

VETERANS AFFAIRS, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[801]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rulemaking related to veterans trust fund
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs hereby proposes to amend Chapter 14, “Veterans Trust Fund,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 35A.13.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 35A.13.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking amends subrule 14.3(1) by updating income guidelines for the Veterans Trust Fund.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has a fiscal impact on the State of Iowa in the form of cost reductions.

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 Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 2023. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rulemaking may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

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).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 14.3(1) as follows:

14.3(1) Income. The department may not pay benefits under this chapter if the available liquid assets of a veteran are in excess of ~~\$20,000~~ \$15,000. For the purposes of this chapter, an applicant's household income, including VA pension benefits, service-connected disability income, and social security income, shall not exceed ~~300~~ 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the number of members living in the primary residence in effect on the date the application is received by the county director of veterans affairs. Federal poverty guidelines shall be those guidelines established by the Iowa department of human services for the veteran's family size. The commission shall adjust the guidelines on July 1 of each year to reflect the most recent federal poverty guidelines.