5 inches and a minimum beam length of 16.5 inches using the Boone and Crockett Scoring system defined in Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies; Third Edition, by Nesbitt, William H. and Wright, Philip L., updated by Buckner, Eldon L., Byers, C. Randall, and Reneau, Jack, 2009.

2. Non-Game Animals

Raptors (Birds)	\$116
Other Birds	\$23.25
Frogs	\$1.25
Turtles	\$2.75
Snakes, Other than Pine Snake	\$3.50
Salamanders	\$3
Alligator (Eggs)	\$15.50/egg
Alligator, Other Than Albino (Whole, Skin, or Meat ²)	\$250
Mink	\$5
Muskrat	\$1.25
Otter	\$25.75
Bobcat	\$39.25
Marine Mammals	\$4,350
Other Mammals, Excluding Outlawed Quadrupeds	\$23.25

²For alligator meat, 23 pounds of deboned meat and 35 pounds of bone in carcass meat shall equate to one alligator. Civil restitution penalty amounts for illegal possession of alligator meat, absent the presence of other parts of the animal(s), shall be based on the weight of the meat, with the weight rounded up to the next number of whole alligators.

3. Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species³

Reptiles (Adult or Young)	\$4,350/animal
Reptiles (Eggs)	\$4,350/nest or clutch
Whooping Cranes	\$15,000/animal
Birds, (Adult or Young)	\$4,350/animal
Birds, (Eggs)	\$4,350/nest or clutch
Mammals	\$4,350/animal
Invertebrates	\$4,350/violation
Fish	\$4,350/animal
Amphibians	\$4,350/animal

³See LAC 76:1.317 for a list of Threatened or Endangered Species.

4. Species of Special Concern

Fish	
Prohibited fish species as found in LAC 76:VII.145, LAC 76:VII.337.A, and LAC 76:VII.357.B.4 excluding species listed in LAC 76:1.317.	\$2,175/animal
Birds	
Bald Eagle	\$4,350/animal
Brown Pelican	\$4,350/animal
Peregrine Falcon	\$4,350/animal
Mammals	
Black Bear	\$4,350/animal
Cougars (Felis concolor cougar)	\$4,350/animal
Reptiles	
Albino Alligator	\$4,350/animal
Alligator Snapping Turtle	\$700/animal
Box Turtle	\$700/animal
Diamondback Terrapin	\$700/animal
Razorback Musk Turtle	\$700/animal

5. Recreational and Commercial Fishes

Species Group	Value per Individual Fish
Drum, Red	\$50
Spotted Seatrout	\$31.25
Snapper, Red	\$38.25
White Trout, Sand Seatrout, Silver Seatrout	\$5.25
Flounder	\$21.50
Croaker	\$6.25
Bass, Largemouth	\$15
Bluegill	\$2
Crappies	\$6
Paddlefish ⁴	\$170

⁴For Paddlefish roe, 4.75 pounds of roe shall equate to one Paddlefish. Civil restitution penalty amounts for illegal possession of Paddlefish roe, absent the presence of other parts of the animal(s), shall be based on the weight of the roe, with the weight rounded up to the next number of whole Paddlefish.

6. Commercial Fish Species

Species Group	Value/Lb ⁵
Amberjacks	\$2.25
Other Jacks	\$1.50
Barracuda	\$2.25
Bowfin ⁶	\$1
Buffalo	\$0.25
Carp	\$0.25
Freshwater Catfish	\$0.75

Species Group	Value/Lb ⁵
Cobia	\$3.75
Blue Crab	\$2
Stone Crab	\$5
Crawfish	\$1.50
Dolphin (Fish)	\$1.25
Driftfish	\$2.75
Black Drum	\$1.25
Freshwater Drum	\$0.25
Gar	\$1.25
Gag Grouper	\$5.25
Yellowedge Grouper	\$4.75
Other Grouper, Hinds, and Grunts	\$4.50
Kingfish and Whiting	\$1.50
King Mackerel	\$2.50
Spanish Mackerel	\$1
Menhaden	\$0.25
Mullet ⁷	\$0.75
Oilfish and Escolar	\$1
Oyster (in-shell weight)	\$2
Pompano	\$4.50
Porgy	\$2
Shad	\$0.25
Shortfin Mako Shark	\$1.50
Sharks and Rays	\$0.50
Sheepshead	\$1
Shrimp	\$1.50
Snapper Other than Red Snapper	\$5.75
Squid	\$3
Swordfish	\$3.50
Tilefishes	\$3.25
Triggerfish	\$2.25
Tripletail	\$5
Albacore Tuna	\$0.75
Bigeye Tuna	\$5.25
Blackfin Tuna	\$0.75
Bluefin Tuna	\$5.25
Yellowfin Tuna	\$5.25
Other Tuna	\$1
Wahoo	\$1.50

⁵All values listed are for whole form weight. When fish are not in whole form, the conversion factors set out in Section 316, following, shall be applied to convert their product form weight to whole form weight. If product form weight to whole form weight conversion factor is not available for a particular species and is thus not listed in Section 316, any data that is collected in a scientific method to allow estimation of the conversion factor from product form weight to whole form weight for that species shall be allowed to be used to determine civil restitution value for product form.

⁶For bowfin roe, weight of the roe should be multiplied by 1/.12 to convert the roe to whole bowfin weight.

⁷For mullet roe, weight of the roe should be multiplied by 1/.18 to convert the roe to whole mullet weight.

7. All Fish Not Listed Elsewhere in This Rule

Marine Fish	\$1.05/lb.
Freshwater Fish	\$0.45/lb.

C. Recovery of Civil Penalties by the Department

1. In any case where the department elects to enforce civil restitution for the value of injured or destroyed wildlife or aquatic life by adjudicatory hearing or civil suit, it shall demand restitution in accordance with the values established in this Subchapter.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Subsection, the secretary is authorized to assess or settle civil restitution penalties to ensure equitable and reasonable application of

Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and this Subchapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:40.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:39 (January 1990), amended LR 18:290 (March 1992), LR 37:2435 (August 2011), LR 51:

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

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed rule change may raise expenditures for some firms and lower than for others, depending on specific violations of which they are charged.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Written comments should be addressed to Dr. Jack Isaacs, Economist, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 or via e-mail to jisaacs@wlf.la.gov prior to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Kevin Sagrera
Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Fish and Wildlife Values

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact on expenditures in the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) as a result of the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change amends the civil restitution penalty values for recreational and commercial fish and wildlife taken in violation of laws, rules, and regulations.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is anticipated to decrease revenue collections to LDWF generated from civil restitution penalties by \$239,477 per fiscal year.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will negatively affect persons who are cited for violating wildlife and fisheries laws, rules, and regulations. The proposed rule change may benefit other stakeholders to the extent that the increased penalties deter transgressions of regulations that may damage the natural resources.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have a significant effect on competition and employment in the public and private sectors.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Workforce Commission Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration

Benefits for Domestic Violence Victims (LAC 40:IV.Chapter 5)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:304 and R.S. 23:1653, notice is hereby given that the Workforce Commission proposes to repeal LAC 40:IV.501-513 relative to unemployment benefits for victims of domestic violence. The statutory authorization for unemployment benefits to victims of domestic violence found under R.S. 23:1771-1776, was repealed by Act No. 834 of the 2012 Reg. Session. The proposed repeal of LAC 40:IV.501-513 serves to eliminate outdated rules that no longer have statutory authority.

