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[Commercial Driver's License Upgrade from Class B to Class A, 84 Federal Register 8029, March 6, 2019](#)

FINAL RULE: FMCSA amends the entry-level driver training (ELDT) regulations published on December 8, 2016, titled “Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators” (ELDT final rule), by adopting a new Class A CDL theory instruction upgrade curriculum to reduce the training time and costs incurred by Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) holders upgrading to a Class A CDL. This final rule does not change the regulatory text proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The Agency believes that this modest change in the Class A theory training requirements for Class B CDL holders upgrading to a Class A CDL maintains the same level of safety established by the ELDT final rule, and the regulatory burden reduction will result in annualized cost savings of \$18 million.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2019

[Commercial Driver's License Standards, Requirements and Penalties; Regulatory Guidance, 84 Federal Register 8497, March 7, 2019](#)

UPDATED REGULATORY GUIDANCE:This guidance is effective immediately; FMCSA is also seeking comments on the revisions to this guidance regarding commercial driver's license standards, requirements, and penalties and may issue additional changes if comments demonstrate a need. It is noted, however, that the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) regulations are not amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2019

COMMENTS DUE: May 7, 2019

[Qualification of Drivers; Employment Application, Regulatory Guidance, 84 Federal Register 8464, March 7, 2019](#)

ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: FMCSA is considering changes to the requirement to have prospective drivers complete an employment application. FMCSA requests public comment on the value of and need for this requirement. Comment also is sought on ways the requirement for an employment application could be changed to reduce the associated paperwork burdens for drivers and motor carriers, including but not limited to the complete elimination of the requirement.

COMMENTS DUE: May 7, 2019

[“Low-Income Levels” Used for Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Authorized in the Public Health Service Act, 84 Federal Register 8729, March 11, 2019](#)

NOTICE: HRSA is updating income levels used to identify a “low-income family” for the purpose of determining eligibility for programs that provide health professions and nursing training to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These various programs are authorized in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act.

[Copyright Royalty Board Regulations Regarding Procedures for Determination and Allocation of Assessment To Fund Mechanical Licensing Collective and Other Amendments Required by the Hatch-Goodlatte Music Modernization Act, 84 Federal Register 9053, March 13, 2019](#)

PROPOSED RULE: The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) propose regulations governing proceedings to determine the reasonableness of and allocate responsibility to fund the operating budget of the Mechanical Licensing Collective authorized by the Music Modernization Act (MMA). The Judges also propose amendments to extant rules as required by the MMA. The Judges solicit comments on the proposed rules.

COMMENTS DUE: April 12, 2019

<p>Draft-National Occupational Research Agenda for Healthy Work Design and Well-being, 84 Federal Register 8871, March 12, 2019</p>	<p>REQUEST FOR COMMENT: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces the availability of a draft NORA Agenda entitled National Occupational Research Agenda for Healthy Work Design and Well-being for public comment. To view the notice and related materials, visit https://www.regulations.gov and enter CDC-2019-0018 in the search field and click "Search."</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 13, 2019</p>
<p>Final National Occupational Research Agenda for Public Safety, 84 Federal Register 8870, March 12, 2019</p>	<p>NOTICE: NIOSH announces the availability of the final National Occupational Research Agenda for Public Safety.</p>
<p>New Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request; Supporting Excellence in Adult Education, 84 Federal Register 8849, March 12, 2019</p>	<p>NOTICE: The purpose of this information collection request is to identify and document innovative practices in adult education and literacy that are associated with positive outcomes for adult learners so that they may be disseminated to adult education programs. The U.S. Department of Education will analyze the information that is collected about adult education programs and the outcomes they achieve to identify innovative practices that merit dissemination to the field.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 13, 2019</p>
<p>Public Draft of the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, 84 Federal Register 9562, March 15, 2019</p>	<p>NOTICE: The U.S. Copyright Office is announcing the release of a public draft of an update to its administrative manual, the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition. The update has been released in draft form to give the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the revisions.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: April 4, 2019</p>
<p>NSF Reinstatement of Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities, 84 Federal Register 9840, March 19, 2019</p>	<p>NOTICE: The proposed project will continue the biennial survey for two cycles: FY 2019 and FY 2021. The Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities will provide continuity of statistics on the status of scientific and engineering research facilities and capabilities. Statistics on the square footage of R&D space available, the condition of R&D space, and the costs for new construction, repairs, and renovation of R&D space at higher education institutions by S&E field are produced from the survey. The sources of funding for new construction and repair and renovation projects are also published. The information can be used by Federal policy makers, planners, and budget analysts in making policy decisions, as well as by institutional academic officials, the scientific/engineering establishment, and state agencies and legislatures that fund universities.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 17, 2019</p>
<p>Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances, 84 Federal Register 9999, March 19, 2019</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 28 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5(e) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 28 chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of</p>

