

877—26.1(17A,96) Petition for rule making. Any person may file a petition for rule making with Department of Workforce Development, 1000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. A petition is deemed filed when it is received by that office. The agency must provide the petitioner with a file-stamped copy of the petition if the petitioner provides the agency an extra copy for this purpose. The petition must be typewritten, or legibly handwritten in ink, and must substantially conform to the following form:

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER ADMINISTRATION

Petition by (Name of Petitioner) for the (adoption, amendment, or repeal) of rules relating to (state the subject matter).	}	PETITION FOR RULE MAKING
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The petition must provide the following information:

1. A statement to the specific rule-making action sought by the petitioner, including the text or a summary of the contents of the proposed rule or amendment to a rule, and, if it is a petition to amend or repeal a rule, a citation and the relevant language to the particular portion or portions of the rule proposed to be amended or repealed.
2. A citation to any law deemed relevant to the agency’s authority to take the action urged or to the desirability of that action.
3. A brief summary of petitioner’s arguments in support of the action urged in the petition.
4. A brief summary of any data supporting the action urged in the petition.
5. The names and addresses of other persons, or a description of any class of persons, known by petitioner to be affected by, or interested in, the proposed action which is the subject of the petition.
6. Any request by petitioner for a meeting provided for by subrule 26.1(5).

26.1(1) The petition must be dated and signed by the petitioner or the petitioner’s representative. It must also include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner’s representative, and a statement indicating the person to whom communications concerning the petition should be directed.

26.1(2) The agency may deny a petition because it does not substantially conform to the required form.

26.1(3) Briefs. The petitioner may attach a brief to the petition in support of the action urged in the petition. The agency may request a brief from the petitioner or from any other person concerning the substance of the petition.

26.1(4) Inquiries. Inquiries concerning the status of a petition for rule making may be made to the Director, Department of Workforce Development, 1000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

26.1(5) Agency consideration.

a. Within 14 days after the filing of a petition, the agency must submit a copy of the petition and any accompanying brief to the administrative rules coordinator and to the administrative rules review committee. Upon request by petitioner in the petition, the agency must schedule a brief and informal meeting between the petitioner and the agency, a member of the agency, or a member of the staff of the agency to discuss the petition. The agency may request the petitioner to submit additional information or argument concerning the petition. The agency may also solicit comments from any person on the substance of the petition. Also, comments on the substance of the petition may be submitted to the agency by any person.

b. Within 60 days after the filing of the petition, or within any longer period agreed to by the petitioner, the agency must, in writing, deny the petition and notify petitioner of its action and the specific grounds for the denial, or grant the petition and notify petitioner that it has instituted rule-making proceedings on the subject of the petition. Petitioner shall be deemed notified of the denial or grant of the petition on the date when the agency mails or delivers the required notification to petitioner.

c. Denial of petition because it does not substantially conform to the required form does not preclude the filing of a new petition on the same subject that seeks to eliminate the grounds for the agency's rejection of the petition.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.7 and chapter 96.