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[Group Registration of Unpublished Works, 82 Federal Register 47415, October 12, 2017](#)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The U.S. Copyright Office is proposing to create a new group registration option for a limited number of unpublished works. To qualify for this group option, all the works must be created by the same author or the same joint authors, and the author or joint authors must be named as the copyright claimant for each work. This new group registration option will replace the current “unpublished collections” option, which the Office has determined is an ineffective mechanism for registration of multiple unpublished works.

COMMENTS DUE: November 13, 2017

[Claims Procedures for Plans Providing Disability Benefits- Extension of Applicability Date, 82 Federal Register 47409, October 12, 2017](#)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The Department of Labor proposes to delay for ninety (90) days—through April 1, 2018—the applicability of the Final Rule amending the claims procedure requirements applicable to ERISA-covered employee benefit plans that provide disability benefits. The DOL has concluded that it is appropriate to give the public an additional opportunity to submit comments and data concerning potential impacts of the Final Rule.

COMMENTS DUE: October 27, 2017

[Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act, 82 Federal Register 47838, October 13, 2017](#)

INTERIM FINAL RULE: These interim final rules expand exemptions to protect moral convictions for certain entities and individuals whose health plans are subject to a mandate of contraceptive coverage through guidance issued pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 2017

COMMENTS DUE: December 5, 2017

[Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act, 82 Federal Register 47792, October 13, 2017](#)

INTERIM FINAL RULE: These interim final rules expand exemptions to protect religious beliefs for certain entities and individuals whose health plans are subject to a mandate of contraceptive coverage through guidance issued pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 2017

COMMENTS DUE: December 5, 2017

[Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maintenance of Copies of FCC Rules, 82 Federal Register, 82 Federal Register 47683, October 13, 2017](#)

PROPOSED RULE: The FCC proposes to eliminate rules that require certain broadcast and cable entities to maintain paper copies of Commission regulations.

COMMENTS DUE: November 13, 2017

[NRC Guidance: Instructions for Recording and Reporting Occupational Radiation Dose Data, 82 Federal Register 48125, October 16, 2017](#)

DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDANCE: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-8056, “Instructions for Recording and Reporting Occupational Radiation Dose Data.” This DG is a proposed Revision 4 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 8.7 of the same name. The DG addresses issues that were identified after Revision 3 was issued in December 2016. The DG reinstates the long-standing staff position concerning a licensee's consideration of prior occupational dose when making prospective occupational dose monitoring determinations.

COMMENTS DUE: December 15, 2017

<p>Updated Federal Student Aid Programs Waivers and Modifications of Statutory Regulatory Requirements, 82 Federal Register 48195, October 17, 2017</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: On September 29, 2017, the Secretary published a document in the Federal Register announcing the updated waivers and modifications of statutory and regulatory requirements governing the Federal student financial aid programs under the authority of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003 (HEROES Act). We are republishing this document to include the definitions of certain terms used in this document.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 2017</p>
<p>IRS Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1024-A 501(c)(4), 82 Federal Register 40228, October 19, 2017</p>	<p>NOTICE: Organizations seeking exemption from Federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(4) as an organization described in most paragraphs of section 501(c) must use Form 1024-A to apply for exemption. The information collected is used to determine whether the organization qualifies for tax-exempt status. Original Federal Register notice appeared on 8/24/2017.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: October 23, 2017</p>
<p>Removal of Rules Governing Trademark Interferences, 82 Federal Register 48469, October 18, 2017</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The US Patent and Trademark Office proposes to amend the Rules of Practice in Trademark Cases to remove the rules governing trademark interferences. In the unlikely event that a need for an interference arose, it would still be possible for a party to seek institution of a trademark interference by petitioning the Director under 37 CFR 2.146(a)(4)</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: November 17, 2017</p>
<p>Withdrawal of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Estate, Gift, and Generation –Skipping Taxes’ Restrictions on Liquidation of an Interest, 82 Federal Register 48779, October 20, 2017</p>	<p>NPRM WITHDRAWAL: Withdraws proposed regulations concerning the estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax treatment of lapses of liquidation rights in family-controlled entities, as well as the valuation of interests in family-controlled corporations and partnerships for estate, gift, and GST tax purposes. Specifically, the proposed regulations would have treated certain lapses of liquidation rights as transfers occurring at death. The proposed regulations also addressed the treatment of restrictions on liquidation and withdrawal in determining the value of transferred interests in family-controlled entities. This withdrawal affects certain transferors of interests in corporations and partnerships.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: October 20, 2017</p>
<p>Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program – Interim Final Rule Delaying Effective Date of Selected Provisions, 82 Federal Register 49114, October 24, 2017</p>	<p>INTERIM FINAL RULE: This interim final rule delays until July 1, 2018, the effective date of selected provisions of the final regulations entitled Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program (the final regulations), published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2016 (81 Federal Register 75926). These regulations would have a new Federal standard and a process for determining whether a borrower has a defense to repayment on a loan based on an act or omission of a school. We also amend the Direct Loan Program regulations to prohibit participating schools from using certain contractual provisions regarding dispute resolution processes, such as</p>