	<p>the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 3, 2019</p>
<p>2019 Adjustment of the Penalty for Violation of Notice Posting Requirements, 84 Federal Register 10410, March 21, 2019</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: This final rule adjusts for inflation the civil monetary penalty for violation of the notice-posting requirements in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: April 22, 2019</p>
<p>Filing of Schedules by Rights Owners and Contact Information by Transmitting Entities Relating to Pre-1972 Sound Recordings, 84 Federal Register 10679, March 22, 2019</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: Pursuant to the Classics Protection and Access Act, title II of the Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act (“MMA”), the U.S. Copyright Office is adopting as final a rule regarding the filing of schedules by rights owners listing their sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972, and the filing of contact information by entities publicly performing these sound recordings by means of digital audio transmission. This rule largely finalizes the interim rule published on October 16, 2018, with some adjustments adopted in response to public comment.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: April 22, 2019</p>
<p>Notices of Intention and Statements of Account Under Compulsory License To Make and Distribute Phonorecords of Musical Works, 84 Federal Register 10685, March 22, 2019</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: The U.S. Copyright Office is issuing final regulations pursuant to the Musical Works Modernization Act, title I of the Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act. This rule adopts previously issued interim regulations as final. The interim rule amended the Office's prior regulations pertaining to the compulsory license to make and distribute phonorecords of musical works so as to conform the prior regulations to the new law, including with respect to the operation of notices of intention and statements of account. In addition to adopting the interim rule as final, this final rule makes further technical changes to update cross-references to regulations that were recently amended by the Copyright Royalty Judges.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 22, 2019</p>
<p>FNS Generic Clearance for Pre-Testing, Pilot, and Field Testing Studies, 84 Federal Register 11046, March 25, 2019</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is requesting approval to conduct pre-testing of surveys using a generic clearance that will allow FNS to conduct a variety of data-gathering activities aimed at improving the quality and usability of information collection instruments associated with research and analysis activities. The procedures utilized to this effect include but are not limited to experiments with levels of incentives for study participants, tests of various types of survey operations, focus groups, pilot testing, exploratory interviews, experiments with questionnaire design, and usability testing of electronic data collection instruments. The authorizing statutes for data collections submitted under this generic clearance are: The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-296, Sec 305), and Section 17 (7 U.S.C. 2026) (a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.</p>

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students With Intellectual Disabilities \(TPSID\) Evaluation Protocol, 84 Federal Register 11080, March 25, 2019](#)

NOTICE: In October 2015, the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI), UMass Boston received a five-year cooperative agreement from the Office of Postsecondary Education to serve as the National Coordinating Center (NCC) for colleges and universities implementing inclusive higher education programs for students with intellectual disabilities, including 25 newly-funded model demonstration projects aimed at creating inclusive comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities known as Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSIDs).

To reduce respondent burden, the NCC has streamlined and simplified the previously approved evaluation system for the TPSID programs. The NCC will enhance the collection and analyses of longitudinal follow up data from the new 25 TPSID model programs via an already developed and previously OMB approved evaluation system for the TPSID programs. The revised data collection system is part of an evaluation effort. The system will collect program data at the institutions from TPSID program staff via an online, secure data management system.

[Executive Order 13864 - Improving Free Inquiry, Transparency, and Accountability at Colleges and Universities, 84 Federal Register 11401, March 26, 2019](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13864: The purpose of this order is to enhance the quality of postsecondary education by making it more affordable, more transparent, and more accountable.

In particular, my Administration seeks to 1) promote free and open debate on college and university campuses and 2) increase transparency and accountability of higher education re: prices and outcomes higher education.

- 1) **Improving Free Inquiry on Campus:** Heads of covered agencies shall, in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, take appropriate steps to ensure institutions that receive Federal research or education grants promote free inquiry, including through compliance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies.
- 2) **Improving Transparency and Accountability on Campus:** The Secretary of ED shall a) make available, by January 1, 2020, through the Office of Federal Student Aid, a secure and confidential website and mobile application that informs Federal student loan borrowers of how much they owe, how much their monthly payment will be when they enter repayment, available repayment options, how long each repayment option will take, and how to enroll in the repayment option that best serves their needs; and b) expand and update annually the College Scorecard, or any successor, with the following program-level data for each certificate, degree, graduate, and professional program, for former students who received Federal student aid.

	<p>REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: By January 1, 2020, the Secretary of ED, shall submit 1) a report identifying and analyzing policy options for sharing the risk associated with Federal student loan debt among the Federal Government, institutions, and other entities, 2) recommendations for reforming the collections process for Federal student loans in default, 3) information about successful State and institutional efforts to promote students' timely and affordable completion of a postsecondary program of study. Based on that information, the Secretary shall publish a compilation of research results that addresses:</p> <p>(i) how some States and institutions have better facilitated successful transfer of credits and degree completion by transfer students;</p> <p>(ii) how States and institutions can increase access to dual enrollment programs; and</p> <p>(iii) other strategies for increasing student success, especially among students at high risk of not completing a postsecondary program of study.</p>
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<p>Regular Rate Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 84 Federal Register 11888, March 29, 2019</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: DOL proposes changes that would promote compliance with the FLSA; provide appropriate and updated guidance in an area of evolving law and practice; and encourage employers to provide additional and innovative benefits to workers without fear of costly litigation.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 28, 2019</p>
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<p>18VAC110-60. Regulations Governing Pharmaceutical Processors (adding 18VAC110-60-10 through 18VAC110-60-330), VA Register of Regulations, Volume 35 Issue 15,- MARCH 18, 2019</p>	<p>PROPOSED REGULATION: The proposed regulation sets out the requirements for issuance of permits to pharmaceutical processors for the cultivation, production, and dispensing of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil. Regulations also establish requirements for registrations of physicians for writing certification to registered patients, parents, or legal guardians for possession of such oils.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 17, 2019</p>
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<p>Board of Counselling Guidance Documents, VA Register of Regulations, Volume 35 Issue 15,- MARCH 18, 2019</p>	<p>TITLES OF DOCUMENTS:</p> <p>Guidance Document on the Practice of Conversion Therapy</p> <p>Scopes of Practice for Persons Regulated by the Board to Provide Substance Abuse Treatment</p>
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