Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: Iowa Administrative Code 282—Chapter 7
"Proof of Legal Presence"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 256.146

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 256.146 and 8 U.S.C. §1621

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 11, 2024 9 a.m.	Board Room, Suite A 701 East Court Avenue Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis. Written or oral comments in response to this Regulatory Analysis must be received by the Board of Educational Examiners no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

This proposed chapter provides procedures for applicants to provide proof of legal presence. The Board proposes removing duplicative federal statutory language.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

- Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:

The Board bears the cost of compliance.

- Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:

Iowans in general will benefit from the proposed rulemaking.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

- Quantitative description of impact:

The Board discerns no quantitative impact.

- Qualitative description of impact:

The Board discerns no qualitative impact.

3. Costs to the State:

- Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:

There are no known costs.

- Anticipated effect on state revenues:

There is no effect on state revenues.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

The proposed chapter is streamlined and reduces duplicative language.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

There are no known costs or effects on state revenue.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:

The Board determined that the chapter is required but that the language could be significantly reduced.

- Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:

The public benefits from having information about proof of legal presence.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no effect on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 282—Chapter 7 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 7
PROOF OF LEGAL PRESENCE

282—7.1(256) Purpose. This chapter outlines a uniform process for applicants and licensees of the board of educational examiners to establish proof of legal presence pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. §1621).

282—7.2(256) Applicability.

7.2(1) Applicants and licensees who are U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens may be requested to produce evidence of their lawful presence in the United States as a condition of initial licensure or license renewal.

7.2(2) Applicants and licensees residing in the United States, other than those described in subrule 7.2(1), may be requested to provide evidence of lawful presence in the United States at the time of initial licensure and with every subsequent renewal.

7.2(3) Evidence will not be required by foreign national applicants or licensees who are not physically present in the United States.

282—7.3(256) Acceptable evidence. The board will accept as proof of lawful presence in the United States any acceptable document that establishes a U.S. place of birth or indicates U.S. citizenship or naturalization, or any documentation acceptable under the Immigration and Naturalization Act as amended to November 1, 2023, to establish alien status. Legible copies of documents will be accepted. Original documents will not be required unless a question arises concerning the documentation submitted.

These rules are intended to implement the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. §1621).