

**HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN AUTHORITY[284]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rulemaking related to declaratory orders**

The Higher Education Loan Authority hereby rescinds Chapter 3, “Declaratory Rulings,” and adopts a new Chapter 3, “Declaratory Orders,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 261A.7.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 261A.7.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Authority serves Iowa’s independent colleges and universities by providing affordable financing of facilities and working capital through the issuance of tax-exempt debt on the colleges’ and universities’ behalf. This rulemaking repromulgates Chapter 3, which contains rules related to declaratory orders.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking*

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 24, 2025, as **ARC 9868C**. Public hearings were held on the following date:

- January 13, 2026

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rulemaking*

This rulemaking was adopted by the Authority on February 2, 2026.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Authority for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rulemaking will become effective on April 8, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind 284—Chapter 3 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 3  
DECLARATORY ORDERS

The higher education loan authority hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, which are published at [www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf) on the general assembly's website.

**284—3.1(261A) Petition for declaratory orders.** In lieu of the words “(AGENCY NAME)”, the heading on the petition form should read:

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**284—3.5(261A) Inquiries.** Inquiries concerning the status of a petition for a declaratory order may be made to the Executive Director, 1105 High Road, Box 214, Norwalk, Iowa 50211.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.24 and chapter 261A.

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