Title 40

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Part IV. Louisiana Workforce Commission

Chapter 5. Lost Wage Benefits for Domestic Violence Victims

§501. Terminology Pertaining to Lost Wages for Domestic Violence Victims

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2663 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

§503. Administration of Funds

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2663 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

§505. Manner of Distribution

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2663 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

§507. Maximum Benefit Amount

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2663 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

§509. Filing Period

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2663 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

§511. Deductions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2664 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

§513. Availability of Claimant

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1653-1654, R.S. 23:1770-1775 and R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 33:2664 (December 2007), repealed by Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with R.S. 49:972, the impact of this Rule on the family formation, stability, and autonomy has been considered. This Rule will have no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

This Rule will have no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This Rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

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 Rule has been considered. It is not anticipated that this Rule will impact the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service; the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to these amended Rules to Lakisha Jackson, ORS Director, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094, or by email at LJackson10@lwc.la.gov. All written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, ATTN: Lakisha Jackson, ORS Director, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961 are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th Floor Conference Room 494, Administration Bldg., 1001 N. 23rd St. on July 28, 2025 at 9 a.m. If a public hearing is held, notice will be posted at

www.lawworks.net, and all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Susana Schowen
Secretary

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Benefits for Domestic Violence Victims**

**I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change eliminates rules related to the Domestic Violence Victims Account and associated unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic abuse, a program discontinued following the repeal of R.S. 23:1771 through 1776 and the dissolution of the fund by Act 834 of the 2012 Regular Session.

**II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE
OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

Implementation of the proposed rule change will have no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units, as the underlying statutory program was repealed in 2012 by Act 834 and is no longer operational.

**III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO
DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR
NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

The implementation of the proposed rule change will not result in any estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups, as the underlying program was eliminated by statute in 2012 and is no longer in operation.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)**

The proposed rule change will have no known effect on competition and employment.

Susana Schowen
Secretary
2506#039

Patrice Thomas
Deputy Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Workforce Commission
Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration**

**Computation of Time
(LAC 40:IV.107 and 109)**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:304 and R.S. 23:1653, notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Workforce Commission proposes to amend LAC 40:IV.107 and 109 relative to computation of time periods established by rule that affect appeals and reopenings of administrative decisions of the Office of Unemployment Administration. Currently, the rules provide that weekends and holidays be counted for computing time delays, except when the final day falls on a weekend or holiday. With the

2019 changes to C.C.P. art. 5059, legal holidays must be excluded when the time delay is associated with appeals and requests for rehearing or reopening. The proposed amendments to the Rule will implement these changes.

Title 40

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Part IV. Employment Security

Subpart 1. Board of Review

Chapter 1. General Provisions

**§107. Computation of Time—Saturdays, Sundays and
Holidays**

A. Whenever these rules prescribe a time for the performance of any act, except as provided in §109, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays (half holiday is considered a legal holiday) in the state of Louisiana shall count as any other days, except that when the time prescribed for the performance of an act expired on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday in Louisiana, such time shall extend to and include the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or such legal holiday, provided that, when the time for performing any act is prescribed by statute, nothing in these rules shall be deemed to be a limitation or extension of the statutory time fixed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act 97 of 1936 as amended.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Employment Security, LR 15:485 (June 1989), amended by the Department of Employment and Training, Board of Review, LR 17:36 (January 1991), amended by the Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

**§109. Appeals to the Appeals Tribunal and Board of
Review**

A. - B....

C. Legal holidays and days on which the Louisiana Workforce Commission is closed shall serve to extend the delay periods specified in R.S. 23:1629, R.S. 23:1630, and §113, in accordance with C.C.P. art. 5059.

D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1471-1713.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Employment Security, LR 15:485 (June 1989), amended by the Department of Employment and Training, Board of Review, LR 17:36 (January 1991), amended by the Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance, LR 39:2312 (August 2013), repromulgated LR 39:3101 (November 2013), amended by the Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with R.S. 49:972, the impact of this Rule on the family formation, stability, and autonomy has been considered. This proposed Rule will have no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule will have no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

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 not anticipated that this proposed Rule will impact the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service; the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to these amended Rules to Lakisha Jackson, ORS Director, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094, or by email at LJackson7@lwc.la.gov. All written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, ATTN: Lakisha Jackson, ORS Director, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961 are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th Floor Conference Room 494, Administration Bldg., 1001 N. 23rd St. on July 28, 2025 at 9 a.m. If a public hearing is held, notice will be posted at www.laworks.net, and all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Susana Schowen
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: **Computation of Time**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes clarify how time periods are calculated for appeals and requests to reopen decisions by specifying the exclusion of legal holidays. Deadlines that fall on a weekend or an office closure of LWC are extended to the next business day. Weekends and holidays are otherwise included in time calculations unless they fall on the final day of the period.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated effects on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule changes, as the changes are procedural in nature and only clarify the computation of time for appeals and reopenings.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule changes.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There are no anticipated effects on competition or employment as a result of the proposed rule changes.

