

RULE ADOPTIONS

BANKING

(a)

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

DIVISION OF BANKING

Notice of Readoption

Banking Development Districts

Readoption with a Technical Change: N.J.A.C. 3:36

Authority: N.J.S.A. 17:1-8, 8.1, and 15; and 17:16Z-1 through 8.

Authorized By: Mark Gyorfy, Acting Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance.

Effective Dates: September 3, 2026, Readoption;
October 5, 2026, Technical Change.
New Expiration Date: September 3, 2033.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 3:36 were scheduled to expire on October 3, 2026. The rules in this chapter were promulgated to implement the statutory requirements at N.J.S.A. 17:16Z-1 through 8. The rules promote the establishment of bank, savings bank, savings and loan association, and credit union branches in areas where there is a demonstrated need for banking services and provide for the designation of such areas as banking development districts.

N.J.A.C. 3:36-1.1 sets forth the purpose and scope of the chapter.

N.J.A.C. 3:36-1.2 sets forth definitions of certain terms used in the chapter, including “bank,” “banking services,” and “district.”

N.J.A.C. 3:36-2 sets forth the application process for establishing banking development districts. N.J.A.C. 3:36-2.1 specifies the content of applications for banking development districts submitted by a municipality in conjunction with a bank. N.J.A.C. 3:36-2.2 specifies the content of applications for banking development districts submitted solely by a municipality.

N.J.A.C. 3:36-3 sets forth the approval criteria and prescribes the time for the Commissioner to issue a decision on a complete application for a banking development district.

N.J.A.C. 3:36-4 prescribes reporting requirements to the Department of Banking and Insurance (Department) by municipalities with banking development districts.

The Department of Banking and Insurance has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted with a technical change. The rules are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Accordingly, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period, with the following technical change:

An email address will be added at N.J.A.C. 3:36-4.1(b), which provides contact information where a municipality must inform the Department of a bank’s name and address when a bank has established a branch in a banking development district.

Full text of the technical changes follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 4. REPORTING

3:36-4.1 Reports to the Department

(a) (No change.)

(b) The notifications set forth [in] **at** (a) above shall be submitted to: New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, Division of Banking, Office of Depositories, [P.O.] **PO** Box 040, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0040 **or emailed to dobi.bankingreports@dobi.nj.gov**.

(c) (No change.)

VETERANS AFFAIRS

(b)

THE COMMISSIONER

Department of Veterans Affairs Organizational Rules

Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 5B:1

Adopted: September 2, 2026, by Vincent Solomeno, Commissioner.
Filed: September 14, 2026, as R.2026 d.113.

Authority: P.L. 2025, c. 139; and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3 and 4.

Effective Date: September 14, 2026.

Expiration Date: September 14, 2033.

These organizational rules are exempt from the notice and public hearing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and are effective upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law.

Federal Standards Statement

There are no Federal requirements or standards that affect the subject of this rulemaking.

Full text of the adopted new rules follows:

CHAPTER 1

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER 1. OPERATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

5B:1-1.1 Mission

The New Jersey Department of Veterans Affairs delivers exceptional services, support, and advocacy for New Jersey veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors. The Department of Veterans Affairs honors those who have served and the people who love them by delivering access to earned benefits, programs, and resources.

5B:1-1.2 Organization

(a) The Department of Veterans Affairs is a principal department in the executive branch of the State government and is organized under the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is responsible for the following program areas:

1. The Division of Veterans Healthcare Services, formerly the Division of Veteran Administrative Services; and
2. The Division of Veterans Services, formerly the Division of Veterans’ Training, Information and Referrals.

5B:1-1.3 Office of the Commissioner

(a) The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Commissioner), a member of the Governor’s Cabinet, is the chief executive officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) and oversees all functions of the Department. The Commissioner must be an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:21-4.

(b) The Deputy Commissioner reports directly to the Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner oversees the general operations of the Division of Veterans Healthcare Services and the Division of Veterans Services. In addition, the Deputy Commissioner serves as a representative of the Commissioner and the Department at official meetings, stakeholder events, and other public facing engagements. The Deputy Commissioner must be an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:21-8.

