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Subject: FW: Periodic Review 10A NCAC 63 Proposed Timeline

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 12:01 PM

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Ms. Sikes,

I will recommend that the RRC approve our agreed upon readoption deadline of **November 1, 2029** (Subchapters 63A, 63B, 63E, and 63G) and **December 1, 2027** (Subchapter 63C) at the RRC meeting on April 28, 2026.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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If the dates are still available, I am requesting:

Subchapter C readoption deadline December 1, 2027

All other subchapters readoption deadline November 1, 2029

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Good afternoon,

We can presently offer January 1 or December 1, 2027, as a readoption deadline for Subchapter C. Which date do you prefer?

Also, July 1 or November 1, 2029, as a readoption deadline for the remaining subchapters. Which date do you prefer?

Thanks,

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Attachments: Commission for the Blind Rules Readoption Schedule submitted March 30 2026.doc

From: Sikes, Patricia <patricia.sikes@dhhs.nc.gov>
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Attached; please let me know if you need anything else.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Travis Wiggs, Rules Review Commission Counsel

FROM: Commission for the Blind Rulemaking Coordinator
Patricia Sikes, DSB Interim Director/Assistant Director

DATE: March 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Readoption schedule for 10A NCAC 63

The proposed timelines below are for the 10A NCAC 63 Commission for the Blind's rules readoption. The periodic review reports were approved by the Rules Review Commission at the September 2025 meeting. The below timelines were approved by the Commission for the Blind at their March 20, 2026 meeting.

The first timeline is for Subchapter 63C Business Enterprises Program (BEP). The BEP requires substantive input from the Elected Committee of Blind Vendors and approval by the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). There are some rules which require revision and approval by RSA. Therefore, we need to expedite the readoption of these rules.

The second timeline is for all remaining subchapters including:

63A Organization
63B Procedural Rules
63E Independent Living Services
63F Vocational Rehabilitation
63G Medical Eye Care Program

These subchapters do not require the additional approvals required by BEP but will require more time to review and revise after the BEP rules are readopted.

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Commission for the Blind Rules Readoption Timeline for Subchapter C

Present Rules at Commission for the Blind Meeting for Vote	December 4, 2026
Publish notice of text in NC Register	December 14, 2026 (no later than)
Hearing *only if needed/requested	15-60 days after publish date
End accept comments	March 1, 2027 (77 days)
Submission to Office of Administrative Hearings for Rules Review Commission consideration	March to August 2027
Present Rules at Commission for the Blind Meeting for Vote	September 2027
Submit to Rules Review Commission	October 1, 2027
Readoption Deadline	November 1, 2027

Commission for the Blind Rules Readoption Timeline for Organization Subchapters A, B, E, F and G

Present Rules at Commission for the Blind Meeting for Vote	September 2028
Publish notice of text in NC Register	October 1, 2028 (no later than)
Hearing *only if needed/requested	15-60 days after publish date
End accept comments	December 4, 2028 (66 days)
Submission to Office of Administrative Hearings for Rules Review Commission consideration	December to May 2029
Present Rules at Commission for the Blind Meeting for Vote	June 2029
Submit to Rules Review Commission	July 1, 2029
Readoption Deadline	August 1, 2029

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Subject: RE: Periodic Review 10A NCAC 63

Good morning, could you be available to speak with me briefly about the deadline? If so, I have some times open this afternoon or Monday morning, Feb 2nd.

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Subject: RE: Periodic Review 10A NCAC 63

Good morning,

We are willing to consider breaking down readoption deadlines by chapter or subchapter. Your agency only has 110 rules, so it shouldn't be an issue to have only one readoption deadline. We're not logistically able to agree to different readoption deadlines for certain sections within subchapters.

Thanks,

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From: Wiggs, Travis C
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Cc: Burgos, Alexander N
Subject: RE: Periodic Review 10A NCAC 63
Attachments: 10A NCAC 63 - Necessary.pdf

Good morning,

The attached periodic review report has been finalized. The next step is to set a deadline for the readoption of the “Necessary” rules. Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A and 26 NCAC 05 .0212, the RRC sets this deadline after consultation with the agency, and this email serves as the RRC’s request for that consultation. Please review 26 NCAC 05 .0212 for the information required to be submitted to the RRC, and the deadlines for doing so.

The deadline for your agency to provide this information is **February 17, 2026**. As a starting point, I would recommend a readoption deadline of **July 1, 2029**, but I am open to considering a different recommendation based on the needs of your agency.

Please reply to confirm receipt of this email. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Subject: Periodic Review 10A NCAC 63

Good afternoon,

The determinations in the attached periodic review report for 10A NCAC 63 were effective November 26, 2025. Commission Counsel Travis Wiggs will reach out to you to discuss setting the readoption date.

