

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing
Administrative Rules for Sanitarians Registration- General Rules
Rule Set 2019-103 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, May 22, 2020

09:00 AM

G. Mennen Williams Building Auditorium 525 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan
or virtually via Zoom if Executive Order 2020-48 is extended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Sanitarians Registration- General Rules rule set.

The proposed rules will clarify definitions and the meaning of terms used in the rules; update environmental health baccalaureate programs accreditation standards; update environmental health graduate programs accreditation standards; update higher institution educational program regional accreditation standards; move educational requirements from the definitions to a rule in the educational section; require applicants who are graduates of programs that are only regionally accredited to provide an evaluation of their educational credentials by a credential evaluation organization to the department; revise the human trafficking rule to include a date of promulgation; remove duplicative language from the former examination rule; clarify and simplify registration by examination requirements, including the removal of departmental review of an alternative educational and training program; add criteria related to good moral character and fingerprinting as conditions for re-registration of a sanitarian, as well as other relevant criteria, depending on the circumstances of the applicant; and add a rule that addresses the requirements for registration renewal.

MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.18413, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2030, and MCL 333.26364 These rules will take effect Immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The rules are published on the Michigan Government web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and in the Michigan Register in the 5/15/2020 issue. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing – Boards and
Committees Section
P.O. Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909-8170 Attention: Policy Analyst
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Comments on the rules may be made in person at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail until 5/22/2020 at 05:00PM.

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, in accessible buildings with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearings due to disability may call 517-241-7500-to make arrangements.

***In the event that Executive Order 2020-48 is extended**, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social-distancing measures, **the public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom in order to receive public comments.** In accordance with Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' [recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), the virtual public hearing will occur in lieu of the in-person hearing scheduled to occur at the Williams Auditorium on May 22, 2020. If the Executive Order is extended allowing for a virtual hearing, the Bureau of Professional Licensing will post that information on its website.

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting.

Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91237251389?pwd=QXF6Tjl3aHY2eE5GS0JQTFlzTEkxdz09>

Phone number: 877-336-1831

When prompted, please enter the following conference ID: **486917**

In the event of a disconnection caused by the meeting host, the public hearing will be deemed in recess. Every effort will be made to reestablish a publicly accessible connection. If the host is unable to do so within a period of 30 minutes from the time of the disconnection, the public hearing will adjourn and not address any new business. The public hearing will not recess or adjourn due to technical or other issues experienced by individual members of the public that render them unable to attend or participate in the meeting.

To allow for broad public attendance and participation, including for persons with disabilities, members of the public may access this meeting by both web and phone and provide either oral or written comments. Closed captioning will be provided, when available. Members of the public who are speech or hearing impaired may also attend and participate in this meeting by dialing 7-1-1 and using the Michigan Relay service. More information about this service may be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93308_93325_93425_94040_94041---,00.html.

People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations (such as materials in alternative format) in order to participate in the meeting, or those that have questions should contact the department at BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov.