- 1 Department of Economic Security
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- 3 Adopted Rules Governing the Unemployment Insurance Program
- 4 Relating to Payment of Benefits and Collection of Employer Taxes

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- 6 Rules as Adopted
- 7 Chapter One: General Definitions
- 8 8 MCAR S 4.3000 Definitions. For the purpose of chapters one,
- 9 two and three the following terms have the meanings given them.
- 10 A. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of
- 11 the Department of Economic Security or his duly authorized
- 12 representative.
- 13 B. Department. "Department" means the Minnesota Department
- 14 of Economic Security.
- 15 C. Unemployment office. "Unemployment office" means a
- 16 location where the department offers unemployment insurance
- 17 claim services.

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- 18 Chapter Two: Benefits
- 19 8 MCAR S 4.3001 Applicability. Rules 8 MCAR SS 4.3001-4.3011
- 20 apply to determinations of a claimant's eligibility for regular
 - benefits as defined in Minn. Stat. S 268.071, subd. 1, clause
- 22 (7) and to extended benefits pursuant to Minn. Stat. SS
- 23 268-03-268-24 S 268.071, subds. 1-6.
- 24 8 MCAR S 4.3002 Definitions. For the purposes of 8 MCAR SS
- 25 4.3001-4.3011 the following terms have the meanings given them.
- 26 A. Credit week. "Credit week" means any week within the
- 27 base period for which wages in the required amount have been
- 28 paid or were due and payable but not paid for performing
- 29 services or for vacation periods. Except for vacation payments,
- 30 those payments which are wages as defined in Minn. Stat. S
- 31 268.04, subd. 25 or department rules but for which the
- 32 individual performs no services within the calendar week shall
- 33 not be used to establish a credit week.
- 34 B. Labor market area. "Labor market area" means the
- 35 geographic area in which the claimant can reasonably be expected

- 1 to seek and find employment. In determining the labor market
- 2 area, the commuting patterns of persons with the same or similar
- 3 occupations residing in the claimant's locality shall be
- 4 considered.
- 5 C. Seasonal worker. "Seasonal worker" means a claimant
- 6 whose employer customarily suspends or significantly curtails
- 7 operations for regularly recurring periods or whose usual
- 8 occupation cannot be performed for any employer in the labor
- 9 market area because climatic conditions prohibit performance of
- 10 the normal duties of the occupation.
- 11 8 MCAR S 4.3003 Able to work.
- 12 A. Generally. A elaimant To be able to work a claimant must
- 13 have the physical and mental ability to perform the usual duties
- 14 of his customary occupation or the usual duties of other work
- 15 for which he is reasonably fitted by training, experience or
- 16 capability and which is gainful employment engaged in by others
- 17 as a means of livelihood as an employee under conditions
- 18 ordinarily existing during a normal work week. The burden of
- 19 establishing ability to work is on the claimant, but there will
- 20 be no presumption that a claimant is not able to work.
- 21 B. Particular situations. In determining whether a claimant
- 22 is able to work the department will consider the facts and
- 23 circumstances of the claimant's particular situation. The
- 24 determination shall be made by applying the criteria listed in
- 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4. 1. and 2.
- 26 1. Medical evidence. Where doubt exists as to the
- 27 claimant's ability to work the department may shall require him
- 28 to furnish medical evidence of his ability to work. Failure of
- 29 the claimant to furnish requested medical evidence may shall
- 30 result in a suspension or a denial of benefits.
- 31 2- Medical separation from work- A claiment who was
- 32 separated from employment due to his own serious illness must
- 33 demonstrate his ability to perform other work to be deemed able
- 34 to work-
- 35 3- No presumption of inability to work. There will be no
- 36 presumption a claimant is not able to work:

- 1 4- 2. Ability to work part-time only. Normally a
- 2 claimant is required to be able to work and available for
- 3 full-time work for all shifts which are customary for his
- 4 occupation. However, a claimant whose physical or mental
- 5 condition restricts his availability to part-time work or to a
- 6 particular shift will shall be deemed able to work if there is a
- 7 reasonable possibility of obtaining work within these
- 8 restrictions are jobs in his labor market area consistent with
- 9 the limitations or such jobs can be expected to arise within a
- 10 reasonable period of time.
- 11 8 MCAR S 4.3004 Available for work.
- 12 A. Generally. Except as provided in 8 MCAR S 4.3003 B.2., a
- 13 claimant is considered available for work only if he is ready
- 14 and willing to accept full-time suitable employment work. There
- 15 must be no restrictions, either self-imposed or created by
- 16 circumstances, which prevent accepting employment full-time
- 17 work. A restriction does not prevent accepting employment
- 18 full-time work if there are good favorable prospects for
- 19 obtaining employment full-time work within the restrictions
- 20 within a reasonable period of time.
- 21 B. Absence from labor market area. A claimant who is absent
- 22 from his labor market area for personal reasons is presumed to
- 23 be not available for work. Hewever, an absence of two days or
- 24 less from his labor market area due to a family emergency or for
- 25 ether compelling personal reasons does not make him unavailable
- 26 for these days This presumption is rebuttable.
- 27 C. Alien status. A claimant who is an alien must present
- 28 proof that he is authorized under federal law to work in the
- 29 United States to be available for work.
- 30 D. Change of residence. A claimant who has moved
- 31 permanently moves to an area where his chances of securing work
- 32 are materially lessened and who does not make a diligent shall
- 33 expand his work search, expand his availability to other
- 34 occupations, and accept the prevailing wages, hours and other
- 35 conditions of work is net available for work in the labor market
- 36 to which he moves.

- 1 E. Claimant cannot be contacted. Unless good cause exists
- 2 for the failure to be reachable by the department a claimant who
- 3 cannot be reached after reasonable efforts by the department for
- 4 referral to possible employment is not available for work.
- 5 F. Failure to report. A claimant who fails without good
- 6 cause to report as directed to an unemployment office or to a
- 7 job service office of the Department of Economic Security is not
- 8 available for work. The department may presume that a claimant
- 9 who fails without good cause to report as directed to an
- 10 unemployment office to discuss his eligibility for benefits is
- 11 not available for the days that he fails to report. A claimant
- 12 who fails to report as directed to an unemployment office to
- 13 discuss his eligibility for benefits for a prior period will be
- 14 determined eligible or ineligible for the prior period based
- 15 solely on the facts available to the office if the claimant has
- 16 made no effort within 14 days to report to the office to
- 17 establish eligibility.
- 18 G. Incarcerated. A claimant who is incarcerated and who is
- 19 unable to accept employment under a work release program is not
- 20 available for work.
- 21 H. Labor market area. A claimant must offer his services
- 22 unequivocally to the labor market area to be available for work.
- 23 I. Length of unemployment. As a claimant's duration of
- 24 unemployment lengthens, prospects for obtaining employment in
- 25 the customary occupation or other work in a reasonable time may
- 26 change. Therefore, work that is unsuitable at one point in time
- 27 may become suitable at another point. To be available for work,
- 28 a claimant must be ready and willing to accept different work
- 29 which becomes suitable as his prospects for customary work
- 30 change. Thus, he may be required to broaden the geographic area
- 31 in which he will accept work, seek and accept employment on a
- 32 different shift, accept counseling for possible retraining or
- 33 change in occupation, or seek and accept employment and the
- 34 prevailing wages in a new occupation.
- J. Seasonal worker. A seasonal worker who is not willing to
- 36 accept suitable work in other occupations during the off season

- 1 is not available for work.
- 2 K. Self-employment. A claimant is not available for work if
- 3 he is self-employed and no longer seeking other suitable work as
- 4 an employee because of his being self-employed or if he is
- 5 planning to be become self-employed and he is deveting time and
- 6 effort to his self-employment so that he cannot accept work
- 7 during customary hours for his occupation or other suitable work
- 8 will not accept other suitable work.
- 9 L. Time or shift restriction. Except as provided in 8 MCAR
- 10 S 4.3003 B.2., a claimant who imposes restrictions on the hours
- 11 of the day or days of the week which he is willing to work which
- 12 are not normal for his usual occupation or other suitable work
- 13 is not available for work. A claimant who imposes restrictions
- 14 on the hours of the day or days of the week which he is willing
- 15 to seek work which prevent him from meeting the work search
- 16 requirements of the department is not available for work.
- 17 M. Transportation. A claimant to be available for work must
- 18 have transportation from his residence to his labor market area.
- 19 N. Union membership. A claimant who is seeking work only
- 20 through his union is not available for work unless he is in an
- 21 occupation or trade where it is customary that substantially all
- 22 the hiring in that locality is done through his union. He must
- 23 submit evidence, when required by the department, that he is a
- 24 union member in good standing, is registered with the union for
- 25 work and is in compliance with other union rules.
- O. Wage restriction. A claimant who has demanded wages
- 27 exceeding those customary in his labor market area for the type
- 28 of work he is seeking is not available for work.
- 29 8 MCAR S 4.3005 Actively seeking work.
- 30 A. Generally. A claimant must make reasonable, diligent
- 31 efforts to actively seek suitable work for each week for which
- 32 he files a claim. Reasonable, diligent efforts are those that a
- 33 person in similar circumstances would make if genuinely
- 34 interested in obtaining suitable employment under the existing
- 35 conditions in the labor market area. A claimant who fails to
- 36 make reasonable, diligent efforts to actively seek suitable work

