

## Federal Register – February 2018

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| <p><a href="#">Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education, 83 Federal Register 5087, February 5, 2018</a></p>   | <p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Secretary announces tests, test forms, and delivery formats that the Secretary determines to be suitable for use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS). In addition to the tests identified in the December 2016 and September 2017 notices as determined to be suitable for use in the NRS through February 2, 2019, and September 7, 2024, respectively, the Secretary now announces another test and test forms that have been determined to be suitable for use in the NRS. This test measures the NRS educational functioning levels for Literacy/English Language Arts at all Adult Basic Education (ABE) levels.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activity: Advertising, Sales, and Enrollment Materials, and Candidate Handbook, 83 Federal Register 5295, February 6, 2018</a></p>                         | <p><b>NOTICE:</b> This information is being collected because statute prohibits approval of the enrollment of a Veteran in a course if the educational institution uses advertising, sales, or enrollment practices that are erroneous, deceptive, or misleading either by actual statement, omission, or intimation. The advertising, sales and enrollment materials are reviewed to determine if the institution is in compliance with guidelines for approval.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> April 9, 2018</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">Rules Concerning Prepaid Accounts Under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z), 83 Federal Register 6364, February 13, 2018</a></p> | <p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> This rulemaking relates to a final rule published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2016, as amended on April 25, 2017, regarding prepaid accounts under Regulations E and Z. The Bureau is finalizing modifications to several aspects of that rule, including with respect to error resolution and limitations on liability for prepaid accounts where the financial institution has not successfully completed its consumer identification and verification process; application of the rule's credit-related provisions to digital wallets that are capable of storing funds; certain other clarifications and minor adjustments; technical corrections; and an extension of the overall effective date.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATES:</b> April 1, 2018 (contd.)<br/>The effective date of the final rule published on November 22, 2016 (<a href="#">81 FR 83934</a>), as delayed on April 25, 2017 (<a href="#">82 FR 18975</a>), is further delayed from April 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019.</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and</a></p>                     | <p><b>FINAL REGULATIONS:</b> The Secretary delays, until July 1, 2019, the effective date of selected provisions of the final regulations entitled Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family</p>  |

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| <p><a href="#">Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program – Delay of Effective Date of Selected Provisions, 83 Federal Register 6458, February 14, 2018</a></p>                               | <p>Education Loan (FFEL) Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program (the 2016 final regulations), published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2016. The Secretary is delaying the 2016 final regulations to ensure that there is adequate time to conduct negotiated rulemaking and develop revised regulations.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATES:</b> Consult the regulations to see a list of the provisions for which the effective date is being delayed.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">FCC Filing of Contracts; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative, 83 Federal Register 6823, February 15, 2018</a></p>  | <p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> The <i>NPRM</i> proposes to eliminate the Section 73.3613 paper filing requirement for licensees and permittees of commercial and noncommercial AM, FM, television, and international broadcast stations. In addition, the <i>NPRM</i> also seeks comment on other proposed modifications to broadcasters' current obligations under Section 73.3613, including, among other things, eliminating certain redundant filing obligations and providing enhanced confidentiality protections. The rule revisions on which the <i>NPRM</i> seeks comment are intended to reduce unnecessary regulation and regulatory burdens that can impede competition and innovation in the media marketplace.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> March 19, 2018</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Eliminating Unnecessary Tax Regulations, 83 Federal Register 6806, February 15, 2018</a></p>  | <p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> This notice of proposed rulemaking proposes to streamline IRS regulations by removing 298 regulations that are no longer necessary because they do not have any current or future applicability under the Internal Revenue Code (Code) and by amending 79 regulations to reflect the proposed removal of the 298 regulations. Regulations affected by this proposed rule include income tax, estate tax, gift tax, employment tax, unemployment compensation, penalties, FOIA, and reporting and recordkeeping requirements.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> May 14, 2018</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs; 2018-2019 Award Year Deadline Dates; Correction, 83 Federal Register 7169, February 20, 2018</a></p> | <p><b>NOTICE - CORRECTION:</b> This notice corrects the zip code for submitting requests and documents by overnight delivery from 14304 to 14302. All other information in the January 3, 2018 Notice remains the same.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">Request for Information on Evaluating Undue Hardship Claims in Adversary Actions Seeking Student Loan Discharge in Bankruptcy Proceedings, 83 Federal Register 7460, February 21, 2018</a></p>                  | <p><b>REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:</b> ED is requesting public comment on factors to be considered in evaluating undue hardship claims asserted by student loan borrowers in adversary proceedings filed in bankruptcy cases, the weight to be given to such factors, whether the existence of two tests for evaluation of undue</p>  |

