

TITLE 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 10 ELECTIONS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS
PART 31 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTING PROCEDURES

1.10.31.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of State
[1.10.31.1 NMAC - N, 1/1/2022]

1.10.31.2 SCOPE: The rule applies to all persons required to file financial disclosure statements in accordance with the Financial Disclosure Act [Chapter 10, Article 16A NMSA 1978].
[1.10.31.2 NMAC - N, 1/1/2022]

1.10.31.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This rule is authorized by Section 10-16A-9 NMSA 1978.
[1.10.31.3 NMAC - N, 1/1/2022]

1.10.31.4 DURATION: Permanent
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1.10.31.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2022, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[1.10.31.5 NMAC - N, 1/1/2022]

1.10.31.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of the rule is to establish uniform procedures for the filing of financial disclosure statements and clarify undefined terms.
[1.10.31.6 NMAC - N, 1/1/2022]

1.10.31.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. “Business interest” means any direct or indirect financial interest or financial obligation over \$10,000 such as an owner, member, partner, lessor, investor, or shareholder in a business.

B. “Consulting” means giving expert advice in professional, technical, financial, legal, and business matters.

C. “Employer” means a person or organization that hires and pays another person a salary in exchange for work.

D. “External complaint” means a complaint filed by a person and not instituted by either the secretary of state or the state ethics commission.

E. “Filer” means the person obligated to file a financial disclosure statement.

F. “Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS)” means the pdf form prescribed by the secretary of state that is generated upon a filer filing a report in the electronic system provided by the secretary of state.

G. “Income” means money that a person receives in exchange for working, producing a product or service, or investing capital. For purposes of financial disclosure statements, legislative per diem is not income.

H. “Income source” means the broad categories as described pursuant Paragraph 2 of Subsection D of Section 10-16A-3 NMSA 1978.

I. “Internal compliance violation” means a violation of the Financial Disclosure Act identified by the secretary of state or the state ethics commission based on incomplete, misleading, false or incorrect Financial Disclosure Statement.

J. “Major areas of specialization” means the areas of law or consulting for which a person concentrates to earn an income.

K. “Salary” means compensation for services paid at regular intervals on a yearly basis.

L. “State agency head” means the principal officer of any executive or legislative agency receiving an annual appropriation in either Section 4 of the General Appropriations Act or an annual appropriations bill appropriating funds to legislative agencies.

M. “Title” means the name given to a position of employment by an employer.

N. “Professional license” means an official process, administered by a state-level authority, that is required by law for an individual to practice or work in a regulated profession.

O. “Voluntary compliance” means a filer’s correction of all violations alleged in a complaint or a notification from the secretary of state or the state ethics commission of an internal compliance violation.

[1.10.31.7 NMAC - N, 1/1/2022]

1.10.31.8 REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

A. The proper filing officer for filing a FDS is the secretary of state. The secretary of state has prescribed the use of an electronic filing system which shall be used by all persons required to file a FDS. Paper form submissions will not be accepted.

B. Contact information (Section 1). The filer shall disclose the filer's full name, residential address, and mailing address on the FDS. If a filer is currently married, the filer shall disclose the full name of the filer's spouse on the FDS.

C. Current filing status (Section 2). The FDS shall disclose:

(1) If the filer is a candidate or public official, the name of the office held or sought and the start date of the first term of office held or sought;

(2) If the filer is a state agency head, the name of the agency and the first day the filer held the position of state agency head;

(3) If the filer is a member of a board or commission, the name of the board or commission and the first day the filer held the position as a board or commission member;

(4) If the filer is a member of the insurance nominating committee or member of the state ethics commission, the name of the commission and the first day the filer held the position on the commission; or

(5) If the filer is an employee of the state and is required to file pursuant to Subsection A of Section 10-16A-4 NMSA 1978, the name of the state agency and the first day the filer held a position at the state agency.

D. Employer information (Section 3). The filer shall disclose the employer's name, phone number, address, title, and nature of business or occupation for every employer of the filer on the FDS. The filer shall include the filer's current employer(s) and any previous employer(s) from the prior calendar year.

E. Spouse's employer information (Section 4). If the filer is married, the filer shall disclose the employer's name, phone number, address, title, and nature of business or occupation for every employer of the filer's spouse on the FDS. The filer shall include the current employer(s) and any previous employer(s) from the prior calendar year.

