

State Board of Assessors

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendments to State Board of Assessors Rules Governing Property Tax Assessor Licensure, Education, and Conduct, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 1950; Revisor's ID Number R-04779.

Subject of Rules. Minnesota's State Board of Assessors ("Board") requests comments on a possible amendment to *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 1950, which establishes Board rules governing property tax assessor licensure, education, and conduct. Changes are necessary to further align the rule with changes to underlying assessor licensing statutes (see *Minnesota Statutes*, section 270C.9901), which underwent revisions in 2013 and 2017. Some of these statutory changes require assessors to take licensure action by July 1, 2022, and the rules should be updated to reflect the recent passing of this deadline. An amendment should also be made to align the rules with changes to assessor education requirements made by the Board since the last rule update, which became effective in 2020. (Information regarding these 2020 updates to Chapter 1950 can be found by clicking on the "Rulemaking Docket" tab on the Board's webpage (<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/minnesota-state-board-assessors>)). Finally, the Board is considering various clarifications of rule text.

Persons Affected. Any amendment to *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 1950, would affect: 1) assessors currently licensed by the Board, including county assessors; and 2) persons wishing to become licensed.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 270.47, authorizes the Board to adopt rules for assessor licensure, education, and conduct.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit written comments until 4:30 p.m. on October 6, 2023. Submit comments directly to the Agency Contact Person (contact information below) or via the Office of Administrative Hearings rulemaking e-comments website <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions>.

The Board will not publish a notice of intent to adopt any rule amendment until more than 60 days after publication of this request for comments.

Rule Drafts. The Board does not anticipate that a draft of any proposed rule amendment will be available before its publication of a proposed amendment in a future notice of intent to adopt. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public to provide comments on the current version of the rule as the Board develops its proposed rule changes.

Agency Contact Person. Written questions, requests for more information, and public comments may be directed to:

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Alternative Format. Upon request, this information may be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please reach out to the agency contact person (contact information above).

NOTE: Comments received in response to this request will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only written comments received after any rule amendment is formally proposed. If you submitted comments during the Board's development of a proposed rule amendment and want to ensure that the judge reviews them, you should resubmit the comments after a rule amendment is proposed.

Dated: August 7, 2023



Kelly Ydstie, Executive Secretary
Minnesota State Board of Assessors