Susana Schowen
Secretary
2506#037

Patrice Thomas
Deputy Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Workforce Commission Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration

Overpayment Recovery
(LAC 40:IV.371)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:304 and R.S. 23:1653, notice is hereby given that the Workforce Commission proposes to amend LAC 40:IV.371 relative to overpayment recovery of unemployment benefits. Currently, overpaid claimants can enter into a repayment plan within 30 days of the mailing via United States Postal Service of the plan. The proposed amendment to the Rule would allow the Workforce Commission to transmit payment plans electronically.

Title 40

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Part IV. Louisiana Workforce Commission

Chapter 3. Employment Security Law §371. Overpayment Recovery

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B. The initial payment and signed repayment agreement must be received within 30 days from the day that the repayment agreement is sent electronically or mailed to the individual's last known address. Subsequent payments are to be paid in monthly installments which commence no later than 30 days after the initial payment is received, and are due thereafter each month until paid in full.

C. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:304 and R.S. 23:1653.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Office of Employment Security, LR 15:1085 (December 1989), repromulgated LR 17:48 (January 1991), amended by the Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance, LR 39:2316 (August 2013), amended by the Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration, LR 40:1118 (June 2014), amended LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with R.S. 49:972, the impact of this Rule on the family formation, stability, and autonomy has been considered. This Rule will have no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

This Rule will have no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This Rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

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 Rule has been considered. It is not anticipated that this Rule will impact the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to

provide the same level of service; the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to this amended Rule to Christina Crews, ORS Director, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094, or by email at CCrews@lwc.la.gov. All written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, ATTN: Christina Crews, ORS Director, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961 are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th Floor Conference Room #494, Administration Bldg., 1001 N. 23rd St. on July 28, 2025 at 9 a.m. If a public hearing is held, notice will be posted at www.laworks.net, and all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Susana Schowen
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Overpayment Recovery

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is expected to result in annual cost savings to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) due to reduced printing and postage expenses associated with the delivery of repayment agreements.

Based on repayment agreement volumes and mailing costs from calendar year 2024, LWC estimates potential annual savings of approximately \$12,705.23. This amount reflects what would have been saved had the rule been in effect at that time, and actual savings in future years are anticipated to vary depending on the number of repayment agreements issued.

LWC's current system has the capacity to deliver notices electronically based on an individual's preferred method of communication, therefore no system modifications or additional expenditures are anticipated to implement the rule change.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any impact on state or local revenue collections.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The rule change is expected to benefit individuals with unemployment insurance overpayments by providing a more efficient and timely means of communication. Allowing repayment agreements to be delivered electronically will enable affected individuals to receive documents more quickly and securely, minimizing delays and enhancing overall communication.

For individuals who prefer electronic communication, this change enhances convenience and may eliminate the need to manage physical mail. The rule change aligns with LWC's plain language initiative and supports the modernization of its communication practices.

Small businesses and other non-governmental entities are unlikely to be directly affected, as the rule change applies specifically to individuals with unemployment insurance overpayments.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any effect on competition or employment in either the public or private sector.

Susana Schowen
Secretary
2506#040

Patrice Thomas
Deputy Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Workforce Commission Rehabilitation Services

Disability Accommodations for Public Meetings (LAC 67:VII.123 and 529)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 36:304 and Act No. 393 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, effective August 1, 2023 (former SB No. 201), notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services proposes to adopt LAC 67:VII.123 and 529 relative to Disability Accommodations for Public meetings and relative to its Electronic Meetings policy.

Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, effective August 1, 2023, required each public body that has the capability to allow any member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act or a designated caregiver of such a person to participate in its meetings via teleconference or video conference as defined in R.S. 42:17.2 and to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures to regulate and facilitate participation via teleconference or video conference for any person who, prior to the meeting, requests that accommodation. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Workforce Commission, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services adopts LAC 67:VII.123 and 529 to provide accommodations, upon request, to people with ADA recognized disabilities to participate in open meetings held by the LWC and its departments.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part VII. Rehabilitation Services

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§123. Disability Accommodations for Public Meetings

A. The Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) is obligated to provide for participation in an open meeting via electronic means on an individualized basis by any person with a disability upon request.

B. For purposes of this Chapter, a person with a disability is defined as any of the following:

1. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
2. a designated caregiver of such a person; or
3. a participant member of the agency with an ADA-qualifying disability.

C. The Louisiana Rehabilitation Services shall ensure that the written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, includes the name, telephone number and email address of the designated agency representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.

D. Upon receipt of an accommodation request, the designated LRS representative will ask if the requestor has an ADA-qualifying disability or is a caregiver of such person. The requestor will not be required to complete a medical inquiry form or disclose the actual impairment or medical condition to support a disability accommodation request.

E. The designated LRS representative shall provide the requestor with the teleconference and/or video conference link, for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and R.S. 36:304.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Workforce Commission, Rehabilitation Services, LR 51:

Chapter 5. Business Enterprise Program Manual

§529. Disability Accommodations for Public Meetings

A. The Louisiana Rehabilitation Services is obligated to provide for participation in an open meeting via electronic means on an individualized basis by any person with a disability upon request.

B. For purposes of this Chapter, a person with a disability is defined as any of the following:

1. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
2. a designated caregiver of such a person; or
3. a participant member of the agency with an ADA-qualifying disability.

C. The Louisiana Rehabilitation Services shall ensure that the written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, includes the name, telephone number and email address of the designated agency representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.

D. Upon receipt of an accommodation request, the designated LRS representative will ask if the requestor has an ADA-qualifying disability or is a caregiver of such person. The requestor will not be required to complete a medical inquiry form or disclose the actual impairment or medical condition to support a disability accommodation request.

E. The designated LRS representative shall provide the requestor with the teleconference and/or video conference link, for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and R.S. 36:304.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Rehabilitation Services, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with R.S. 49:972, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family formation, stability, and autonomy has been considered. This proposed Rule will have no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule will have no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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 have been considered. It is not anticipated that these Rules will impact the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service; the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to this proposed Rule to Melissa Bayham, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094, or by email at MBayham@lwc.la.gov. All written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, ATTN: Melissa Bayham, P.O. Box 94094, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961 are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th Floor Conference Room 494, Administration Bldg., 1001 N. 23rd St. on July 28, 2025 at 9 a.m. If a public hearing is held, notice will be posted at www.laworks.net, and all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Susana Schowen
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Disability Accommodations for Public Meetings

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

This proposed rule is being promulgated pursuant to Act. 393 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, effective August 1, 2023, which directs public bodies such as the Louisiana

Workforce Commission (LWC), to promulgate rules relative to Disability Accommodations for Public meetings and public meetings being held via electronic means.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Implementation of the proposed rule is not anticipated to affect revenue collections.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will directly impact individuals with ADA recognized disabilities or their designated caregivers by

allowing full participation in public meetings held by the Louisiana Workforce Commission/Rehabilitation Services.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.

Susana Schowen
Secretary
2506#038

Patrice Thomas
Deputy Fiscal Officer
Legislative Fiscal Office

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Department of Energy and Natural Resources Office of Conservation

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Site 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
Sierra Production Company	Wildcat - So LA New Orleans Dis	L	C P Breedon	001	192103

Steven M. Giambrone
Interim Commissioner

2506#031

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Department of Energy and Natural Resources Office of Conservation Environmental Division

Public Hearing—Brickyard Trucking, L.L.C. Commercial Class II Injection Well Disposal Facility

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a hearing at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2025, at the Bienville Parish Police Jury, located at 100 Courthouse Dr. #108, Arcadia, Louisiana.

