

## Federal Register – August 2020

[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements, 85 Federal Register 46788, August 3, 2020](#)

**FINAL RULE:** This final rule adjusts certain immigration and naturalization benefit request fees charged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). It also removes certain fee exemptions, changes fee waiver requirements, alters premium processing time limits, and modifies intercountry adoption processing. USCIS conducted a comprehensive biennial fee review and determined that current fees do not recover the full cost of providing adjudication and naturalization services. Therefore, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is adjusting USCIS fees by a weighted average increase of 20 percent, adding new fees for certain immigration benefit requests, establishing multiple fees for nonimmigrant worker petitions, and limiting the number of beneficiaries for certain forms. This final rule is intended to ensure that USCIS has the resources it needs to provide adequate service to applicants and petitioners.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 2, 2020

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; PLUS Adverse Credit Reconsideration Loan Counseling, 85 Federal Register 47758, August 7, 2020](#)

**NOTICE:** The adverse credit history section of the eligibility regulations in 34 CFR § 685.200(b) and (c) were updated in 2014 by the Department of Education (the Department) when a review of and a change to the regulations was made. Specifically, an applicant for a PLUS loan who is determined to have an adverse credit history must complete loan counseling offered by the Secretary before receiving the Federal PLUS loan. The Department is requesting a revision to the information collection regarding the adverse credit history regulations in 34 CFR § 685.200(b) and (c) and the burden these changes create for Federal PLUS loan borrowers, both parent and graduate/professional students.

**COMMENTS DUE:** October 5, 2020

[Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, 85 Federal Register 48134, August 12, 2020](#)

**PROPOSED RULE:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) takes further steps to protect the nation's communications networks from potential security threats as the Commission integrates provisions of the recently enacted Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (Secure Networks Act) into its existing supply chain rulemaking proceeding. The Commission seeks comment on proposals to implement further Congressional direction in the Secure Networks Act.

**COMMENTS DUE:** August 31, 2020

[Annual Notice of Interest Rates for Fixed and Variable-Rate Federal Student Loans Made Under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, 85 Federal Register 48229-48231, August 10, 2020](#)

**NOTICE:** The Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans (Direct Subsidized Loans), Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans (Direct Unsubsidized Loans), and Federal Direct PLUS Loans (Direct PLUS Loan) with first disbursement dates before July 1, 2006, and for Federal Direct Consolidation Loans (Direct Consolidation Loans) for which the application was received before February 1, 1999. The rates announced in

	<p>this notice are in effect for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021</p>
<p><a href="#">Annual Notice of Interest Rates for Variable-Rate Federal Student Loans Made Under the Federal Family Education Loan Program Prior to July 1, 2010, 85 Federal Register 48233, August 10, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> This notice announces the interest rates for variable-rate FFEL Program loans that will be in effect during the period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021</p>
<p><a href="#">IRS Treatment of Payments to Charitable Entities in Return for Consideration, 85 Federal Register 48467, August 11, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATIONS:</b> This document contains final regulations under sections 162, 164, and 170 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). First, the final regulations update the regulations under section 162 to reflect current law regarding the application of section 162 to taxpayers that make payments or transfers for business purposes to entities described in section 170(c). Second, the final regulations provide safe harbors under section 162 to provide certainty with respect to the treatment of payments made by business entities to entities described in section 170(c). Third, the final regulations provide a safe harbor under section 164 for payments made to an entity described in section 170(c) by individuals who itemize deductions and receive or expect to receive a State or local tax credit in return. Fourth, the final regulations update the regulations under section 170 to reflect past guidance and case law regarding the application of the quid pro quo principle under section 170 to a donor who receives or expects to receive benefits from a third party. These regulations affect taxpayers who make transfers to entities described in section 170(c) for business purposes, and taxpayers who receive State or local tax credits in exchange for transfers to such entities or who receive other third-party benefits in exchange for transfers to such entities.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> August 11, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Student Support Services Annual Performance Report, 85 Federal Register 48681, August 12, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Student Support Services (SSS) program grantees must submit the Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. The reports are used to evaluate grantees' performance for substantial progress, respond to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (GPRA) requirements, and award prior experience points at the end of each project (budget) period. The Department also aggregates the data to provide descriptive information on the projects and to analyze the impact of the SSS program on the academic progress of participating students.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> September 11, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Continued Student Loan Payment Relief During the COVID-19 Pandemic, 85 Federal Register 49585, August 13, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM:</b> In light of the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, the Secretary of Education shall take action pursuant to applicable law to effectuate appropriate waivers of and modifications to the requirements and conditions of economic hardship deferments described in section 455(f)(2)(D) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)(2)(D), and provide such deferments to borrowers as necessary to continue the temporary cessation of payments and the waiver of all interest on student loans held by the Department of Education until December 31, 2020.</p>