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|  | <p>hardship claims results in inequities among borrowers seeking undue hardship discharge, and how all of these, and potentially additional, considerations should weigh into whether an undue hardship claim should be conceded by the loan holder.</p> <p><b>RESPONSES DUE:</b> May 22, 2018</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance, 83 Federal Register 7437, February 21, 2018</a></p> <p>(Internal Revenue Service, Employee Benefits Security Administration, HHS)</p>   | <p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> This rule contains proposals amending the definition of short-term, limited-duration insurance for purposes of its exclusion from the definition of individual health insurance coverage. This action is being taken to lengthen the maximum period of short-term, limited-duration insurance, which will provide more affordable consumer choice for health coverage. THIS COVERAGE IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, PRINCIPALLY THOSE CONTAINED IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. ALSO, THIS COVERAGE IS NOT “MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE”.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> April 23, 2018</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">A Strategic Roadmap for Establishing New Approaches To Evaluate the Safety of Chemicals and Medical Products in the United States; Availability of Report, 83 Federal Register 7487, February 21, 2018</a></p>                                | <p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) coordinated the development of a strategic roadmap for establishing new approaches to evaluate the safety of chemicals and medical products in the United States. This document, prepared with support from the National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM), is now available. The report is available at <a href="https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/natl-strategy">https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/natl-strategy</a>.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HHS Proposed Information Collection: “Patient Safety Organization Certification for Initial Listing and Related Forms, Patient Safety Confidentiality Complaint Form, and Common Formats, 83 Federal Register 8274, February 26, 2018</a></p> | <p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Patient Safety Act provides for the voluntary formation of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) that can collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information reported voluntarily by health care providers. By analyzing substantial amounts of patient safety event information across multiple institutions, PSOs are able to identify patterns of failures and propose measures to eliminate or reduce risks and hazards. The Patient Safety Rule establishes a framework by which hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers may voluntarily report information to PSOs, on a privileged and confidential basis, for the aggregation and analysis of patient safety events. In addition, the Patient Safety Rule outlines the requirements that entities must meet to become and remain listed as PSOs and the process by which the Secretary of HHS (Secretary) will accept certifications and list PSOs.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> April 27, 2018</p> |

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| <p><a href="#">12VAC5-490. Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations: Fee Schedule (amending 12VAC5-490-10, 12VAC5-490-20, 12VAC5-490-40),</a><br/> <a href="#">Volume 34 Issue 12, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 5, 2018</a></p> | <p><b>PROPOSED REGULATION:</b> The proposed regulatory action addresses fees for two program areas, X-Ray Program (XRP) and Radioactive Materials Program (RMP), and is necessary to maintain program solvency and to provide services and adequate regulatory controls necessary to protect public and worker health and safety and accommodate the elimination of general fund support for the programs and the subsequent spend down of surplus fee revenue since 2015.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> April 8, 2018</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Notice of Periodic Review and Small Business Impact Review of Regulations for the Conduct of Human Research, Volume 34 Issue 12, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 5, 2018</a></p>                                     | <p><b>NOTICE:</b> The VA Department of Health is conducting a periodic review and small business impact review of <b>12VAC5-20, Regulations for the Conduct of Human Research</b>. The purpose of this review is to determine whether this regulation should be repealed, amended, or retained in its current form.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> February 26, 2018</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">Cumulative Table of Virginia Administrative Code Sections Adopted, Amended, or Repealed Now Available, Volume 34 Issue 12, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 5, 2018</a></p>   | <p><b>NOTICE:</b> 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 <a href="http://register.dls.virginia.gov/documents/cumultab.pdf">http://register.dls.virginia.gov/documents/cumultab.pdf</a>.</p>   |