(c) In the normal course of events, the following special staff report directly to the Commissioner:

1. The Deputy Commissioner;

- 2. The Assistant Commissioner;
 - 3. The Chief of Staff; and
 - 4. The State Attorney General’s Office and the assigned Deputy Attorney General to address legal issues.
- (d) The following commissions and councils advise the Commissioner directly on matters within their respective areas of interest:
- 1. Veterans Services Council;
 - 2. New Jersey Veterans’ Memorial Home—Menlo Park Advisory Council;
 - 3. New Jersey Veterans’ Memorial Home—Paramus Advisory Council;
 - 4. New Jersey Veterans’ Memorial Home—Vineland Advisory Council;
 - 5. Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Advisory Council;
 - 6. Veterans Haven South Council;
 - 7. Veterans Haven North Council;
 - 8. Commission on Women Veterans; and
 - 9. New Jersey Commission on Veterans Benefits.

5B:1-1.4 Public information requests

(a) The public may obtain general information concerning the Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) by writing to the Division of Communications, New Jersey Department of Veterans Affairs, PO Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340; by accessing the Department’s website <http://www.nj.gov/veterans/>; or by calling (609) 530-6939.

(b) Requests for release of records maintained by the Department are governed by the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

(c) Requests for State records maintained by the Department must be submitted electronically at OPRA@dva.nj.gov or in writing to Custodian of Records, New Jersey Department of Veterans Affairs, PO Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340.

(d) Fee assessments for direct costs for search, review, and duplication will be charged in accordance with the guidance provided through OPRA.

(a)

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
Notice of Administrative Changes
Recodification of all Department Rules from Title 5A
of the New Jersey Administrative Code to New
Title 5B

Effective Date: September 11, 2026.

Take notice that the Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) was created by the New Jersey Department of Veterans Affairs Act, N.J.S.A. 38A:21-1 et seq. (the Act), effective January 9, 2026. The Act transferred all functions, powers, and duties of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs in the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs to the newly created Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Department requested, and the Office of Administrative Law agreed to permit, the administrative recodification of the Department’s rules from Title 5A, Military and Veterans’ Affairs, to the newly created Title 5B, Veterans Affairs, of the New Jersey Administrative Code. These recodifications, along with attendant technical changes to the rule text concerning cross-references, agency names, addresses, technical changes (to update standard Office of Administrative Law standards), etc., are effective September 11, 2026.

In addition to the recodification of existing N.J.A.C. 5A:5, 8, and 11 as 5B:3, 6, and 8, respectively, the Department will propose new N.J.A.C. 5B:2, 4, 5, and 7 and new N.J.A.C. 5B:1-2. Proposed new N.J.A.C. 5B:2, 4, 5, and 7 were previously codified at N.J.A.C. 5A:4, 6, 7, and 9 prior to their expiration and new N.J.A.C. 5B:5 is proposed as new to duplicate existing N.J.A.C. 5A:7, Disability Discrimination Grievance Procedure, in both departments’ rules. Additionally, the Department is recodifying N.J.A.C. 5A:5 as 5B:3 with technical changes and separately proposing to amend the chapter with substantial changes needing public comment and

input. The table below sets forth the Title 5A chapters being recodified, along with their chapter headings and new Title 5B codification. This notice of administrative changes is published in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7.

Current Chapter (N.J.A.C.)	Chapter Heading	New Chapter (N.J.A.C.)
5A:1 (Expired)	Department of Veterans Affairs Organizational Rules	5B:1
5A:4 (Expired)	Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery	5B:2
5A:5	New Jersey Veterans’ Memorial Homes	5B:3
5A:6 (Expired)	Division of Veterans Services	5B:4
5A:7 (Duplicated)	Disability Discrimination Grievance Procedure	5B:5
5A:8	New Jersey Veterans’ Transitional Housing Program (Veterans’ Havens)	5B:6
5A:9 (Expired)	Veterans’ and Disabled Veterans’ Preference and Designation of Veterans’ Status for Pension Purposes	5B:7
5A:11	Veterans’ Access to State Beaches	5B:8

EDUCATION

(b)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Commissioner
Reporting Responsibilities
Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 6A:2-2.4

Adopted: September 9, 2026, by the State Board of Education, Dr. Lily Lauz, Commissioner, Department of Education and Secretary, State Board of Education.

Filed: September 10, 2026, as R.2026 d.111.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:4-22 and 52:14B-3(1).

Effective Date: September 10, 2026.

Expiration Date: June 5, 2032.

This organizational rule is excepted from the notice and public comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and is effective upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(b).

Full text of the adoption follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):