<p><a href="#">Deferring Payroll Tax Obligations in Light of the Ongoing COVID-19 Disaster, 85 Federal Register 49587, August 13, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM:</b> The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to use his authority pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7508A to defer the withholding, deposit, and payment of the tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. 3101(a), and so much of the tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. 3201 as is attributable to the rate in effect under 26 U.S.C. 3101(a), on wages or compensation, as applicable, paid during the period of September 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) The deferral shall be made available with respect to any employee the amount of whose wages or compensation, as applicable, payable during any bi-weekly pay period generally is less than \$4,000, calculated on a pre-tax basis, or the equivalent amount with respect to other pay periods.</p> <p>(b) Amounts deferred pursuant to the implementation of this memorandum shall be deferred without any penalties, interest, additional amount, or addition to the tax.</p>
<p><a href="#">Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Programs, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, National Direct Student Loan Program, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program, Federal Pell Grant Program, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program, and Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, 85 Federal Register 49798, August 14, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATIONS:</b> In response to the United States Supreme Court decision in Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer (Trinity Lutheran), and the United States Attorney General's October 7, 2017 Memorandum on Federal Law Protections for Religious Liberty pursuant to Executive Order No. 13798 (Attorney General's memorandum), the Department of Education (Department or we) amends the current regulations regarding the eligibility of faith-based entities to participate in the Federal Student Aid programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and the eligibility of students to obtain certain benefits under those programs. The Department also amends the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program regulations to minimize the number of TEACH Grants that are converted to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and to update, strengthen, and clarify other areas of the TEACH Grant Program regulations.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 21, 2021</p>
<p><a href="#">60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (J-Nonimmigrant), 85 Federal Register 49713, August 14, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The collection is the continuation of information collected and needed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in administering the Exchange Visitor Program (J-Nonimmigrant) under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2451, et seq.). The Form DS-2019 is the document that provides the information needed to identify an individual (and spouse and dependents, where applicable) seeking to enter the United States as an Exchange Visitor in J-Nonimmigrant status. Minor changes have been made to the wording in the 212(e) section entitled Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 13, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Maximum Per Diem Reimbursement Rates for the Continental United States, 85 Federal Register 50025, August 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The GSA FY 2021 per diem reimbursement rates review has resulted in lodging and meal allowance changes for certain locations within CONUS to provide for reimbursement</p>

	<p>of Federal employees' subsistence expenses while on official travel. This notice applies to travel performed on or after October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 1, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Small Business Innovation Research Program and Small Business Technology Transfer Program Policy Directive, 85 Federal Register 50062, August 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Small Business Administration is amending the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs Policy Directive to clarify that successor-in-interest entities are eligible to receive phase III awards.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 1, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">New Information Collection: NRC CUI Program Challenge Request Process, 85 Federal Register 50062, August 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The NRC CUI Program Challenge Request Process, also referred to as the “CUI Challenge Request Process” in this document, provides the process used for NRC CUI authorized holders to challenge the designation of information that has been marked as CUI as improperly or incorrectly designated. “Authorized holder” includes any individual or organization who has been provided with CUI and has a lawful government purpose to possess the information. Any authorized holder who believes that the designation of specific information as CUI is improper or incorrect, or who believes they have received unmarked CUI, may use this process to formally notify the NRC CUI Senior Agency Official (SAO). The process also allows for the NRC CUI SAO and CUI Program Manager to process such requests and to issue a Final Decision from the CUI SAO.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> September 16, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, 85 Federal Register 50757, August 18, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>GUIDANCE:</b> This document announces the availability of the 2020 Compliance Supplement (2020 Supplement) for the Office of Management and Budget's uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements regulations, replacing the 2019 Supplement. The 2020 Supplement (2 CFR part 200, subpart F, appendix XI) adds 3 new programs, deletes 6 expired programs and provides updates on many other programs, where necessary. Consistent with the President's Management Agenda, Cross Agency Priority (CAP) goal number 8, “Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants,” Federal awarding agencies are encouraged to begin a paradigm shift in grants management from one heavy on compliance to a balanced approach that includes establishing measurable program and project goals and analyzing data to improve results. To that end, the 2020 Compliance Supplement continues the reduction of the compliance areas for auditor review in part 2, Matrix from a maximum of twelve to six, which was first implemented in the 2019 Supplement, and requires a review for performance reporting for 29 programs under part 4.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> June 30, 2019</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 10, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Verification Request and Verification Request Supplement, 85 Federal Register 50832, August 18, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> USCIS is making minor revisions to the Form G-845 and is streamlining the Form G-845 Supplement with additional immigration statuses that are commonly requested by agencies in order to make their benefit determinations.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 19, 2020</p>

<p><a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request, 85 Federal Register 50863, August 18, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Statement Regarding Marriage—20 CFR 404.726—0960-0017. Section 216(h)(1)(A) of the Act directs SSA to apply State law to determine an individual's marital relationship. Some state laws recognize marriages without a ceremony (i.e., common-law marriages). In such cases, SSA provides the same spouse or widow(er) benefits to the common-law spouses as it does to ceremonially married spouses. To determine common-law spouses, SSA must elicit information from blood relatives or other persons who are knowledgeable about the alleged common-law relationship. SSA uses Form SSA-753, Statement Regarding Marriage, to collect information from third parties to verify the applicant's statements about intent; cohabitation; and holding out to the public as married, which are the basic tenets of a common-law marriage. SSA uses the information to determine if a valid marital relationship exists, and if the common-law spouse is entitled to Social Security spouse, or widow(er) benefits. The respondents are third parties who can confirm or deny the alleged common-law marriage.</p>
<p><a href="#">Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (Credit Cards, HOEPA, and Qualified Mortgage, 85 Federal Register 50944, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is issuing this final rule amending the regulation text and official interpretations for Regulation Z, which implements the Truth in Lending Act (TILA). The Bureau is required to calculate annually the dollar amounts for several provisions in Regulation Z; this final rule revises, as applicable, the dollar amounts for provisions implementing TILA and amendments to TILA, including under the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (CARD Act), the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (HOEPA), and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act). The Bureau is adjusting these amounts, where appropriate, based on the annual percentage change reflected in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in effect on June 1, 2020.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> January 1, 2021</p>
<p><a href="#">DOD Administrative Requirements Terms and Conditions for Cost-Type Grants and Cooperative Agreements to Nonprofit and Governmental Entities, 85 Federal Register 51167, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This final rule is the third in a sequence of six final rules this issue of the Federal Register that update the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs). This final rule adds seven new DoDGARs parts to address the administrative requirements included in general terms and conditions of DoD cost-type grants and cooperative agreements awarded to institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and Indian tribes. The administrative requirements are in areas such as financial and program management; property administration; recipient procurement procedures; financial, programmatic, and property reporting; and subawards. These new parts establish a uniform way for DoD Components' awarding offices to organize the administrative requirements in their general terms and conditions, and provide standard wording for those terms and conditions, with associated regulatory prescriptions for DoD Components to provide latitude to vary from the standard wording where variation is appropriate.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 19, 2020</p>

