

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Virginia Employment Commission for State Fiscal Year 2023**

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## Description of Agency or Boards

The Virginia Employment Commission is responsible for the administration of the Commonwealth's unemployment compensation program, job service program to assist employers in finding qualified workers and to assist workers in finding qualified jobs, the veterans' employment service program, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program, and the Trade Readjustment Act program. The commission also collects and publishes extensive labor market information data that is used by policy makers and business to promote economic development and growth. The commission operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Labor.

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> 16 VAC 5-80-20 Amendment for First Level Appeals	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) seeks to amend Section 20, First level appeals, of 16 VAC 5-80, Adjudication, to clarify current practices and reflect Agency modernizations including a shift toward electronic forms and online portals. This action will add language to subsection A(1) allowing first level appeals to be filed by an electronic format prescribed by the commission.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	The agency anticipates that this regulatory change will streamline the processes and procedures for first level appeals.
<b>Expected Date</b>	September 2022

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Simplifying Appeals Processes as part of Agency Transformation	
<b>Brief Overview</b> With the VEC's launch of the VUIS system as well as the need to better operationalize the appeals process to ensure due process in a timely and efficient manner, through the agency's transformation process we will identify necessary regulatory changes to make the VEC work better for the people of Virginia.	
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<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document

<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	The agency anticipates that the regulatory changes will streamline the processes and procedures for appeals operations.
<b>Expected Date</b>	TBD

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Simplifying Adjudication Processes as part of Agency Transformation	
<b>Brief Overview</b> With the VEC's launch of the VUIS system as well as the need to better operationalize the adjudication process to ensure adjudication takes place in a timely and efficient manner, through the agency's transformation process we will identify necessary regulatory changes to make the VEC work better for the people of Virginia.	
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<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	The agency anticipates that the regulatory changes will streamline the processes and procedures for operations.
<b>Expected Date</b>	TBD