

How Rulemaking Works

We follow a transparent process to make sure rules protect public health and reflect the needs of Vermonters.



Develop Proposed Rule



Ask for Public Input



Review Input & Finalize



Rule Takes Effect

1 Listen & Learn. We meet with people & organizations who may be affected by the rule.

2 Draft Rule. We draft a proposed rule and submit it to the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules ([ICAR](#)).

3 Review & File Draft Rule. ICAR reviews the proposed rule. We file it with the [Secretary of State](#), which starts the public comment period.

4 Share Rule for Public Comment. We post the draft rule on our [website](#). Anyone can offer input on it by sending comments by mail or email. This period lasts at least 30 days.

5 Hold Public Hearing. We hold a hearing, where the public can share input on a proposed rule by giving verbal testimony. Public hearing dates are posted on our [website](#).

6 Review Comments & Respond. We review all comments & information we get. We explain in writing why we did or did not make changes to the proposed rule. We draft a final proposed rule.

7 File Final Rule. We file the final proposed rule with the Secretary of State & the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rulemaking ([LCAR](#)).

8 Final Approval. Once LCAR reviews & approves the final proposed rule, we submit the final adopted rule to the Secretary of State & LCAR.

9 Rule Becomes Law. The final adopted rule specifies the effective date. This is the day the [requirements become law](#).



your comments help shape the final rule.

Public input helps create clear, effective rules that reflect Vermonters' needs & protect the health of our communities.



Learn more & get involved.

Find [rules](#) that are open for public comment & make your voice heard!