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Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 2-7-203(4), the Colorado Department of Higher Education respectfully submits the following regulatory agenda, which includes items for the Division of Private Occupational Schools, the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, and the State Historical Society.

**2025 REGULATORY AGENDA of the COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Title/Description Proposed Rule	Basis and/or Statutory Authority	Purpose of Proposed Rule	Estimated Schedule for Rule-Making	Parties Potentially Affected
<b>State Historical Society</b>				
** No Updates for 2025				





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<b>Division of Private Occupational Schools</b>				
<p>REVISE: 8CCR 1504-1, Correct “Effective Date” on page 1 &amp; 8</p> <p>Section I. (MM) to include definitions for clarity</p>	<p>C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.</p>	<p>Correct effective date of amended rules on page 1 &amp; 8 from 2024 to 2025.</p> <p>Clarify definitions, I.MM</p>	<p>1/28/2025</p>	<p>Private Occupational Schools will understand the terms as applied to Colorado’s Act and Rules; the Division of Private Occupational Schools and all other stakeholders will benefit from clarity as our rules protect members of the general public (including students and residents of Colorado). There is no fiscal impact.</p>
<p>ADD: 8CCR 1504-1 Rule II.H Require timely submittal of any records requested by the Division or Board</p>	<p>C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq</p>	<p>Clarify conditions under which schools are required to submit requested records to the Division or Board.</p>	<p>1/28/2025</p>	<p>Private Occupational Schools will understand the terms as applied to Colorado’s Act and Rules; the Division of Private Occupational Schools and all other stakeholders will benefit from clarity as our rules protect members of the general public (including students and residents of Colorado). There is no fiscal impact.</p>
<p>ADD: 8CCR 1504-1 Add clarity to Rule III.I.4(a)&amp;(c). describing a school’s obligation</p>	<p>C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.; specifically, 23-64-108 &amp; 23-64-112 and an</p>	<p>Clarify conditions under which schools are required to provide transcript &amp; certificate of completion within 7</p>	<p>1/28/2025</p>	<p>Private Occupational Schools must understand the terms as applied to Colorado’s Act and Rules; the Division of Private Occupational Schools and</p>





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to provide transcripts and certificates of completion, diploma, or degree to the student upon request.	external statutory change set forth in C.R.S. 23-5-113.5(2)(b).	days & require schools to have said policy posted on website as mandated by DPOS rules and regulations and the external statute referenced herein.		all other stakeholders will benefit from clarity as our rules protect members of the general public (including students and residents of Colorado). As these changes were initiated and referenced through an external statute it is important to clarify the relevance to private occupational schools. There is no fiscal impact.
STRIKE: 8CCR 1504-1 Rule IV.E.1.b.(iv). & IV.E.(7)	C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.; and specifically, C.R.S. § 23-64-121.	Clarify rules regarding bond obligations to streamline our rules and remove any unnecessary language.	1/28/2025	Removing language that is no longer necessary cleans up the rules and removes any unnecessary content to provide clarity for all stakeholders with no fiscal impact.
ADD: 8CCR 1504-1, Rule IV.F.3. to add language in Rule that is necessary to clarify an owner's obligation to receive board authorization for a change of ownership as reflected in the	C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.; and specifically, C.R.S. § 23-64-116, Application for Change of Ownership.	Clarify in rule the recent changes made to our change of ownership provision in our Act which requires board approval prior to a change in ownership being effectuated. The purpose of the changes are to protect students from being adversely impacted by a change of ownership that is substandard for	1/28/2025	Owners & Operators of Private Occupational Schools may be unable to effectuate a sales agreement because the proposed buyer does not meet all requirements. While this could have a temporary impact on a seller's ability to secure a sales agreement, the overall goal of preventing substandard owners and operators from acquiring





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<p>newly amended changes to our Act.</p>		<p>any reason including new owners who may lack an understanding of their fiscal, educational and ethical obligations to students as well as accountability to the states authorizing body and all applicable laws.</p>		<p>a school they are not prepared to manage will be a cost savings to all stakeholders who could have been adversely fiscally impacted. While this may disqualify certain sales from being finalized, the Division, and the Board, the students and the public will incur a cost savings and buyers who are not qualified will not be permitted to purchase a school that will be shut down for regulatory non-compliance. There is minimal negative fiscal impact as compared to the fiscal and other benefits to the larger share of stakeholders.</p>
<p>ADD: 8CCR1504-1 Rule V.E Annual Filings reporting student data for SMART Act</p>	<p>An external statutory change set forth in C.R.S. 23-5-113.5(2)(b).</p>	<p>Specify data required by HB22-1049 to be collected by the Division regarding transcript and certificate withholding by private occupational schools for reporting to legislature in conjunction with the SMART Act.</p>	<p>1/28/2025</p>	<p>Private Occupational Schools must understand the terms as applied to Colorado's Act and Rules; the Division of Private Occupational Schools and all other stakeholders will benefit from clarity as our rules protect members of the general public (including students and residents of Colorado). As these changes were</p>





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ADD: 8CCR1504-1 Rule VII.U Clarify requirements for private occupational schools to use other methods of tuition financing	C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.	Add requirement for schools to obtain approval from Division or Board prior to implantation for any other method of tuition financing including income sharing agreements, employer sponsored tuition reimbursement agreements	1/28/2025	Private Occupational Schools will understand the terms as applied to Colorado's Act and Rules; the Division of Private Occupational Schools and all other stakeholders will benefit from clarity as our rules protect members of the general public (including students and residents of Colorado). There is no fiscal impact.





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