F. Gross income over \$5,000 (Section 5). The filer shall disclose all sources of gross income over \$5,000 during the prior calendar year for the filer and the filer's spouse listed by income source and whether the income was earned by the filer or the filer's spouse on the FDS. For example, if the filer makes over \$5,000 on two different real estate holdings, the filer must only list the income source of "real estate" once. If both the filer and the filer's spouse each earn an income source from the same category, the filer shall list one line item for each the filer and the filer's spouse. In the case that a single income source is earned jointly, the filer shall list the income source once and list the filer as the income holder.

H. Areas of specialization (Section 6). If a filer or filer's spouse is employed as an attorney or a consultant, the filer shall describe each major area of specialization for the filer and filer's spouse. Using the general term of "law" or "consulting" is not descriptive enough for this section of the FDS. The filer shall use the income sources listed pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Subsection D of Section 10-16A-3 NMSA 1978 or a description that is equally or more descriptive.

I. Lobbying (Section 7). If a filer, filer's spouse, or other person associated with a business interest of the filer or filer's spouse is a registered lobbyist in the current or prior calendar year, the filer shall disclose the following on the FDS:

(1) the name of the lobbyist; and

(2) the name and address of the client represented by the lobbyist.

J. Real estate (Section 8). The filer shall disclose a general description of the type of property and the county in which it is located for all real estate owned by the filer and the filer's spouse in New Mexico other than the filer's personal residence. If a property is owned jointly with other persons, the filer shall list the owner as the filer on the FDS. The use of "house," "farmland," or "vacant lot" are acceptable examples of a general description pursuant to this section.

K. Business Interests over \$10,000 (Section 9). The filer shall disclose all business interests not already listed in another section of the FDS for the filer and the filer's spouse. The information required for a business interest is the name of the business, the position held by the filer or filer's spouse, a description of the business purpose, and whether the business interest is that of the filer or the filer's spouse. If both the filer and the filer's spouse hold a business interest in the same business, the filer shall make an entry for each person on the FDS for that business.

L. Board membership (Section 10). The filer shall disclose the name of all for-profit business(es) for which the filer or the filer's spouse are a board member regardless of any financial interest.

M. Professional licenses (Section 11). The filer shall disclose the type of license(s) held at the time the FDS is filed by the filer or the filer's spouse.

N. Goods or services to state agencies (Section 12). The filer shall disclose the name of every state agency that the filer or filer's spouse provided over \$5,000 in goods or services in the prior calendar year.

O. State agency representation (Section 13). The filer shall disclose the name of every state agency, other than a court, in which a person listed on the FDS either represented or assisted clients in the course of the filer's employment in the prior calendar year.

P. General information (Section 14). The filer shall disclose any other financial or business interests not otherwise disclosed on the FDS that the filer believes should be disclosed or that could be impacted by the filer's official acts.

Q. This rule shall not be construed to prohibit a filer from disclosing more information than is required on their FDS.

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1.10.31.9 TIME OF FILING

A. A filer shall file an amended FDS at any time to reflect a significant change in the filer's or filer's spouse's business and financial interests in the current calendar year.

B. A person holding a legislative or statewide office shall file a FDS in January of every year by January 31 at midnight.

C. A candidate for legislative or statewide office, that has not already filed a FDS in the same year, shall file a FDS with the secretary of state within three days of filing a declaration of candidacy. Pursuant to Subsection H of Section 10-16A-2 NMSA 1978, a candidate for legislative or statewide offices who does not file a FDS before the date for qualification of the person as a candidate shall be disqualified by the proper filing officer as a candidate.

D. A state agency head or board or commission member required to file a FDS, shall file within 30 days of being hired or appointed and by January 31 at midnight each year thereafter as long as the filer holds the same position.

E. A person who is required to file a FDS for more than one reason, for example the filer is appointed to multiple boards, shall only file one FDS upon the filer's first appointment and in January each year thereafter for as long as the filer maintains at least one position that requires a FDS. The filer shall list all positions held or offices sought on the filer's FDS.

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1.10.31.10 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

A. The secretary of state shall maintain training materials regarding compliance with the Financial Disclosure Act and the use of the electronic filing system used to file a FDS on the secretary of state's website.

B. If the secretary of state receives an external complaint about a person required to file under the Financial Disclosure Act or otherwise becomes aware of a potential violation or discrepancy, the secretary of state shall provide the filer ten business days to come into voluntary compliance with the Financial Disclosure Act before referring the matter to the state ethics commission.

C. The secretary of state shall notify the filer of an internal compliance violation and provide the person ten business days to correct the matter. If the filer responsible for the internal compliance violation does not correct the matter within ten business days of receiving a notice from the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall notify the state ethics commission and transmit to the state ethics commission any documents related to the internal compliance violation.

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