- 1 or who limits the search to positions that are not available or
- 2 are above his training, experience and qualifications is not
- 3 actively seeking suitable work.
- 4 B. Scope of work search. A claimant is not actively seeking
- 5 work if he has not sought suitable work in accordance with
- 6 specific and reasonable instructions of the department. The
- 7 claimant may be required to do any or all of the following to
- 8 establish that he is actively seeking suitable work:
- 9 1. Register with the department's job service and report
- 10 to the department's job service office when such reports are a
- 11 required part of an active work search and may improve his
- 12 opportunities of finding work;
- 2. Register with his union hiring or placement facility
- 14 and meet the union requirements concerning dispatch to a job;
- 3. Register with a placement facility of his professional
- 16 organization;
- 17 4. Register with a placement facility of a school,
- 18 college, or university;
- 5. Apply for employment with former employers; however,
- 20 claimants may refuse to reapply for work with employers if the
- 21 claimant previously terminated employment with the same employer
- 22 with a good cause attributable to the employer and the
- 23 conditions constituting good cause for the prior quit continue
- 24 to exist and will affect the claimant upon reemployment;
- 25 6. Make application with employers who may reasonably be
- 26 expected to have suitable openings;
- 7. Make applications or take examinations for suitable
- 28 openings in the civil service of a governmental unit;
- 29 8. Respond to want ads for suitable work; or
- 9. Perform any other reasonable action which the
- 31 department finds to constitute an effective means of seeking
- 32 work suitable to the claimant.
- 33 C. Number of contacts. The number of employer contacts
- 34 required to be considered actively seeking employment varies.
- 35 In determining adequacy of work search in terms of the number of
- 36 contacts required the department will consider the employment

- 1 opportunities as well as the qualifications of the claimant and
- normal practices and methods of seeking work.
- 3 D. Type of work sought. A claimant will generally be
- allowed to seek work in his usual trade or occupation before 4
- being required to seek other types of work that may be
- suitable. The length of time allowed to seek work at his usual 6
- trade or occupation will be governed by the availability of that 7
- work in the labor market area where he is seeking work-8
- elaimant will be required to seek work outside his customary
- 10 occupation if one of the following conditions prevails-
- 11 1. There are available openings outside the claimant's
- 12 customary occupation and there are few workers unemployed in the
- 13 locality for whom these openings would be more suitable than for
- 14 the elaimant;
- 15 2. The elaimant's prospects of securing work in his
- 16 customary occupation are not as favorable as his prospects of
- securing work outside his customary occupation; or 17
- 3. Work which exists outside the claimant's customary 18
- 19 eccupation is suitable for the claimant. A claimant will be
- 20 allowed to limit his work search to work in his usual or
- 21 customary trade or occupation if he has favorable prospects of
- 22 returning to work in his usual trade or occupation within a
- 23 reasonable period of time under 8 MCAR S 4.3007 J. The length
- of time allowed to a claimant to limit his work search to work
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- 25 in his usual trade or occupation will be governed by the
- availability of that work in the labor market area where he is 26
- 27 seeking work. When the claimant does not have favorable
- 28 prospects, he shall be available for other suitable work under
- guidelines in 8 MCAR S 4.3006 E. 29

- 30 E. Permanent and temporary work. Except as provided in 8
- 31 MCAR S 4.3006 C., claimants are required to actively seek
- 32 suitable permanent work. However, a claimant who is on a
- 33 temperary layeff and who has a verifiable assurance of return to
- 34 work may limit his search for employment to temporary work-
- 35 F. Seasonal workers. A claimant who is seasonally
- unemployed is not relieved of the responsibility to actively 36

- 1 seek work.
- 2 G. Incarcerated worker. A claimant who is incarcerated and
- 3 who is unable to seek work is not actively seeking work.
- 4 H. Filing and reporting only. If due to economic conditions
- 5 within the labor market area the department finds that for a
- 6 particular occupation or class of claimants the existence of
- 7 suitable job openings other than those listed with a union
- 8 hiring hall, professional organization or similar placement
- 9 facility or the department are so few that any effort to search
- 10 for openings would be fruitless to the claimant and burdensome
- 11 to employers, then registering with and maintaining the
- 12 requirements for referral by the hiring hall or placement
- 13 facility or the department shall constitute an active search for
- 14 employment.
- 15 8 MCAR S 4.3006 Suitable work.
- 16 A. Applicability. Rules 8 MCAR SS 4.3006-4.3008 shall be
- 17 used in determining if an individual failed is disqualified from
- 18 receiving regular benefits by failing to apply for or accept
- 19 suitable work or suitable reemployment without good cause.
- 20 B. Policy. The suitable work provisions of Minn. Stat. SS
- 21 268.03-268.24 and 8 MCAR SS 4.3006-4.3008 shall be administered
- 22 so as to promote the department's dual responsibilities of
- 23 ensuring that benefits are paid to only those persons who are
- 24 involuntarily unemployed through no fault of their own and, as
- 25 promptly as possible, matching workers with jobs which best
- 26 utilize their skills, knowledges, and abilities. Toward this
- 27 end, "suitable work" is to be interpreted to recognize a
- 28 worker's skills and abilities but not to provide a haven for
- 29 those who do not wish to work.
- Ideally, the department could match job seekers with jobs
- 31 in their usual occupation with wages, hours, and other
- 32 conditions of work identical to those previously enjoyed. As a
- 33 practical matter economic conditions may prohibit this ideal and
- 34 so a reasonable alternative must be developed. Any reasonable
- 35 alternative should be based on the policy that it is best for
- 36 employers, workers and society as a whole to maximize use of

- existing skills and abilities for the largest number of workers
- possible under the existing economic conditions, temporary or
- 3 permanent, of the labor market area.

- 4 C. Suitable work. In general, suitable work is available
- work in the claimant's labor market area which is reasonably
- related to a claimant's qualifications. In determining whether 6 _____
- 7 a particular job is suitable, the department shall consider the
- degree of risk involved to the claimant's health, safety, and 8 _______
- morals; the claimant's physical fitness; the claimant's prior 9 ______
- 10 training and experience; the claimant's length of unemployment
- and prospects of securing local work in his customary 11
- occupation; and the distance of the work from the claimant's 12
- 13 residence.
- 14 D. Unsuitable work. Work is not suitable under any of the
- 15 following conditions:
- 1. if the position offered is vacant due directly to a 16
- 17 strike, lockout, or other labor dispute;
- 18 2. if the wages, hours, or other conditions of the work
- 19 offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than
- 20 those prevailing for similar work in the locality;
- 21 3. if, as a condition of being employed, the individual
- 22 would be required to join a union or to resign from or refrain
- 23 from joining any bona fide labor organization; or
- 24 4. if the individual is in training with the approval of
- 25 the commissioner.
- €. E. General. The In determining what is suitable work, 26
- the department shall give primary guidelines for determining 27
- suitable work must give consideration to the temporary or 28
- 29 permanent nature of the unemployment claimant's separation from
- employment and whether it be temperary or permanent and the he 30
- has favorable prospects of the individual finding work in his 31
- usual or related eccupations customary occupation within a 32
- reasonable period of time. The specific statutery 33
- 34 interpretations of Rules 8 MCAR SS 4.3007-4.3008 shall also be
- considered in light of the following general guidelines: 35
- 36 1. For persons who have a verifiable assurance of work in

- 1 the near future within six weeks, suitable work censists of is
- 2 limited to available, temporary work in their usual er a related
- 3 trade or occupation or substantially equivalent employment in
- 4 the labor market area;
- 5 2. For persons with a verifiable assurance of work in the
- 6 more distant future than six weeks, suitable work is includes
- 7 available, temporary work under 1. or other temporary work in a
- 8 related trade or occupation for which the claimant is reasonably
- 9 suited by virtue of his education, training, work experience or
- 10 ability and which is a reasonable departure from his usual
- 11 eccupation;
- 3. For seasonal workers suitable work is includes
- 13 temporary work under 2. in their usual eccupation or a related
- 14 eccupation which provides conditions of employment approximating
- 15 their past employment, hewever, Other employment is suitable if
- 16 it meets the following conditions:
- a. There are available openings in a lower skilled or
- 18 paid occupation; and
- 19 b. There are few, if any, unemployed workers for whom
- 20 these openings would be more suitable;
- 21 e. The opening is one for which the claimant is
- 22 reasonably fitted by virtue of his being able to perform the
- 23 werk; and
- 24 d. b. The work pays a wage equaling at least 150
- 25 percent of the claimant's weekly benefit amount.
- For persons without a verifiable assurance of work,
- 27 suitable work is permanent work in their usual or related
- 28 eeeupatiens substantially equivalent employment which provides
- 29 wages and conditions of employment approximating those of their
- 30 past employment if their prospects of finding the work are
- 31 favorable. If prospects are unfavorable, work at lower skill or
- 32 wage levels is suitable if there are few, if any, workers
- 33 unemployed in the locality for whom these openings would be more
- 34 suitable than for the claimant, the claimant is reasonably
- 35 suited for the work by virtue of education, training, work
- 36 experience or ability and the work offered is a reasonable

- 1 departure from his usual occupation.
- 2 In general, "near future" as used in 1: means six weeks or
- 3 less and "more distant future" as used in 2- means more than six
- 4 weeks-
- 5 "Verifiable assurance" means an assurance that can be
- 6 confirmed by claimant or employer information or independent
- 7 department knowledge of the situation.
- 8 Paragraph 2. may be applied only when the claimant does not
- 9 have favorable prospects for finding work in his usual trade or
- 10 occupation or substantially equivalent employment.
- 11 8 MCAR S 4.3007 Statutory terms interpreted.
- 12 A. Generally Applicability. The terms and phrases used in
- 13 Minn. Stat. S 268.09, subd. 2 as guidelines for determining
- 14 switability of work shall have the meanings and explanations
- 15 given in B.-R.
- 16 B. To apply. "To apply" means that the claimant must comply
- 17 with all necessary application processes, beginning with the
- 18 notice to appear for the interview with the job service and
- 19 including actually calling at the place of business of the
- 20 prospective employer when so advised by the department.
- 21 C. Failure to apply. "Failure to apply" includes any
- 22 willful action or neglect which demonstrates a lack of good
- 23 faith in applying for employment.
- D. Failure to accept. "Failure to accept" may consist
- 25 consists of a direct statement of refusal by the claimant or the
- 26 claimant's failure to take reasonable steps to accept the jeb
- 27 suitable work after it has been offered to him.
- 28 E. Available, suitable work. "Available, suitable work"
- 29 means that there is a definite job or vacancy to apply for or
- 30 accept. Work is not available to the claimant when the employer
- 31 finds the claimant unqualified for the position.
- 32 F. Of which he was advised. "Of which he was advised" means
- 33 that a claimant was made aware of a job by the department and
- 34 offered an opportunity to apply for it. Although the employer's
- 35 name need not be provided to the claimant unless he accepts the
- 36 referral, the job must be described in sufficient detail so the

