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Rules hearing scheduled March 9 on GED passing score

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing in March to accept public testimony on emergency and proposed permanent rules related to the passing score for GED tests.

The March 9 hearing will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the DPI's headquarters, GEF 3, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison. For those who cannot attend the hearing, written comments sent to the department will be given the same consideration as public testimony.

Based on its nationwide research of the postsecondary performance of students who earned a GED credential since new exams began in January 2014, the GED Testing Service is revising the score required to pass the four-exam battery. According to the company, the recalibrated score — 145 on exams in reasoning through language arts, mathematical reasoning, science, and social studies — better reflects the performance of an average high school graduating class. The department's emergency and proposed permanent rules will revise Chapter PI 5 to use the score of 145 on the four tests as a basis for awarding a GED or High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). The emergency rules allow the score revision to be in place for the March 1 effective date recommended by the GED Testing Service.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Those who cannot attend the public hearing may provide written comments. Send comments on the proposed rules via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses below no later than March 16.

A copy of the emergency and proposed permanent rules as well as the fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/administrative-rules>. Copies of these materials can be requested and written comments submitted by sending an e-mail to Carl.Bryan@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Carl Bryan, budget and policy analyst and administrative rules coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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