<p><a href="#">Award Format for DoD Grants and Cooperative Agreements, 85 Federal Register 51161, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This final rule is the second of a sequence of six final rules in this issue of the Federal Register that collectively establish for DoD grants and cooperative agreements an updated interim implementation of Government wide guidance on administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for Federal awards and make other needed updates to the DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs). This rule adds a new DoDGARs part to establish a standard format for organizing the content of DoD Components' awards of grants and cooperative agreements and modifications to them.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 19, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Definitions for DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations, 85 Federal Register 51229, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This rule is the fifth of a sequence of six final rules published in the Federal Register to update the DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs). Additionally, this rule provides definitions of terms that are common to the DoDGARs and establishes a central regulatory location for each term.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 19, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations, 85 Federal Register 51238, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This final rule is the last in a sequence of six documents in this issue of the Federal Register that collectively establish for DoD grants and cooperative agreements an updated interim implementation of Government wide guidance on administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for Federal awards and make other needed updates to the DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs). It removes two existing DoDGARs parts and revises four others to conform them with the 11 parts of the DoDGARs preceding this one in this section of this Federal Register.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 19, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Implementation of Governmentwide Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, 85 Federal Register 51158, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This final rule is the first of a sequence of six rules in this issue of the Federal Register, which were published as Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) on November 7, 2016. The six rules collectively establish for DoD grants and cooperative agreements an updated interim implementation of Governmentwide guidance on administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for Federal awards. This final rule removes outdated portions of the DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs) and replaces it with a new DoDGARs part containing revised implementation of the guidance, and establishes seven subchapters within DoD's chapter of the Grants and Agreements title of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 19, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">DOD National Policy Requirements: General Award Terms and Conditions, 85 Federal Register 51223, August 19, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This rule is the fourth of a sequence of six final rules published in this issue of the Federal Register. This final rule adds a new Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs) part to establish a consistent way for DoD Components to organize the portion of their general terms and conditions covering national policy requirements, such as nondiscrimination, environmental protection, and live organisms. It also provides standard wording of terms and conditions for national policy requirements that apply generally to DoD programs and awards.</p>

	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 19, 2020
<a href="#">Rollover Rules for Qualified Plan Loan Offset Amounts A Proposed Rule by the Internal Revenue Service on 08/20/2020, 85 Federal Register 51369, August 19, 2020</a>	<p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> This document sets forth proposed regulations relating to amendments made to section 402(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) by section 13613 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97 (131 Stat. 2054) (TCJA). Section 13613 of TCJA provides an extended rollover period for a qualified plan loan offset, which is a type of plan loan offset. These regulations affect participants, beneficiaries, sponsors, and administrators of qualified employer plans.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 5, 2020</p>
<a href="#">USPS Change in Rates and Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products, 85 Federal Register 51761, August 20, 2020</a>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The USPS announces a change in rates for priority mail/priority mail express, parcel select, parcel return service, and first-class package service.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 18, 2020</p>
<a href="#">Federal Acquisition Regulation: Analysis for Equipment Acquisitions, 85 Federal Register 52081, August 24, 2020</a>	<p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a section of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which requires, when acquiring equipment, a case-by-case analysis of cost and other factors associated with certain methods of acquisition, including purchase, short-term rental or lease, long-term rental or lease, interagency acquisition, and, if applicable, acquisition agreements with a State or local government.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 23, 2020</p>
<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Federal Direct PLUS Loan Request for Supplemental Information, 85 Federal Register 52108, August 24, 2020</a>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Federal Direct PLUS Loan Request for Supplemental Information serves as the means by which a parent or graduate/professional student Direct PLUS Loan applicant may provide certain information to a school that will assist the school in originating the borrower's Direct PLUS Loan award, as an alternative to providing this information to the school by other means established by the school.</p> <p>This is a request for a revision of the currently approved form. The form was reorganized for improved usability and flow.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> September 23, 2020</p>
<a href="#">National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters; Amendments, 85 Federal Register 52198, August 24, 2020</a>	<p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> On January 31, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized amendments to the national emission standards (NESHAP) for the control of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) at major sources from new and existing industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) boilers and process heaters. Subsequently, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit), in a decision issued in July 2016, remanded several of the emission standards to the EPA based on the court's review of the EPA's approach to setting those standards. In response to these remands, this action proposes to amend several numeric emission limits for new and existing boilers and process heaters consistent with the court's opinion and set compliance dates for these new emission limits. The court also remanded for further explanation the Agency's use of carbon monoxide (CO) as a surrogate for organic HAP and, in a subsequent decision in March 2018, remanded for further explanation the Agency's use of a CO threshold to represent the application of the maximum achievable control technology (MACT) for organic</p>