- 1 claimant is aware of the terms and conditions of employment.
- 2 G. Risk involved to his health and safety. Work is not
- 3 suitable for a claimant if the employment presents a risk to his
- 4 health or physical condition which is not usually customary to
- 5 that occupation. Extra hazardous work shall not be suitable
- 6 work unless the claimant has training or experience in that
- 7 occupation. When a claimant has a demonstrated fear of
- 8 performing a particular employment that employment shall not be
- 9 suitable employment. A claimant's loss of ability to avoid
- 10 previously accepted hazards must be considered.
- 11 H. His physical fitness. To determine suitability of work
- 12 in terms of the claimant's physical fitness the department shall
- 13 consider the type of work the claimant has most recently
- 14 performed, any existing physical conditions, whether the work
- 15 requires any strenuous physical ability the claimant does not
- 16 possess, and other factors affecting his physical ability to
- 17 perform the work. If the claimant's physical condition prevents
- 18 him from doing the work the work is unsuitable. Medical
- 19 evidence may be required to support the claimant's statement
- 20 that the work offered is not suitable because of the claimant's
- 21 physical condition.
- 22 I. Prior training and experience. Work that requires a
- 23 skill or particular training which the claimant does not already
- 24 possess may be unsuitable. However, if the claimant lacks the
- 25 skills and training needed to perform offered work, that work
- 26 may be suitable if as part of the job the claimant is provided
- 27 with the training necessary to develop the work skills needed or
- 28 if the time and effort required to develop the skills is minimal.
- J. Prospects of securing work in his customary trade or
- 30 occupation. If the prospects of a claimant finding work in his
- 31 usual trade or occupation are unfavorable, then work in other
- 32 occupations may be suitable work if the general conditions of 8
- 33 MCAR S 4.3006 are satisfied. In determining whether a
- 34 claimant's prospects in a reasonable period of time are
- 35 favorable or unfavorable, the department shall consider the
- 36 following factors:

o for fowing factors:

- 1 1. Whether the claimant's particular skill or trade is
 2 not in demand because of protracted economic conditions,
 3 technological changes or other reasons;
 4 2. The number of unemployed persons seeking employment in
 5 the claimant's customary trade or occupation compared to the
 6 number of positions available;
- 3. The extent of the claimant's training and experience

 8 in his customary trade or occupation compared to the training

 9 and experience of other individuals seeking similar work if

 10 openings are limited;
- 11 4. The extent to which the claimant has investigated or 12 exhausted the prospects available in his labor market area;
- 5. The length of time normally required to find work in the claimant's usual trade or occupation;
- 15 6. The prospects of work in his customary trade or 16 occupation compared to the prospects of other suitable work;
- 7. The claimant's verifiable assurances of work.
- 18 K. Distance of the available work from his residence. To
 19 determine suitability in terms of distance, all factors must be
- 20 considered, including distance, proximity to transportation,
- 21 cost of transportation, type of transportation, transportation
- 22 schedules and time required for transportation. This
- 23 determination is made not only in comparison to the claimant's
- 24 most recent job but also in relation to that which is customary
- 25 in his occupation. If it is customary in the claimant's
- 26 occupation to relocate or change job sites, regardless of
- 27 distance, then the work requiring relocation is suitable. To
- 28 determine the suitability of work located outside the locality
- 29 of the claimant's residence, the factors to be considered are
- 30 the elaimant's prospects for equally steady work in his home
- 31 area, the duration of his unemployment, the remuneration offered
- 32 as related to the cost of transportation, and the distance to
- 33 the place of employment.
- 34 L. Wages. The wages offered must approximate the prevailing
- 35 wage for the work to be suitable. To determine suitability of
- 36 work in terms of wages the total earnings must be considered.

- 1 These include the wage rate, hours of work, method of payment,
- 2 overtime practices, bonuses, incentive payments and fringe
- 3 benefits. When the offered work is at a rate of pay lower than
- 4 the claimant's former rate consideration must be given to the
- 5 length of the claimant's unemployment and the proportion of
- 6 difference in the rates. The importance of the difference
- 7 between the wages offered and the previous rate decreases as the
- 8 period of unemployment increases. Work which may not be
- 9 suitable because of lower wages during the early weeks of the
- 10 claimant's unemployment may become suitable for him as his
- 11 duration of unemployment lengthens and it becomes evident that
- 12 prospects are remote for obtaining work in line with prior
- 13 wages. A wage that is below the person's previous wage may be
- 14 suitable if it is not substantially less favorable than that
- 15 prevailing for similar work in the community.
- 16 M. Hours. To determine suitability of work in terms of
- 17 hours, the arrangement of hours in addition to the total number
- 18 of hours are to be considered. An offer to work on a second,
- 19 third, rotating or split shift is suitable work if werkers are
- 20 generally hired on those shifts it is customary in the trade or
- 21 occupation in the labor market area. However, the shifts are
- 22 alversa anibable for individuals the metamonily couls for
- 22 always suitable for individuals who customarily work for
- 23 employers who use several shifts.
- N. Other conditions of work. The suitability of the work
- 25 may shall be determined by considering the provisions of the
- 26 employment agreement, whether express or implied, including the
- 27 physical conditions under which the work is done pursuant to the
- 28 agreement. The term "other conditions of work" includes but is
- 29 not limited to provisions for work rules, safety rules,
- 30 sanitation, heat, light, and ventilation.
- 31 O. Substantially less favorable to the individual. Whether
- 32 provisions of the work offered are substantially less favorable
- 33 to the individual can be determined only by comparison of the
- 34 conditions of the work offered to those prevailing for similar
- 35 work in the local labor market area. The conditions of work
- 36 offered are not compared to the previous work of the

- 1 individual. Both the extent of the difference as well as its
- 2 effect on the worker shall be considered. If the work offered
- 3 has differences of no substantial consequence for the worker, it
- 4 will not be considered to be substantially less favorable. If
- 5 the wages offered are more than ten percent below the prevailing
- 6 rate of pay or less than the applicable federal or state minimum
- 7 wage for the type of work being considered, it will be
- 8 considered to be substantially less favorable than that
- 9 prevailing for similar work in the locality.
- 10 P. Prevailing. Prevailing wages, hours and other conditions
- ll of work are those which are offered to those who commence
- 12 employment in similar work in the locality.
- 13 Q. Locality. Locality means the claimant's labor market
- 14 area.
- 15 R. Good cause. A claimant has good cause for refusal of
- 16 suitable work only when there is some necessitous and compelling
- 17 reason for refusal. Good cause for refusing a job may, but need
- 18 not be attributable to the employer. Good cause reasons for
- 19 refusal are usually personal to the claimant and extraneous to
- 20 the employment. Good cause for refusal of suitable employment
- 21 must be, and are usually of a temporary and emergency in
- 22 character nature so as not to detach the claimant from the labor
- 23 market.
- 24 8 MCAR S 4.3008 Reemployment offer. A claimant is considered to
- 25 have refused an offer of suitable reemployment from a base
- 26 period employer unless the terms and conditions of the offer are
- 27 substantially less favorable than the terms and conditions under
- 28 which the principal part of the wage credits were earned with
- 29 that employer in the claimant's base period were earned with
- 30 that employer.
- 31 A refusal of reemployment shall be with good cause if the
- 32 claimant had previously quit the employment for good cause
- 33 attributable to the employer and the conditions which were the
- 34 basis for good cause still exist.
- 35 A refusal of reemployment shall be with good cause if the
- 36 claimant previously separated from that employment because of

- 1 his own serious illness and the work offered would adversely
- 2 affect that illness.
- 3 8 MCAR S 4.999 4.3009 Partial benefits exemption. 8 MCAR SS
- 4 4.3001-4.3008 shall not apply to a claimant with respect to a
- 5 claim for partial unemployment benefits.
- 6 8 MCAR S 4.3010 Benefit claim procedure.
- 7 A. Purpose and scope. This rule defines claim procedure and
- 8 eligibility criteria under Minn. Stat. S 268.08, subd. 1.
- 9 B. Initial claim. To file a new claim for benefits or to
- 10 reactivate an inactive claim, an individual shall report in
- 11 person at an unemployment office and shall there:
- 12 1. Present a valid social security account number card or
- 13 other acceptable evidence of his social security number;
- 2. File an initial claim for benefits on a prescribed
- 15 form; and
- 3. Register for work, except that the initial claim for
- 17 benefits may also constitute the individual's registration for
- 18 work if it is determined that normal registration should be
- 19 waived or postponed.
- The claim shall be effective on the Sunday of the calendar
- 21 week in which the claim is reactivated or filed.
- 22 C. Claim acceptance form. If the unemployment office cannot
- 23 provide claim service on a given day an individual shall be
- 24 given a claim acceptance form to verify his attempt to file a
- 25 claim on that date. If the individual presents a claim
- 26 acceptance form to one of the local unemployment service offices
- 27 within 14 days from the date of issuance of the claim acceptance
- 28 form or when service is next provided in a part-time
- 29 unemployment office, the initial claim shall be backdated as if
- 30 filed in the calendar week in which the claim acceptance form
- 31 was issued.
- 32 D. Part-time unemployment office. Any individual who
- 33 resides in an area in which there is a part-time unemployment
- 34 office may report in person at that office and file a new or
- 35 reactivated claim for benefits effective as of the Sunday of the