	<p>predispute arbitration agreements or class action waivers, and to require certain notifications and disclosures by schools regarding their use of arbitration, among other things.</p> <p>COMMENTS PERTAINING TO DELAYED EFFECTIVE ONLY - DATE DUE: November 24, 2017</p>
<p>Exemptions to Permit Circumvention of Access Controls on Copyrighted Works, 82 Federal Register 49550, October 26, 2017</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: Proposes exemptions that will be recommended for re-adoption and outlines the proposed classes for new exemptions. Proposed exempted classes include a number of computer programs that operate various devices (e.g. 3-D printer) and motion pictures for educational use (E.g. online classes, media adapted for accessibility).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: December 18, 2017</p>

Virginia Register – October 2017

<p>Cumulative Table of VA Administrative Code Sections Adopted, Amended or Repealed, Volume 34, Issue 4, Virginia Register of Regulations, October 16, 2017</p>	<p>NOTICE: A table listing regulation sections that have been amended, added, or repealed in the <i>Virginia Register of Regulations</i> since the regulations were originally published or last supplemented in the print version of the Virginia Administrative Code is available at http://register.dls.virginia.gov/documents/cumultab.pdf.</p>
<p>SCHEV – Repeal of Student Financial Assistance Regulations 8 VAC40-131-230 and Addition of 8VAC40-132-10 through 8 VAC40-132-230, Volume 34 Issue 5 Virginia Register of Regulations, October 30, 2017</p>	<p>FINAL REGULATION: Repeals current regulations (8VAC40-131-10 through 8VAC40-131-230) and replaces with new regulations (8VAC40-132-10 through 8VAC40-132-230) which incorporate changes in law, update terminology, and reorganize provisions for clarity.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2017</p>
<p>Amendment of Regulations Governing the licensure of Occupational Therapists (18VAC85-80-71), Volume 34 Issue 5 October 30, 2017</p>	<p>FAST-TRACK REGULATION: The purpose of the amendments is to (i) eliminate the requirement that the continued competency activity and assessment form be completed and retained with supporting documentation of continuing education courses or activities for renewal of an active license and (ii) change the title of the chapter for consistency with licensure and regulation of both occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. Since the content of the requirement for continuing education is not being amended, there is assurance that occupational therapists will continue to be minimally competent to practice with skill and competency and therefore to protect public health and safety.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: November 29, 2017</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: December 14, 2017</p>

NOTE: VA has recodified Title 23 – Education; it is now Title 23.1. Please be aware of this change when consulting older versions of the VA Code pertaining to education as the codification has changed and references to Title 23 will no longer be accurate. Please follow the link below to find the full revision of Title 23 of the Code of Virginia. The Appendices of this document provide a very helpful crosswalk between Title 23 and Title 23.1 numbering.

[http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/SD162015/\\$file/SD16.pdf](http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/SD162015/$file/SD16.pdf)