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WIOA Regulations Available for Public Inspection

The next step in strengthening our nation's public workforce development system is in play. That's right - regulations!

What is actually available?

While not technically published yet - the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) are available for viewing on Federal Register Public Inspection. They are in pdf format so you can download them. The proposed rules will officially be published in the *Federal Register* on April 16th.

The NPRMs are broken into five sections:

- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Labor only) 1106 pages
- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (joint NPRM with the Departments of Education and Labor) 465 pages
- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Miscellaneous Program Changes](#) (Education Only) 115 pages
- [Programs and Activities Authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act \(Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act\)](#) (Education Only) 429 pages
- [State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; State Supported Employment Services Program; Limitations on Use of a Subminimum Wage](#) (Education Only) 543 pages

What are the next steps?

Time to pull up a comfy chair, pour yourself a strong cup of coffee, and start reading. The clock starts ticking on the public notice on April 16th so be sure to start your discussions with staff, partners, contractors and leadership now.

Once the regulations are formally printed, organizations and individuals will have 60 days to submit

comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comment period will close on June 15, 2015.

Comments may only be submitted after formal publication in the *Federal Register* (April 16th); any comments not received through the processes outlined in the NPRMs will not be considered by the Department.

NAWDP will be reviewing all of the regulations. If there is something in the regulations that causes you concern or a point on which you need clarification, please let me know as soon as you can so that we can include your concerns in our efforts.

Thank you for your continued involvement and for your assistance in identifying any issues, barriers, or confusion in the proposed regulations.

Working together - we WILL make a difference!

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