- l first week of the individual's unemployment, provided that his
- 2 first day of unemployment is subsequent to the last previous day
- 3 that service was provided by the part-time unemployment office.
- 4 No claim shall be effective more than 28 days prior to the
- 5 calendar week in which the individual reports to file the claim.
- 6 E. Permitted benefit years. An initial claim for benefits
- 7 shall not establish a benefit year which begins prior to the
- 8 Sunday next following the end of any previous benefit year
- 9 except as otherwise provided by rule or law.
- 10 F. Withdrawal of claim. An initial claim for benefits which
- ll has been filed with the department may not be withdrawn by the
- 12 claimant or otherwise terminated by the department except as
- 13 provided by other rule or law.
- 14 G. Continued claim. A continued claim is a certification to
- 15 the completion of one or more weeks of unemployment and a
- 16 request for benefit credit for that period. To establish
- 17 eligibility for benefits or waiting period credit for a week or
- 18 weeks of unemployment following a new or reactivated claim an
- 19 individual shall continue to report in person or by mail and
- 20 file continued claims as directed by the department to the
- 21 office responsible for the administration of his unemployment
- 22 insurance, in this or any other state.
- 23 H. Transferred claim. Any claimant filing continued claims
- 24 covering more than four weeks of benefits through a single area
- 25 office in this or some other state other than the area office
- 26 where his initial claim or transferred claim is filed shall
- 27 transfer his claim to that single office. No claimant shall be
- 28 ineligible for failure to transfer his claim to another office
- 29 unless, prior to the filing of a continued claim, the claimant
- 30 has been directed to transfer his claim and has failed without
- 31 good cause to comply.
- 32 I. Late filed claim. Any individual who fails to file a
- 33 continued claim in the manner and at the time and place
- .34 specified by the department may report in person or by mail and
- 35 file the claim within 14 days following the date specified by
- 36 the department. Waiting period credit or benefits for each week

- that was covered by the delinquent claim shall be authorized if 1
- the claimant is otherwise eligible. No credit or benefits shall
- be authorized for subsequent weeks which were not claimed 3
- 4 properly.
- Any individual who for good cause fails to file a continued 5
- 6 claim in the manner and at the time and place specified by the
- department may file the claim in person or by mail not more than 7
- 8 35 days following the expiration of his benefit year. The
- claimant, if otherwise eligible, shall be entitled to waiting 9
- 10 period credit or benefits for each week that good cause for
- 11 failure to report is established.
- J. Assistance in filing claim. The department shall make 12
- reasonable efforts to assist claimants who because of physical 13
- 14 impairment or inability to communicate in the English language
- cannot provide information necessary to file benefit claims 15
- without assistance. 16
- K. Requirement to notify department of address and telephone 17
- changes. The claimant's address and telephone number on a new 18
- 19 or reactivated claim form shall constitute the last known
- ________
- address and telephone number for purposes of mailing notices of 20
- 21 determination or otherwise contacting the claimant unless a
- 22 written notice of address or telephone change is received by the
- 23 unemployment office where his claim is on file. Any change of
- 24 address or telephone number shall constitute the last known
- ______ 25
- address or telephone number for only those transactions
- occurring after written notice was received. 26
- 27 8 MCAR S 4.3011 Week of unemployment.
- Scope and purpose. This rule further defines "week" as 28
- defined under Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 23. 29
- Week calculated, labor dispute. An individual's week of 30
- unemployment shall consist of the consecutive seven-day period
- beginning with the day on which registration is made effective 32
- except following the termination of a labor dispute. Following 33
- termination of a labor dispute, week of unemployment is the 34
- 35 remainder of the calendar week in which the labor dispute
- 36 ended. An individual, if otherwise eligible, shall be entitled

- 1 to one-fifth credit for each day, excluding Saturday, following
- 2 the date on which the labor dispute ended.
- 3 Chapter Three: Taxation
- 4 8 MCAR S 4.3100 Definitions.
- 5 A. Generally. Unless the context otherwise requires, terms
- 6 used in 8 MCAR SS 4.3100-4.3108 shall be construed in the sense
- 7 in which they are defined in Minn. Stat. SS 268.03-268.24, or in
- 8 these or other rules of the department.
- 9 B. Pay period. "Pay period" means that period of time
- 10 during which the wages due on any regular pay day were earned.
- 11 If the period exceeds 31 days, then 31 days shall be deemed to
- 12 constitute a pay period.
- 13 8 MCAR S 4.3101 Wages.
- 14 A. Purpose. This rule further defines "wages" as defined in
- 15 Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 25, and used in Minn. Stat. SS
- 16 268.03-268.24, 8 MCAR SS 4.3101-4.3108, interpretations, forms
- 17 and other official pronouncements issued by the department.
- 18 B. Types of wages, generally. "Wages" means remuneration
- 19 for services. The remuneration may take any form, be paid at
- 20 various times, and be computed in various ways. Remuneration
- 21 may be in cash or in a medium other than cash, on the basis of
- 22 piece work or percentage of profits, or by commission.
- 23 Remuneration may be paid on an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly,
- 24 annual or other basis.
- 25 C. Paid and payable wages. Wages includes remuneration
- 26 payable and remuneration paid. "Remuneration payable" is wages
- 27 that have been earned but that were not paid when due.
- 28 "Remuneration paid" is wages that have been actually or
- 29 constructively delivered to, or for the benefit of, an employee.
- 30 D. Types of wages. Wages include the monetary value of:
- Dwelling unit rent, utilities, meals, exchange of
- 32 services or other goods or services that are to compensate for
- 33 an employee's services;
- Vacation pay or payment in lieu of vacation;
- 35 3. Termination, severance, or dismissal payment or

- 1 payment in lieu of notice whether notice is required or not;
- 2 4. That portion of the payment which compensates for
- 3 services rendered received in the form of an award or allowance
- 4 in accordance with a contractual agreement or settlement reached
- 5 through any arbitrator, regulatory agency or court;
- 6 5. Profits, sometimes referred to as dividends, other
- 7 than those designated as capital gain distributions or return of
- 8 capital, distributed or allocated to officers and shareholders
- 9 who perform services for a corporation organized under the rules
- 10 of Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The
- 11 distribution or allocation of undistributed profits is
- 12 reportable at the time it is received by, or credited to the
- 13 account of, the officers and shareholders;
- 14 6. The value of any consideration, award, bonus or prize
- 15 which accrues before separation from employment;
- 7. Payments for accrued sick leave when not related to a
- 17 specific absence due to sickness or injury, regardless of
- 18 whether or not the employer maintains a sick pay plan as defined
- 19 in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 25, clause (2);
- 20 8. Idle time or standby compensation paid by an employer
- 21 for a guaranteed minimum number of hours of employment per week
- 22 when employees are to be available for a specific period of time
- 23 and payment is made to them for idle time even if they do not
- 24 render services for the minimum number of hours;
- 9. Advances or draws against future earnings, when paid,
- 26 unless the payments are designated as a loan or return of '
- 27 capital on the books of the employer at the time of payment;
- 28 10. Amounts paid to corporate shareholders and or
- 29 officers, although designated as loans, where repayments are not
- 30 made pursuant to a payoff schedule, lack business purpose and
- 31 fail to provide for the payment of reasonable interest, if the
- 32 shareholders or officers perform services for the corporation
- 33 for remuneration below that which would approximate reasonable
- 34 compensation for services;
- 35 11. Payments made directly or indirectly to an individual
- 36 to perform or assist in performing the work of any employee of

- 1 the employer provided that the employer had actual or
- 2 constructive knowledge that the work was being performed;
- 3 12. Payments made for services as a caretaker. Unless
- 4 there is a contract or other proof to the contrary, remuneration
- 5 shall be considered as being equally received by a married
- 6 couple where the employer makes payment to only one spouse, or
- 7 by all tenants of a household who perform services where two or
- 8 more individuals share the same dwelling and the employer makes
- 9 payment to only one individual;
- 10 13. Payments made for services by a migrant family.
- 11 Where services are performed by a married couple or a family and
- 12 an employer makes payment to only one individual each worker
- 13 shall be considered as having received an equal share of the
- 14 remuneration unless there is a contract or other proof to the
- 15 contrary;
- 16 14. An employer's vehicle furnished to an employee to the
- 17 extent the vehicle is used for personal purposes. If the
- 18 employee has use of the vehicle without charge, the amount
- 19 deemed to be wages shall be \$200 per month or, if for less than
- 20 a calendar month, \$7 for each day that the employee has use of
- 21 the vehicle for personal purposes. If the employee reimburses
- 22 the employer for the use of the vehicle, the amount deemed to be
- 23 wages shall be determined as follows:
- a. If the employee reimburses the employer at an
- 25 established rate of less than 20 cents per mile for each mile of
- 26 personal use, the amount deemed to be wages shall be the
- 27 difference, if any, between the amount reimbursed and 20 cents
- 28 per mile; or
- 29 b. If the employee reimburses the employer at an
- 30 established daily, weekly or monthly rate, the amount deemed to
- 31 be wages shall be the difference, if any, between the amount
- 32 reimbursed and \$200 per month or, if for less than a month, \$7
- 33 for each day that the employee has use of the vehicle for
- 34 personal purposes;
- 35 15. Amounts withheld or deducted from an employee's
- 36 earnings because of a deferred compensation agreement

- 1 which an employee agrees to participate in or which is part of
- 2 an employment contract. A deferred compensation agreement
- 3 generally means an arrangement between the employee and the
- 4 employer for the withholding or deduction of a specific amount
- 5 from his earnings, to be distributed to the employee by the
- 6 employer or a third person at a later time, usually in
- 7 post-retirement years.
- 8 E. Tips and gratuities.
- 9. 1. Accounted for to the employer. Tips and gratuities
- 10 are accounted for to the employer in various manners or forms
- 11 including if when they are:
- a. Added to the customer's bill by the employer;
- b. Added to the bill by a customer using credit for
- 14 the purchase;
- 15 c. Disbursed by the employer from a tip pool; or
- d. Reported to the employer in compliance with the
- 17 Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
- 18 2. Paid to an employee by a customer. Tips and
- 19 gratuities are considered paid to an employee by a customer if
- 20 they are:
- 21 a. Received directly from the customer;
- 22 b. Distributed from a tip pool, whether controlled by
- 23 the employer or employees; or
- c. Received as part of a plan or system under which
- 25 the person initially receiving them, whether directly from the
- 26 customer or from a tip pool, distributes a portion of the tips
- 27 to other employees.
- 28 Under a.-c. the tips are considered as being paid by the
- 29 customer to the person ultimately receiving them.
- 30 F. Valuing non-cash remuneration.
- 31 1. Except as this rule may otherwise provide, the cash
- 32 value of remuneration for personal services payable in any
- 33 medium other than cash shall be:
- 34 a. The fair market value of meals or any value agreed
- 35 upon between the employer and employee if it is not less than
- 36 the allowance as provided in Minn. Stat. SS 177.21-177.35, the