	<p>HAP. The proposed changes to the emissions limits will protect air quality and promote public health by reducing emissions of the HAP listed in the Clean Air Act (CAA). This action also addresses the two issues remanded to the EPA for further explanation. We are also proposing several technical clarifications and corrections.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> September 23, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Spectrum Horizons, 85 Federal Register 52198, August 24, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> On March 15, 2019, the Commission adopted a First Report and Order which updates a section of Part 5 of the CFR—Experimental Radio Service (ERS). The Commission's recent R&amp;O adopts a new subpart to the existing part 5 rules for a new and unique license type—the Spectrum Horizons Experimental Radio license (or Start Printed Page 52055“Spectrum Horizons License”). Specifically, the Spectrum Horizons License will be available for experiments and demonstrations of equipment designed to operate exclusively on any frequency above 95 GHz.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> August 24, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Third Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19, 85 Federal Register 52198, August 24, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Secretary amends the Declaration to identify State-licensed pharmacists (and pharmacy interns acting under their supervision if the pharmacy intern is licensed or registered by his or her State board of pharmacy) as qualified persons under section 247d-6d(i)(8)(B) when the pharmacist orders and either the pharmacist or the supervised pharmacy intern administers vaccines to individuals ages three through 18 pursuant to requirements outlined in the Federal Register notice. For more details consult the Federal Register notice.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> August 24, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; CARES Act 18004(a)(3) Discretionary Grant Application, 85 Federal Register 52334, August 25, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Section 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act authorizes the Secretary to allocate funds for part B of Title VII of the HEA, for institutions of higher education that the Secretary determines have the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus. This collection includes application materials that will be used by institutions competing for discretionary grant funding under this section.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> September 24, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service (CTS) Improvements and Program Management, 85 Federal Register 52489, August 26, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE/CORRECTION:</b> This document corrects the final rules portion of a Federal Register document published on March 8, 2019. That Federal Register document inadvertently removed paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (iii) from section 64.611 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules for telecommunications relay services.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> August 26, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Federal Acquisition Regulation: Prohibition on Contracting With Entities Using Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment, 85 Federal Register 53126, August 27, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>INTERIM RULE:</b> In order to combat the national security and intellectual property threats that face the United States, section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits executive agencies from entering into, or extending or renewing, a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as</p>



	<p>part of any system. The statute goes into effect August 13, 2020.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> August 13, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">CARD Act Rules Review Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act; Request for Information Regarding Consumer Credit Card Market, 85 Federal Register 53299, August 28, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>REGULATORY REVIEW/REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:</b> The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting comment on two related, but separate, reviews. First, the Bureau is conducting a review of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (CARD Act) Rules. As part of this review, the Bureau is seeking comment on the economic impact of the CARD Act Rules on small entities so that it can determine whether the rules should be continued without change, or should be amended or rescinded, consistent with the stated objectives of applicable statutes, to minimize any significant economic impact of the rules upon a substantial number of such small entities. Second, the Bureau is conducting a review of the consumer credit card market, within the limits of its existing resources available for reporting purposes, pursuant to the CARD Act, and is seeking comment on a number of aspects of the consumer credit card market.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 27, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">NEA Guidance Documents, 85 Federal Register 53186, August 28, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>INTERIM FINAL RULE:</b> This interim final rule sets procedures for the Arts Endowment relating to the issuance of guidance documents.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> September 27, 2020</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> August 28, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Small Business Innovation Research Program Data Rights (DFARS Case 2019-D043), 85 Federal Register 53758, August 31, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>ADVANCED NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING:</b> DoD is seeking information that will assist in the development of a revision to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement the data rights portions of the Small Business Innovation Research Program and Small Business Technology Transfer Program Policy Directives.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> October 30, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Notice of Public Posting Requirement of Grant Information for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Grantees, 85 Federal Register 53802, August 31, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The U.S. Department of Education (Department) publishes a revised Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Electronic Announcement (EA), originally posted May 6, 2020, that describes the public reporting requirements for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.</p>
<p><a href="#">ED - Notice of the Rescission of Outdated Guidance Documents, 85 Federal Register 54148, August 31, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Secretary announces the guidance documents the Department of Education (Department) is rescinding because they are outdated, after conducting a review of its guidance under Executive Order (E.O.) 13891. For a list of guidance documents being rescinded consult the Federal Register entry.</p>
<p><a href="#">Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, Notice of Rate Change in Effect as of January 1, 2021, 85 Federal Register 53850, August 31, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the U.S. Department of Labor (the Department) is issuing this notice to announce the applicable minimum wage rate for workers performing work on or in connection with federal contracts covered by Executive Order 13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors (the Executive Order or the Order), beginning January 1, 2021. Beginning on that date, the Executive Order minimum wage rate that generally must be paid to workers performing work on or in connection with covered contracts will increase to \$10.95 per hour, while the required minimum cash wage that generally must be paid to</p>