Please Note: pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0212 your agency’s 60-day timeline does not begin until you receive communication from a staff attorney.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Julie B. Eddins

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RRC DETERMINATION
PERIODIC RULE REVIEW
September 25, 2025
APO Review: November 26, 2025
Blind, Commission for the
Total: 110

RRC Determination: Necessary

10A NCAC 63A .0101	10A NCAC 63E .0202	10A NCAC 63F .0605
10A NCAC 63A .0201	10A NCAC 63E .0301	10A NCAC 63F .0606
10A NCAC 63B .0101	10A NCAC 63E .0401	10A NCAC 63F .0607
10A NCAC 63B .0102	10A NCAC 63E .0402	10A NCAC 63F .0608
10A NCAC 63B .0103	10A NCAC 63E .0403	10A NCAC 63F .0609
10A NCAC 63B .0104	10A NCAC 63F .0101	10A NCAC 63F .0610
10A NCAC 63B .0105	10A NCAC 63F .0102	10A NCAC 63F .0611
10A NCAC 63B .0106	10A NCAC 63F .0103	10A NCAC 63F .0612
10A NCAC 63B .0108	10A NCAC 63F .0104	10A NCAC 63F .0613
10A NCAC 63B .0201	10A NCAC 63F .0105	10A NCAC 63F .0614
10A NCAC 63C .0101	10A NCAC 63F .0106	10A NCAC 63F .0615
10A NCAC 63C .0102	10A NCAC 63F .0107	10A NCAC 63F .0616
10A NCAC 63C .0103	10A NCAC 63F .0108	10A NCAC 63F .0617
10A NCAC 63C .0104	10A NCAC 63F .0109	10A NCAC 63F .0618
10A NCAC 63C .0201	10A NCAC 63F .0111	10A NCAC 63F .0619
10A NCAC 63C .0202	10A NCAC 63F .0112	10A NCAC 63F .0620
10A NCAC 63C .0203	10A NCAC 63F .0113	10A NCAC 63F .0621
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10A NCAC 63C .0206	10A NCAC 63F .0301	10A NCAC 63F .0624
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10A NCAC 63C .0506	10A NCAC 63F .0403	10A NCAC 63F .0627
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10A NCAC 63C .0607	10A NCAC 63F .0508	10A NCAC 63G .0202
10A NCAC 63C .0608	10A NCAC 63F .0509	10A NCAC 63G .0203
10A NCAC 63C .0702	10A NCAC 63F .0510	10A NCAC 63G .0204
10A NCAC 63C .0704	10A NCAC 63F .0601	10A NCAC 63G .0205
10A NCAC 63E .0101	10A NCAC 63F .0602	10A NCAC 63G .0301
10A NCAC 63E .0102	10A NCAC 63F .0603	10A NCAC 63G .0302
10A NCAC 63E .0201	10A NCAC 63F .0604	

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Subject: RE: Periodic Review Report-10A NCAC 63

Thank you so much for this additional information.

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Subject: RE: Periodic Review Report-10A NCAC 63

Good afternoon,

The RRC approved the report for 10A NCAC 63 at the September meeting. The APO should be sending your agency's periodic review report back to us anytime. Once the report is returned to us, you will receive an email from Julie Eddins soon that says the report has been approved and returned to us from the APO. I will be included on Julie's email, and it will prompt be to contact you regarding setting a readoption deadline.

In the meantime, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0212 for the information required to be submitted to the RRC. The Rule essentially requires every agency to submit a general timeline of when your agency intends to complete each step in the permanent rulemaking process. Most agencies have done the consultation via email but I'm happy to schedule a call to discuss this process.

There are several factors your agency should consider when setting the readoption deadline. Please be mindful of 26 NCAC 05.0212(c)(2) that requires agencies to file rules with the RRC within 30 days of adoption. Remember to consider whether your agency will need to prepare any fiscal notes as required by G.S. 150B-21.4. Also, please account for whether your agency will want to amend any rules after the public comment period and rulemaking hearing that may constitute a substantial change under 150B-21.2(g).

Please see an attached example timeline and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Hello, I wanted to check in with you as I believe you may be the attorney who will be assigned to work with DSB on our periodic rules review. My emails sometimes get away from me so I wanted to make sure I had not missed anything from you regarding setting timeframes for when our rules reviews will need to be completed.

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Good morning,

I am the attorney who reviewed your agency's attached periodic review report. The RRC will formally review the reports at its meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and WebEx attendance, and an invite should be sent to you as we get close to the meeting, or you are welcome to attend in-person. If there are any other representatives from your agency who want to attend virtually, please let me know prior to the meeting, and we will get invites out to them as well.

I plan to recommend that the RRC adopt the report. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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