- 1 Minnesota fair labor standards act, and rules promulgated
- 2 thereunder;
- 3 b. The value of rent of a house, apartment or other
- 4 lodging, furnished to an employee that would be paid by an
- 5 employee for similar or equivalent accommodations, but in no
- 6 event less than the allowance provided in Minn. Stat. SS
- 7 177.21-177.35 and rules promulgated thereunder; or
- 8 c. The fair market value, determined when received, of
- 9 any other remuneration for services unless a higher value is
- 10 agreed upon between the employer and the employee.
- 11 2. If the department commissioner determines that the
- 12 reasonable fair market value is other than as determined by the
- 13 employer it may he shall, after affording the employer
- 14 reasonable opportunity for the submission of relevant
- 15 information, determine the reasonable cash value of board, rent,
- 16 housing, meals, or similar advantage.
- 17 G. Employee equipment.
- 18 1. The wages of the operator and supplier of a truck,
- 19 bulldozer, tractor or similar equipment whose remuneration
- 20 includes wages for personal services as well as the cost of
- 21 operating and hiring the equipment shall, in the absence of an
- 22 agreement between the parties, be determined as follows:
- a. The value of that part of the total remuneration
- 24 received which is wages for personal services shall not be less
- 25 than the prevailing wage scale for similar services by operators
- 26 of equipment of the same size and type in the locality where the
- 27 services are performed; or
- 28 b. If there is no prevailing wage in the locality in
- 29 which the services are performed, 40 percent of the total
- 30 remuneration received from the employer shall constitute wages.
- 31 2. Payments to an employee that include advances or
- 32 reimbursements for use of his personal vehicle of up to 9,000
- 33 pounds gross vehicle weight in the employer's business are wages
- 34 unless the amount attributable to the use of the vehicle is
- 35 separately paid or stated as prescribed in H.8. and the advance
- 36 or reimbursement is not unreasonable or arbitrary in which case

- l only the amount attributable to services performed shall be
- 2 wages.
- 3 3. If the commissioner finds that the wage determination
- 4 of the equipment operators or employees who use their personal
- 5 vehicles in the employer's business prescribed by 1. and 2.
- 6 would be unreasonable or arbitrary in the a particular case,
- 7 then the commissioner may shall determine the amount of the
- 8 wages of the employee involved.
- 9 H. Exempt wages. The term "wages" shall not include:
- 10 l. The value of any special discount or mark down allowed
- ll to an employee in goods purchased from or services supplied by
- 12 the employer where the purchases are optional, and do not
- 13 constitute régular or systematic remuneration for services
- 14 rendered;
- 2. Customary and reasonable directors' fees paid to
- 16 individuals who are not otherwise employed by the corporation of
- 17 which they are directors;
- 3. Moneys allowed to employees for reimbursement of meal
- 19 expenses when employees are required to perform work after their
- 20 regular hours;
- 21 4. Any payment made to or on behalf of an employee by the
- 22 employer for legal or dental service plans if provided for all
- 23 employees generally or for a class or classes of employees;
- 24 5. Payments for periods of sickness or injury after the
- 25 end of six calendar months after the calendar month in which the
- 26 employee last worked for the employer, if the payments are made
- 27 by an employer who does not maintain a regular sick pay plan as
- 28 defined in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 25, clause (2);
- 29 6. Compensation, reimbursement, fees, meals or other
- 30 remuneration paid or provided through a court to an individual
- 31 for services performed as a juror;
- 32
 7. Royalties to an owner of a franchise, license,
- 33 copyright, patent, oil, mineral or other right;
- 34 8. Amounts paid specifically as advances or
- 35 reimbursements for traveling or other bona fide ordinary and
- 36 necessary expenses incurred or reasonably expected to be

- 1 incurred in the business of the employer. Traveling and other
- 2 reimbursed expenses must be identified either by making separate
- 3 payments or by specifically indicating the separate amounts
- 4 where both wages and expense allowances are combined in a single
- 5 payment;
- 6 9. Remuneration paid to radio and television artists
- 7 which represents residual payments and are which is accrued
- 8 subsequent to the production of musical jingles, spot
- 9 announcements, radio transcriptions and film sound tracks; or
- 10. Any payment to or on behalf of an employee under a
- ll plan or system established by an employer, which makes
- 12 provisions for his employees generally or for a class or classes
- 13 of his employees for the supplementation of unemployment
- 14 benefits under the written terms of an agreement, contract,
- 15 trust arrangement, or other instrument if the plan or system
- 16 provides benefits which are only supplemental to, and does not
- 17 replace or duplicate any state or federal unemployment
- 18 compensation. The plan or system must provide that funds are to
- 19 be used solely for the supplementation of state unemployment
- 20 benefits. Potential recipients of the plan or system must be
- 21 required to file for unemployment benefits in accordance with
- 22 state law. The plan or system shall not allow the assignment of
- 23 benefits or the payment of any consideration in lieu of any
- 24 benefit upon the employee's withdrawal from the plan or system,
- 25 his termination of employment or the termination of the plan or
- 26 system. The plan or system must not be designed for the purpose
- 27 of avoiding the payment of unemployment taxes on moneys
- 28 disbursed from its plan or system.
- 29 8 MCAR S 4.3102 Employment.
- 30 A. Definitions. For the purpose of 8 MCAR S 4.3102 the
- 31 following terms have the meaning given to them.
- 32 l. "Control" is the power to instruct, direct or regulate
- 33 the activities of an individual whether or not the power is
- 34 exercised.
- 35 2. "Employing unit" has the meaning given to it in Minn.
- 36 Stat. S 268.04, subd. 9, and includes any individual or type of

- l organization that engages, retains, or secures the services of,
- 2 an individual.
- 3 3. "Employment" has the meaning given to it in Minn.
- 4 Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, and includes the services of any
- 5 individual performed for an employing unit under its direction,
- 6 rule or control as to both the method of performing or executing
- 7 the services and the result to be effected or accomplished.
- 8 Whether an individual is performing services in employment shall
- 9 be determined by the preponderance of the evidence.
- 10 4. "Method" is the way, procedure or process for doing
- ll something; the means in attaining a result as distinguished from
- 12 the result itself.
- B. Obtaining a determination or opinion. If an employing
- 14 unit is unsure of the status of an individual performing
- 15 services for it, the employing unit may obtain a written
- 16 determination by submitting all relevant facts to the
- 17 commissioner on questionnaires prescribed for these
- 18 determinations. The determination shall be final unless a
- 19 written protest is filed with the commissioner as set forth in
- 20 Minn. Stat. S 268.12, subd. 13. If any person contemplates
- 21 hiring or engaging a worker to perform services and is unsure if
- 22 the services would be deemed employment, a written opinion may
- 23 be obtained by submitting information about the proposed work
- 24 arrangement, as the hiring person perceives it will be, on
- 25 questionnaires prescribed by the commissioner. The
- 26 commissioner's opinion does not have the effect of a
- 27 determination and is not subject to appeal. The person

- 28 requesting the opinion shall clearly indicate that the situation
- 29 is hypothetical and that an opinion, rather than a
- 30 determination, is being sought. If an individual is hired or
- 31 engaged to perform the services in question, a determination may
- 32 be obtained. This paragraph in no way limits the department's
- 32 be obtained. This paragraph in no way limits the department s
- 33 authority under Minn. Stat. S 268.12, subd. 13, clause (1) to
- 34 make determinations on its own motion.
- 35 B. C. Procedures for determining control. The department
- 36 may shall determine if control exists by:

- 1 l. Reviewing written contracts between the individual and
- 2 the employing unit;
- 3 2. Interviewing the individual or employing unit;
- 3. Obtaining statements of third parties;
- 5 4. Examining regulatory statutes governing the
- 6 organization, trade or business;
- 5. Examining the books and records of the employing unit;
- 8 and
- 9 6. Any other appropriate means Making any other
- 10 investigation necessary to determine if the elements of control
- 11 specified in D. exist.
- 13 criteria for determining if there is control over the method of
- 14 performing or executing services. The total circumstances must
- 15 be considered to determine if control is present.
- 16 1. Authority over individual's assistants. Hiring,
- 17 supervising, and payment of an individual's assistants by the
- 18 empleying unit shows Control over the individual is indicated
- 19 when the employing unit hires and pays the individual's
- 20 assistants and supervises the details of the assistant's work.
- 2. Compliance with instructions. Centrel exists when an
- 22 individual is required to comply with instructions about when,
- 23 where and how he is to work. Some individuals may work without
- 24 receiving instructions because they are highly proficient in
- 25 their line of work, however, the control factor is present if
- 26 the employing unit has the right to instruct or direct.
- 27 Instruction may be oral or may be in the form of manuals or
- 28 written procedures which show how the desired result is to be
- 29 accomplished. Control is indicated when an individual is
- 30 required to comply with detailed instructions about when, where,
- 31 and how he is to work including the order or sequence in which
- or and now he is so work including the order or sequence in which
- 32 the service is to be performed. Mere suggestions as to detail
- 33 or necessary and usual cooperation where the work furnished is
- 34 part of a larger undertaking, does not normally evince control.
- 35 Some individuals may work without receiving instructions because
- 36 they are highly proficient in their line of work; nevertheless,

- 1 the control factor is present if the employing unit has the
- 2 right to instruct or direct the methods for doing the work and
- 3 the results achieved. Instructions may be oral or may be in the

- form of manuals or written procedures which show how the desired ________
- result is to be accomplished. However, instructions required by
- state or federal law or regulation or general instructions 6
- 7 passed on by the employing unit from a client or customer,
- 8 generally does not evince control.