At such hearing, the Commissioner, or his designated representative, will hear testimony relative to the application of Brickyard Trucking, L.L.C., 415 Texas St, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. The applicant requests approval from the Office of Conservation to construct and operate a commercial class II injection well disposal facility for disposal of exploration and production waste (E&P Waste) fluids located in Section 17, Township 16 North, Range 8 West in Bienville Parish.

The application is available for inspection by contacting Mr. Christopher Delmar, Office of Conservation, Environmental Division, Eighth Floor of the LaSalle Office Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Copies of the application will be available for review at the Bienville Parish Police Jury building and the Bienville Parish Public Library located at 2768 Maple St. Arcadia, Louisiana, no later than 30 days prior to the hearing date. Verbal information may be received by calling Mr. Delmar at (225) 342-3019.

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at said public hearing. Written comments which will not be

presented at the hearing must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the Baton Rouge Office. Comments should be directed to:

Office of Conservation
Environmental Division
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
Re: Docket No. ENV 2025-01
Commercial Facility Well Application
Bienville Parish

In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance at the hearing, please contact the Office of Conservation-Environmental Division at P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, La 70804-9275 in writing within 10 working days of the hearing date.

Steven Giambrone
Commissioner

2506#062

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Office of the Governor Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Notice of Availability of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Louisiana and Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Groups Draft Joint Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1: Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats, Federally Managed Lands, Fish and Water Column Invertebrates, Sea Turtles, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation, and Birds Restoration of the Chandeleur Islands

Action:

Notice of Availability; Request for Public Comments

Summary:

In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Final Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Final PDARP/PEIS), and the Consent Decree, the Federal and State natural resource trustee agencies for the Louisiana and Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Groups (the TIGs) have prepared the *Draft Joint Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1: Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats, Federally Managed Lands, Fish and Water Column Invertebrates, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation, Sea Turtles, and Birds Restoration of the Chandeleur Islands* (Draft RP/EA).

The Draft RP/EA analyzes projects to partially restore resources injured in the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill. The Draft RP/EA evaluates a reasonable range of six action alternatives under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), including criteria set forth in the OPA natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) regulations, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A No Action alternative is also analyzed. The total cost to implement the TIGs' two

preferred alternatives is approximately \$360,000,000. The TIGs are proposing to allocate approximately \$247,000,000 in DWH NRDA funds to implement the preferred alternatives and the State of Louisiana is actively pursuing additional funding sources. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft RP/EA and to seek public comments on the document.

Dates:

Comments Due Date: The TIGs will consider public comments on the Draft RP/EA received on or before July 16, 2025.

Public Webinar: The TIGs will host a public webinar on June 26, 2025, at 11 AM CST. The public may register for the webinar at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7003949989564105821>

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the webinar. Instructions for commenting will be provided during the webinar. Comments will also be taken through submission online or through U.S. mail (see Submitting Comments below.) Presentation material will be posted on the web shortly after the webinar at:

<https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/louisiana>.

Addresses:

Obtaining Documents: You may download the Draft RP/EA at <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/louisiana>. Alternatively, you may request a USB flash drive containing the Draft RP/EA (see **For Further Information Contact**).

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments on the Draft RP/EA by one of the following methods:

Internet: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/LAOOTIGRP1>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

U.S. Mail: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Attn: Maury Chatellier, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. To be considered, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the deadline given in DATES.

During the Public Webinar: Verbal comments may be provided by the public during the webinar.

For Further Information Contact:

Beth Golden at 225-342-4708

Administrative Record

The documents comprising the Administrative Record for the Draft RP/EA can be viewed electronically at <https://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord> under folder 6.5.5.2.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), its implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment regulations found at 15 CFR part 990, the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (R.S. 30:2451 et seq.), the implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at La. Admin Code 43:101 et seq., and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Glenn Ledet
Executive Director

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**Department of Insurance
Office of Health, Life, and Annuity**

Annual HIPAA Assessment Rate

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 22:1071(D)(2), the annual HIPAA assessment rate has been determined by the Department of Insurance to be .000160 percent.

Frank Opelka
Deputy Commissioner

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