

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED or Department) will hold a public rulemaking hearing on June 10, 2025. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held via Microsoft Teams and in person at the New Mexico Higher Education Department. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment regarding the repeal and replacement of **5.7.15 NMAC, GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**.

Join via Microsoft Teams:

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Or call in (audio only):

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Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed repeal and replacement of 5.7.15 NMAC is to align the rule with criteria established through the signing of H.B. 89 58th Leg., 1st Sess. (N.M. 2025) which changed requirements of the Graduate Scholarship Program.

Summary of proposed rule:

The proposed rule includes the addition of scholarship eligibility requirements relating to New Mexico residency, completion of a bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average or employment in a paid position supporting faculty teaching or research activities, and enrollment in at least six credit hours. The requirements that a recipient have U.S. citizenship or a permanent resident Visa, provide service in an unpaid internship or assistantship at the higher education institution and be enrolled full-time time are removed. Updated criteria relating to eligible institutions, requirements pertaining to the enrollment and grade point average of recipients, duration of the scholarship, award amounts and eligible graduate fields are included. Various grammatical and stylistic changes are included. Sections are added, removed or combined to ensure consistency with the criteria established by H.B. 89. Lastly, amendments are made to correct outdated references.

Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments: The proposed rule is posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at <https://hed.nm.gov/> under the "Data, Reports & Rules" section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov or (505)476-8411.

A public hearing will be held on June 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams and in person at the NMHED Office located at **2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505**. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may participate. Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov. **Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 6, 2025.** Please note that any written or verbal comments received will become part of the rulemaking record, be posted to the New Mexico Sunshine Portal and be accessible to the public. If submitting written comments by email, please indicate in the subject line the number and section of each rule(s) for which you are providing comments. Oral comments will also be accepted at the rule hearing, subject to time limitations.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in Section 9-25-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 and Section 21-21G et seq. NMSA 1978.

Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter or auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact (505) 476-8411 or email HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.