- · 9. 3. Oral or written reports. Control is indicated if
- 10 regular oral or written reports relating to the method in which
- the services are performed must be submitted to the employing 11
- 12 unit. Periodic reports relating to the accomplishment of a
- specific result may not be indicative of control if, for 13
- 14 example, the reports are used to establish entitlement to
- partial payment based upon percentage of completion of a job, or 15
- 16 the reports are needed to determine compliance with the terms of
- a contract. Completion of receipts, invoices and other forms 17
- customarily used in the particular type of business activity or 18
- 19 required by law does not constitute written reports.
- 20 4. Place of work. Doing the work on the employing unit's
- premises is not control in itself; however, it does imply that 21
- 22 the employer has control, especially when the work could be done
- elsewhere. When work is done off the premises it does indicate 23
- 24 some freedom from control; however, in some occupations, the
- services are necessarily performed away from the premises of the 25
- employing unit and are still considered to be in employment. 26
- Personal performance. If the services must be 27
- rendered personally it indicates that the employing unit is 28
- 29 interested in the method as well as the result. Personal
- 30 performance might not be indicative of control if the work is
- very highly specialized and the werker is hired on the basis of 31
- his professional reputation, as in the case of a consultant 32
- 33 known in academic and professional circles to be an authority in
- the field. Control is indicated if the services must be 34
- personally rendered to the employing unit. Personal performance 35
- of a very specialized work, when the worker is hired on the 36

- l basis of professional reputation, as in the case of a consultant
- 2 known in the academic and professional circles to be an
- 3 authority in the field, is a less reliable indicator of
- 4 control. Lack of control may be indicated when an individual
- 5 has the right to hire a substitute without the employing unit's
- 6 knowledge or consent.
- 7 6. Establishment of work sequence: If a person must
- 8 perform services in the order or sequence set for him by the
- 9 employing unit it indicates the worker is subject to control.
- 10 Often, because of the nature of an occupation, the employing
- 11 unit does not set the order of the services, or sets them
- 12 infrequently, however, it is sufficient to show control if the
- 13 employing unit retains the right to do so. Existence of a
- 14 continuing relationship. The existence of a continuing
- 15 relationship between an individual and the person for whom he
- 16 performs services is a factor tending to indicate the existence
- 17 of an employer-employee relationship. Continuing services may
- 18 include work performed at frequently recurring, though somewhat
- 19 irregular intervals, either on call of the employing unit or
- 20 whenever work is available.
- 7. Right to discharge. The right to discharge is a very
- 22 important factor indicating that the right to control exists
- 23 particularly if the individual may be terminated with little
- 24 notice, without cause, or for failure to follow specified rules
- 25 or methods. An independent worker generally cannot be
- 26 terminated if he produces an end result which measures up to his
- 27 contract specifications. Contracts which provide for
- 28 termination upon notice or for specified acts of nonperformance
- 29 or default are not solely determinative of the right to
- 30 control. That a right to discharge is restricted because of a
- 31 contract with a labor union or with other entities does not mean
- 32 there is not control.
- 33 8. Set hours of work. The establishment of set hours of
- 34 work by the employing unit indicates control. Where fixed hours
- 35 are not practical because of the nature of the occupation, a
- 36 requirement that the worker work at certain times is an element

- 1 of control.
- 9. Training of an individual by an experienced
- 3 employee working with him, by required attendance at meetings,
- 4 and by other methods, is a factor of control especially if the
- 5 training is given periodically or at frequent intervals.
- 6 10. Amount of time. If the worker must devote his full
- 7 time to the activity, control is indicated. Full time does not
- 8 necessarily mean an eight hour day or a five or six day week.
- 9. Its meaning may vary with the intent of the parties, the nature
- 10 of the occupation and customs in the locality. Full time
- 11 services may be required even though not specified in writing or
- 12 orally. For example, a person may be required to produce a
- 13 minimum volume of business which compels him to devote all of
- 14 his working time to that business, or he may not be permitted to
- 15 work for anyone else.
- 16 11. Tools and materials. The furnishing of tools,
- 17 materials and supplies by the employing unit is indicative of
- 18 control over the worker. When the worker furnishes these items
- 19 it indicates a lack of control, but lack of control is not
- 20 indicated if the individual provides tools or supplies
- 21 customarily furnished by workers in the trade.
- 22 12. Expense reimbursement. Payment by the employing unit
- 23 of either the worker's approved business or traveling expenses,
- 24 or both, is a factor indicating control over the worker. A lack
- 25 of control is indicated when the worker is paid on a job basis
- 26 and has to take care of all incidental expenses.
- 27 13. Satisfying requirements of regulatory and licensing
- 28 agencies. If an employing unit is required to enforce standards
- 29 or restrictions imposed by regulatory or licensing agencies,
- 30 such action does not evince control.
- 31 D. E. Independent contractor or employee, factors to
- 32 consider. Among the factors to be considered, in addition to
- 33 factors of control, when determining if services are employment
- 34 are those listed in 1.-7-8.
- 35 1. Availability to public. That an individual makes his
- 36 services available to the general public on a continuing basis

- l is usually indicative of independent status. An individual may
- 2 offer his services to the public in a number of ways including
- 3 having his own office and assistants, displaying a sign in front
- 4 of his home or office, holding a business license, having a
- 5 listing in a business directory or a business listing in a
- 6 telephone directory, or advertising in a newspaper, trade
- 7 journal or magazine.
- 8 2. Compensation on job basis. A person working in
- 9 employment is usually paid by the hour, week or month. Payment
- 10 on a job basis is customary where the worker is independent.
- 11 Payment by the job may include a predetermined lump sum which is
- 12 computed by the number of hours required to do the job at a
- 13 fixed rate per hour or periodic partial payments based upon a
- 14 percent of the total job price or the amount of the total job
- 15 completed. The guarantee of a minimum salary or the granting of
- 16 a drawing account at stated intervals with no requirements
- 17 requirement for repayment of the excess over earnings
- 18 indicates the existence of employment.
- 19 3. Realization of profit or loss. An individual who is
- 20 in a position to realize a profit or suffer a loss as a result
- 21 of his services is generally independent, while the individual
- 22 who is working in employment is not in that position.
- 23 4. Obligation. An individual working in employment
- 24 usually has the right to end his relationship with his employer
- 25 at any time he wishes without incurring liability, although he
- 26 may be required to provide notice of his termination for some
- 27 period in advance of the termination. An independent worker
- 28 usually agrees to complete a specific job. He is responsible
- 29 for its satisfactory completion and is liable for failure to
- 30 complete the job.
- 31 5. Substantial investment. A substantial investment by a
- 32 person in facilities used by him in performing services for
- 33 another tends to show an independent status. The furnishing of
- 34 all necessary facilities by the employing unit tends to indicate
- 35 the absence of an independent status. Facilities include
- 36 equipment or premises necessary for the work, but not tools,

- 1 instruments, clothing, and similar items that are provided by
- 2 individuals working in employment as a common practice in their
- 3 particular trade. A substantial expenditure of time or money
- 4 for an individual's education is not necessarily indicative of
- 5 an independent relationship. Substantial investment means a
- 6 monetary investment representing something of considerable
- 7 worth, in relation to the overall requirements of the person's
- 8 chosen profession, trade, occupation or vocation.
- 9 6. Simultaneous contracts. If an individual works for a
- 10 number of persons or firms at the same time, it indicates an
- 11 independent status because the worker is usually free from
- 12 control by any of the firms. It is possible that a person may
- 13 work for a number of people or firms and still be an employee of
- 14 one or all of them.
- 7. Responsibility. An employing unit is usually
- 16 responsible for the negligence, personal behavior and work
- 17 actions of a person working in employment in his contacts with
- 18 customers and the general public during times that he is
- 19 performing services for the employing unit. An independent
- 20 worker is usually accountable for his own actions.
- 21 E- 8. Services in the course of the employing unit's
- 22 organization, trade or business. Services that are in the
- 23 course of the employing unit's organization, trade or business
- 24 consist of services which are a part or process of the employing
- 25 unit's organization, trade or business and ancillary or
- 26 incidental services. An individual who performs services which
- 27 are a part or process of the employing unit's trade or business
- 28 is in employment and does not have independent status Services
- 29 which are a part or process of the employing unit's trade or
- 30 business are generally performed by individuals in employment.
- 31 Therefore, it is a consideration in determining the status of an
- 32 individual. This consideration, as with all other
- 33 considerations, is not a sole determinative factor. "Part" and
- 34 "process" are not synonymous. Process refers to those services
- 35 which directly carry out the fundamental purposes for which the
- 36 organization, trade or business exists, for example, painting

- 1 and repairing automobile bodies in an automobile body paint and
- 2 repair shop. Part refers to any other services which are
- 3 essential to the operation or maintenance of the organization,
- 4 trade or business, for example, routine cleaning of premises and
- 5 maintenance of tools, equipment and buildings. Ancillary or
- 6 incidental services include landscaping the areas around an
- 7 automobile body paint and repair shop. Other services that meet
- 8 the part, process or ancillary classification are those services
- 9 in connection with purchasing, receiving, storing, pricing,
- 10 displaying, selling and delivery of merchandise and housekeeping
- 11 services required for the safety and comfort of customers and
- 12 the general public or to maintain the premises in a manner as to
- 13 promote business.
- 14 F. Independent status, determination. When determining if
- 15 an individual is in employment or is an independent contractor
- 16 the factors considered must be weighed to make a determination
- 17 of the relationship under the facts of the particular case. The
- 18 weight to be given to a factor is not always constant and there
- 19 may be other factors not specifically identified in this rule
- 20 that should be considered. The degree of There are five
- 21 essential factors to be considered. The two most important are
- 22 those:
- 23 1. That indicate the right or the lack of the right to
- 24 control the means and manner of performance; and
- 25 2. To discharge the worker.
- The other essential factors to be considered are: the mode
- 27 of payment; furnishing of materials and tools; and control over
- 28 the premises where the work is performed.
- Other factors, including some not specifically identified
- 30 in this rule, may be considered if a determination is
- 31 inconclusive when applying the essential factors, and the degree
- 32 of their importance may vary depending upon the occupation or
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- 33 work situation being considered and why the factor is present in
- 34 the particular situation.
- 35 G. Agent-drivers and salespersons. Certain classes of
- 36 agent-drivers, salespersons and commission persons are statutory