	<p>tipped employees performing work on or in connection with covered contracts will increase to \$7.65 per hour.  <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> January 21, 2021</p>
<h2 style="background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 5px;">Virginia Register – August 2020</h2>	
<p><a href="#">19VAC30-20. Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (amending 19VAC30-20-80), Volume 36, Issue 25, Virginia Register of Regulations, August 3, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The amendment brings the Virginia Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (19VAC30-20) into compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, with amendments promulgated and in effect as of June 10, 2020, pursuant to the United States Motor Carrier Safety Act (49 CFR Parts 385 and 395) as amended by 85 FR 33396-33452, published June 1, 2020.  <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> September 29, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">19VAC30-70. Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Regulations (amending 19VAC30-70-1, 19VAC30-70-9, 19VAC30-70-9.1, 19VAC30-70-9.2, 19VAC30-70-9.3, 19VAC30-70-10.1, 19VAC30-70-25, 19VAC30-70-40, 19VAC30-70-80, 19VAC30-70-140, 19VAC30-70-160, 19VAC30-70-190, 19VAC30-70-580), Volume 36, Issue 25, Virginia Register of Regulations, August 3, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATION:</b> These amendments update the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Rules and Regulations as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waive the requirement for superintendent approval of certain equipment under specified conditions.</li> <li>2. Distinguish between the voluntary withdrawal of an application and the rejection of an application and update forms generally.</li> <li>3. Update the procedures for applying for an inspector's license.</li> <li>4. Update the reinstatement process.</li> <li>5. Eliminate the requirement that requests for application materials must be in writing.</li> <li>6. Update inspection requirements related to vehicles obtained at auctions and military surplus vehicles.</li> <li>7. Change the portion of the inspection fee forwarded to the department to \$.70.</li> <li>8. Update requirements for checking wear, damage, and foreign materials on brakes.</li> <li>9. Update requirements for headlamps.</li> <li>10. Conform to a 2019 statutory change regarding the color and placement of various lights on specified emergency vehicles.</li> <li>11. Require vehicles not originally equipped with a stop lamp to have two brake lights.</li> <li>12. Clarify the permissible position of certain devices on windshields of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 10, 001 pounds or greater.</li> </ol> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> September 4, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">13VAC5-63. Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (amending 13VAC5-63-540), Volume 36, Issue 26, Virginia Register of Regulations, August 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATION:</b> The amendment lowers the required cooling temperature as provided in the USBC to 77° Fahrenheit, making permanent an emergency regulation currently in effect.  <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> September 17, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">16VAC25-220. Emergency Temporary Standard - Infectious Disease Prevention, SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19 (adding 16VAC25-220-10 through 16VAC25-220-90), Volume 36, Issue 26, Virginia Register of Regulations, August 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>EMERGENCY REGULATION:</b> On July 15, 2020, the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted an Emergency Temporary Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19 (16VAC25-220) pursuant to Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five, Requirement to Wear Face Covering While Inside Buildings. The emergency temporary standard is effective July 27, 2020, upon publication in the Richmond Times Dispatch. The emergency temporary</p>

	<p>standard establishes requirements for employers to control, prevent, and mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2, thereby protecting employees and the general public. SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 27, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">18VAC135-20. Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (amending 18VAC135-20-180), Volume 36, Issue 26, Virginia Register of Regulations, August 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATION:</b> Pursuant to Chapter 1014 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, the amendments conform the regulation to statute by requiring that rent or escrow fund advances for lease transactions must be placed in an escrow account by the end of the fifth business banking day following receipt, regardless of when they are received.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> October 1, 2020</p>