

**IDAHO DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (IDVR)
NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

IDVR seeks the participation of stakeholders, individuals with disabilities, and the public at large in this rulemaking process to ensure that due consideration is given to the varying views about the adoption of this rule.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the Public Comment must do one of the following:

1. Participate in one of the public telephone calls; or
2. Submit written recommendations and comments to the address below on or before **September 18, 2020**.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING BY TELEPHONE:

**Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 pm. (MDT)
Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (MDT)**

Call toll free at **1-844-324-3983** or contact Baxter.Andrews@vr.idaho.gov to make arrangements for participation by telephone, for assistance on technical questions, submission of written comment, obtaining draft copies, and for requests for accommodations no later than five (5) business days prior to meeting times above. Materials pertaining to the rulemaking, including any available preliminary draft rule draft, can be located **Friday, August 28, 2020**, on IDVR's website <https://vr.idaho.gov/rules/>.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY WRITTEN COMMENT: Submit written recommendations and comments to the following address or email on or before **September 18, 2020**:

Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Attn: Baxter Andrews, Administrative Assistant II
650 West State Street, Room 150
Boise, ID 83720-0096
Email: Baxter.Andrews@vr.idaho.gov

Upon conclusion of the rulemaking Public Comment period, conclusions reached during this period will be addressed in a written summary and made available on IDVR's website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

This an expanded rule for Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 47.01.01 Rules Governing Vocational Rehabilitation Services and is necessary because of the removal of IDVR's Field Services Policy Manual, which was a document incorporated by reference. It further aligns the program's policies with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, P.L. 113-128. IDVR streamlined the rule, eliminating internal IDVR staff procedures and systematically reorganized the document for better readability.