- 1 employees even though they are independent contractors under
- 2 common law rules. Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (1)(b)
- 3 sets forth the conditions which must be present for members of
- 4 each class to be employees.
- 5 1. Full-time. In the case of a traveling or city
- 6 salesperson, other than an agent-driver or commission-driver,
- 7 Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12 provides that the individual must
- 8 be engaged on a full-time basis. "Full-time" means the number
- 9 of hours in the calendar week during which individuals engaged
- 10 in the same or similar occupations usually or customarily
- 11 perform services, except that any week during which an
- 12 individual worked 40 hours or more providing those services
- 13 shall be deemed to be full-time.
- 2. Substantial investment in facilities. Agent-drivers,
- 15 commission-drivers, and traveling or city salespersons to be
- 16 employees must not have a substantial investment in facilities,
- 17 other than facilities for transportation, used in connection
- 18 with the performance of the services.
- a. "Facilities" means equipment or premises necessary
- 20 to perform the work. Inventory, clothing and items not actually
- 21 required to adequately perform the assigned tasks are not
- 22 facilities.
- b. "Substantial investment" refers to a monetary
- 24 investment representing something of considerable worth in
- 25 relation to the overall investment requirements in the
- 26 distribution or sale of the particular product involved.
- 27 H. In employment by federal law. An individual is in
- 28 employment if he performs services which are subject to Section
- 29 3300 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Federal Unemployment
- 30 Tax Act) or performs services which are required by federal law
- 31 to be covered employment by state law.
- 32 I. In employment, general inclusions. The following
- 33 services described in 1.-3. are considered to be in employment:
- 1. Services performed by an employee as an insurance
- 35 agent, insurance solicitor or real estate salesperson for the
- 36 pay period in which payments for the services not constituting

- l commissions were paid or became due and payable. The
- 2 exclusionary provisions of Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12,
- 3 clauses (15)(m) and (o) apply to services which require a
- 4 Minnesota real estate or insurance agent's sales license and to
- 5 those individuals, except corporate officers, possessing the
- 6 license. Services of corporate officers, who are employees by
- 7 statute, shall not be considered in the application of this
- 8 exclusionary provision. Noncommission remuneration includes
- 9 guaranteed salary, training allowance, bonus, and draws or
- 10 advances against future earnings as described in 8 MCAR S 4.3101
- 11 D.9. For the purpose of this paragraph commission means
- 12 remuneration paid to individuals as a direct result of a sale,
- 13 including the percentage of the sale price paid to the
- 14 salesperson responsible for the sale, and payments including
- 15 overrides, listing fees, and closing fees which are related to
- 16 the sale;
- 2. Services performed as election judges; and
- 3. Services performed by factory demonstrators who are
- 19 placed by a manufacturer or distributor in stores and other
- 20 locations to aid in the sale of products, who are hired by, who
- 21 are paid directly or indirectly by, and who work under the
- 22 direction of the manufacturer or distributor, although this
- 23 direction may be delegated to the retailer, and they are in the
- 24 employment of the manufacturer or distributor making the
- 25 placement. If the retailer, not acting as an agent for the
- 26 manufacturer or distributor, hires, directs and pays the
- 27 demonstrator directly, the retailer is the employer. If the
- 28 wages are paid in part by the manufacturer or distributor, and
- 29 in part by the retailer, the demonstrator is in the employment
- 30 of both. Each is required to pay contributions on the part of
- 31 the remuneration which he it pays, provided that they are
- 32 employers it is an employer under Minn. Stat. SS 268.03-268.24.
- 33 J. Casual labor.
- 1. Casual labor not in the course of the employing unit's
- 35 trade or business, although excluded from the term employment by
- 36 Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(b), is conditionally

- 1 included as employment under the provisions of Chapter 23,
- 2 Section 3300 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Federal
- 3 Unemployment Tax Act). Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause
- 4 (6) provides that the term employment shall include any service
- 5 which is deemed to be employment under the Federal Unemployment
- 6 Tax Act; therefore, casual labor is considered employment unless
- 7 it meets the exclusionary provisions of that act. The
- 8 exclusionary provisions of that act are in 2.
- 9. 2. Service not in the course of the employing unit's
- 10 trade or business, performed in any calendar quarter by an
- 11 employee is excluded employment unless the cash remuneration
- 12 earned for the service is \$50 or more, and the service is
- 13 performed by an individual who is regularly employed by the
- 14 employing unit. For the purpose of this paragraph, an
- 15 individual shall be deemed to be regularly employed if for some
- 16 portion of each of 24 days or more, whether or not consecutive,
- 17 during the current or preceding quarter the individual performs
- 18 service that is not in the course of the employing unit's trade
- 19 or business. Cash remuneration includes checks and other
- 20 monetary media of exchange. Remuneration paid in any other
- 21 medium, such as lodging, food, or other goods or commodities, is
- 22 disregarded in determining if the cash remuneration test is
- 23 met. Casual labor not in the course of the employing unit's
- 24 trade or business includes service that does not promote or
- 25 advance the trade or business of the employing unit; for
- 26 example, work performed in connection with the employing unit's
- 27 hobby or recreational activities, or work as an employee in
- 28 repairing the employing unit's private home. Service for a
- 29 corporation cannot be considered as nonbusiness or casual labor.
- 30 K. Localized employment.
- 31 l. If an employee works in more than one state, it is
- 32 necessary to determine if the employment is localized in, and
- 33 reportable to Minnesota. In making this determination, only the
- 34 regular services for which the employee was hired, and not those
- 35 characterized as incidental, temporary, transitory or an
- 36 isolated transaction are to be considered. An employee's

- 1 services are considered localized in Minnesota in any calendar
- 2 quarter in which 80 percent or more of his regular services are
- 3 performed in Minnesota.
- 4 2. Regular services include those services performed in
- 5 an office located in the home of the employee if all of the
- 6 following conditions are met:
- 7 a. The employer does not provide other facilities;
- b. The office meets the requirements of the Internal
- 9 Revenue Code of 1954 for the deduction of business related
- 10 expenses; and
- 11 c. The services performed are an integral part of the
- 12 employee's regular duties.
- Incidental, temporary, transitory and isolated
- 14 services include:
- a. Attending periodic meetings or returning to one's
- 16 residence which is located outside his area or territory, by
- 17 salespersons or others who normally perform services within a
- 18 given area or territory; and
- 19 b. Any other services which are apart from or not a
- 20 permanent part of an employee's regular duties.
- 21 L. Multi-state employment. When an individual's services
- 22 are not localized, and absent any reciprocal agreement provided
- 23 for in Minn. Stat. S 268.13, subd. 1, clause (1), the employee
- 24 is a "multi-state" worker and the application of the tests
- 25 listed in 1.-4. below is required, to determine whether the
- 26 services are reportable to Minnesota.
- 27 1. Base of operations. If an individual's services are
- 28 not localized in any state and some services, other than those
- 29 determined to be incidental, temporary, transitory or isolated
- 30 transactions, are performed in Minnesota and the base of
- 31 operations is in Minnesota, the employee's entire services are
- 32 reportable to Minnesota. "Base of operations" means the place,
- 33 usually permanent in nature, from which the employee starts his
- 34 work, to which he customarily returns, and to which the employer
- 35 may direct instructions to the employee. A branch office of the
- 36 employer or the place of residence of the employee could be a

- l base of operations.
- 2 2. Direction and control. If an individual's services
- 3 are not localized in any state and the base of operations test
- 4 does not apply, all of the services are reportable to Minnesota
- 5 if Minnesota is the state from which the employer exercises
- 6 general direction and control over the employee, and if some
- 7 services, other than those determined to be incidental,
- 8 temporary, transitory or isolated services, are performed in
- 9 Minnesota.
- 10 3. Residence. If an individual's services are not
- ll localized within any state and the base of operations and the
- 12 direction and control tests do not apply, the individual's
- 13 entire services are reportable to Minnesota if the individual's
- 14 residence is located in Minnesota and some services, other than
- 15 those determined to be incidental, temporary, transitory, or
- 16 isolated transactions are performed in Minnesota.
- 4. Service not covered under the laws of any other state
- 18 or Canada. If 1.-3. do not apply, and the individual's services
- 19 are not covered under the laws of any other state or Canada, the
- 20 services are covered under Minn. Stat. SS 268.03-268.24 if the
- 21 services are directed and controlled from Minnesota.
- 22 M. Employment partially exempt within a pay period; 50
- 23 percent rule.
- 1. Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(p) does
- 25 not apply to an individual who performs services as an
- 26 independent contractor and in employment within the same pay
- 27 period, but does apply to all employment defined in Minn. Stat.
- 28 S 268.04, subd. 12, except clauses (10)(a) and (b), relating to
- 29 certain employees of religious organizations.
- 30 2. If an individual's services within the pay period
- 31 consist of 50 percent or more of excluded employment none of
- 32 that individual's services for that pay period are taken into
- 33 account nor does any of that individual's remuneration for that
- 34 pay period constitute wages.
- 35 3. Although not applicable to services by an individual
- 36 referred to in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clauses (10) (1)

- 1 (a) and (b), other services performed by the same individual are
- 2 subject to all other provisions of Minn. Stat. SS 268.03-268.24.
- 3 N. Previously excluded employment. If within a calendar
- 4 year an individual's services and remuneration should no longer
- 5 be excluded because his employing unit has met the employment or
- 6 wage requirement for that individual's class of workers all of
- 7 the previously excluded employment for that class within the
- 8 same calendar year is subject to the provisions of Minn. Stat.
- 9 SS 268.03-268.24. The previously excluded wages for all workers
- 10 in that class of employment are reportable in the calendar
- 11 quarters in which the wages were paid or were due and payable.
- 0. Employment, general exclusions. Minn. Stat. S 268.04,
- 13 subd. 12, clause (10)(d) excludes services which are performed
- 14 as part of a program designed to relieve unemployment, if the
- 15 specific program, and not just the employing unit, is assisted
- 16 or financed by any federal agency or an agency of a state or
- 17 political subdivision thereof. "Assistance" may be in the form
- 18 of supervision, advice in organizing and operating the program,
- 19 but it must be substantial and continuing. Occasional,
- 20 intermittent or incidental services would not be sufficient to
- 21 invoke the exclusion. Where other than incidental physical
- 22 facilities or material are furnished the program by a federal
- 23 agency, the state or any of its political subdivisions, the
- 24 program has been "assisted or financed".
- 25 P. Employment, special exclusion. In the trucking industry,
- 26 an owner-operator of a vehicle which is licensed and registered
- 27 as a truck, tractor, or truck-tractor by a governmental motor
- 28 vehicle regulatory agency is an independent contractor, not an
- 29 employee, while performing services in the operation of his
- 30 truck, if each of the following factors are substantially
- 31 present:
- 1. The individual owns the equipment or holds it under a
- 33 bona fide lease arrangement;
- 34 2. The individual is responsible for the maintenance of
- 35 the equipment;
- 36 3. The individual bears the principal burdens of the

- l operating costs, including fuel, repairs, supplies, vehicle
- 2 insurance, and personal expenses while on the road;
- 4. The individual is responsible for supplying the
- 4 necessary personal services to operate the equipment;

- 5 5. The individual's compensation is based on factors
- 6 related to the work performed including a percentage of any
- 7 schedule of rates or lawfully published tariff and not on the
- / schedule of rates of lawfully published tariff and not on the
- 8 basis of the hours or time expended;
- 9 6. The individual generally determines the details and
- 10 means of performing the services, in conformance with regulatory
- 11 requirements, operating procedures of the carrier and
- 12 specifications of the shipper; and
- 7. The individual enters into a contract that specifies
- 14 the relationship to be that of an independent contractor and not
- 15 that of an employee.

- 16 8 MCAR S 4.3103 Agricultural labor.
- 17 A. Purpose. This rule-further defines and clarifies terms
- 18 used in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(a) and in
- 19 this rule.
- 20 B. Definitions.
- 21 l. Agricultural and horticultural commodity.
- 22 "Agricultural or horticultural commodity" includes nuts, fruits,
- 23 mushrooms, vegetables, honey, milk, eggs and grain, flowers, cut
- 24 flowers, trees, sod and shrubbery, animal feed or bedding, grass
- 25 seed, vegetable and cereal seed, flax, soy beans, sunflower
- 26 seeds, corn, medicinal herbs and other crops.
- 27 2. Commodity. "Commodity" refers to a single product.
- 28 For example, all apples are one compdity. Apples and peaches
- 29 are two separate commodities.
- 30 3. Crop purchase agreement. "Crop purchase agreement"
- 31 means an agreement whereby a crop is raised under contract with
- 32 a buyer.
- 33 4. Cultivating. "Cultivating" means cultivating of the
- 34 soil, irrigating crops, spraying, dusting and other related
- 35 operations.
- 36 5. Farm. "Farm," unless otherwise excluded in this rule,

- 1 means land or buildings if their primary use is for raising
- 2 agricultural or horticultural commodities or for activities
- 3 generally associated with the operation of a ranch, range,
- 4 livestock or dairy operation. A farm need not be a specific
- 5 size and it need not be composed of contiguous plots. The
- 6 performance of agricultural services does not by itself render
- 7 the place where they are performed a farm.
- 8 6. Fur-bearing animals. "Fur-bearing animals" are
- 9 animals raised for the eventual use of their fur in the
- 10 manufacture of clothing or other products.
- 11 7. Harvesting. "Harvesting" includes baling hay and
- 12 straw, shredding fodder, combining small grains, hulling nuts,
- 13 and course grinding of alfalfa. Horticultural commodities
- 14 including flowers, trees, shrubbery and plants are harvested
- 15 when they are taken up for sale or storage.
- 16 8. Livestock. "Livestock" is any useful domestic animal
- 17 kept for use on a farm or raised for sale and profit or for
- 18 eventual consumption.
- 9. Poultry. "Poultry" is any domestic fowl raised for
- 20 meat or eggs and includes chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese.
- 21 10. Primary. "Primary" means 70 percent or more.
- 22 11. Raising. "Raising" as it pertains to livestock,
- 23 bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and wildlife means any or all
- 24 stages of development, including breeding, which are necessary
- 25 in their maturing for use on the farm or for sale. Raising does
- 26 not include services in potting, watering, heeling, or otherwise
- 27 caring for trees, shrubbery, plants, flowers or similar items
- 28 that are purchased in saleable condition for the purpose of
- 29 resale.
- 30 12. Terminal market. A "terminal market" includes a
- 31 packing or processing plant or any place where a farmer-producer
- 32 customarily relinquishes his economic interest in the commodity,
- 33 its future form or its destiny.
- 34 13. Wildlife. "Wildlife" refers to frogs, birds, fish
- 35 and all animals belonging to a species or class generally
- 36 considered wild regardless of the element which they inhabit.

- 1 C. Farms, exclusions.
- Feedlots, hatcheries and horse breeding and training.
- 3 Feedlots, hatcheries and horse training and breeding enterprises
- 4 are not in themselves farms although they require services
- 5 generally considered to be agricultural labor.
- 6 2. Wildland. Property left in its wild state with no
- 7 effort expended to perform common farming operations is not a
- 8 farm.
- 9 D. Farms, inclusions.
- 10 l. Wild rice. Land developed for seeding, cultivating
- ll and raising wild rice is a farm.
- 12 2. Christmas trees. A plot of land used primarily for
- 13 raising Christmas trees is a farm.
- 3. Mushrooms. Land and structures used primarily for
- 15 raising mushrooms is a farm.
- 4. Wildlife. A parcel of real property used for raising
- 17 any form of wildlife is a farm.
- 18 5. Ranges. Land used primarily for grazing is a farm.
- 19 E. Crop purchase agreements, farms, agricultural labor.
- 20 l. Farm operator. A person agreeing to purchase a
- 21 commodity grown under a crop purchase agreement does not by that
- 22 reason qualify as an operator of a farm even though he conducts
- 23 some or all of the operations necessary for the production and
- 24 harvesting of the crops purchased.
- 25 2. Agricultural labor. Services performed on a farm in
- 26 the employ of either party to a crop purchase agreement in
- 27 connection with the raising and harvesting of crops is
- 28 agricultural labor.
- 29 F. Agricultural labor on farms. Services connected with the
- 30 following activities must be performed on a farm as defined in
- 31 Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(a)(5) and in this
- 32 rule, to be agricultural labor:
- 33 l. Breeding and training horses;
- 34 2. Hatching poultry;
- 35 3. Aerial seeding, fertilizing, spraying and dusting
- 36 including services related to the mixing of the spray or dust

- l material or the loading of the material into the airplane, as
- 2 well as services related to the measuring of the swaths and the
- 3 marking and flagging of fields to be dusted or sprayed;
- 4. Clerical, bookkeeping and other office work in
- 5 conjunction with the services referred to in Minn. Stat. S
- 6 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(a)(l); or
- 7 5. Holding, feeding and fattening livestock in feed lots.
- 8 G. Agricultural labor, specific eases conditional situations.
- 9 l. Generally. The services described in 2.-5. are not
- 10 agricultural labor unless they meet the specific requirements
- ll set forth in 2.-5. with regard to where and for whom they are
- 12 performed. When reference is made to "incidental to ordinary
- 13 farming operations", that means services of the character
- 14 ordinarily performed by employees of a farmer or of a farmer's
- 15 cooperative organization or group as a prerequisite to marketing
- 16 in its unmanufactured state any agricultural or horticultural
- 17 commodity produced by the farmer, organization or group.
- 18 2. Clerical work. Record keeping and other clerical or
- 19 office work performed in connection with the functions described
- 20 in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clauses (15)(a)(2) and (4)
- 21 unless they are:
- a. Performed in the employ of the owner or tenant or
- 23 other operator of a farm;
- b. Rendered in major part on a farm; and
- c. Performed incidentally to ordinary farming
- 26 operations.
- 27 3. Commodity retailing. Retailing agricultural or
- 28 horticultural commodities, on or off the farm, unless:
- 29 a. The services are performed for, and the commodities
- 30 are produced by the operator of the farm; and
- 31 b. Less than 50 percent of the employee's time is
- 32 devoted to the services. The 50 percent test is to be applied
- 33 to each employee with respect to either a pay period or 31 days,
- 34 whichever is less.
- 35 4. Waterways work. Services in the construction of
- 36 canals, reservoirs, waterways or drainage ditches, unless in the

- 1 employ of the owner or tenant or other operator of a farm.
- 5. Land clearance. Services in the clearing of stumps,
- 3 brush and debris from land in preparation for its use as a farm,
- 4 unless done in the employ of the owner tenant or other operator
- 5 of the farm.
- 6 H. Agricultural labor exclusions.
- 7 l. Generally. Services connected with the following
- 8 activities do not constitute agricultural labor:
- 9 a. Breeding, raising and caring for mice, rats and
- 10 other rodents and creatures commonly held for sale in pet shops
- 11 or raised for research and experimental purposes;
- b. Breeding, raising, caring for, exhibiting and
- 13 boarding dogs and cats;
- 14 c. Racing, exhibiting and boarding horses, including
- 15 services connected with a riding stable or academy;
- d. Lumbering or landscaping;
- e. Collecting and processing maple sap into maple
- 18 syrup or sugar;
- f. Trapping animals;
- g. Harvesting native wild rice not grown on land
- 21 developed specifically for that purpose; or
- h. Raising and harvesting worms.
- 23 2. Packing plants. Services performed in the employ of
- 24 any person other than the operator of a farm in hauling crops to
- 25 a packing plant and services within the plant do not constitute
- 26 agricultural labor.
- I. Agricultural labor, separate commodities. The services
- 28 with respect to each commodity are to be considered separately
- 29 in determining whether the conditions set forth in Minn. Stat. S
- 30 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(a)(4) have been satisfied.
- 31 8 MCAR S 4.3104 Domestic service.
- 32 A. Purpose. This rule further defines and clarifies terms
- 33 used in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (14) and in this
- 34 rule.
- 35 B. Definitions.
- Domestic service. "Domestic service" means work

- 1 ordinarily performed as an integral part of household duties
- 2 that contribute to the maintenance of the employer's private
- 3 home or administers to the personal wants and comforts of the
- 4 employer and other members of the employer's household. In
- 5 general domestic service includes work performed by cooks,
- 6 waiters, waitresses, butlers, housekeepers, housemen, watchmen,
- 7 governesses, maids, companions, nursemaids, valets, baby
- 8 sitters, laundresses, furnace men, caretakers, gardeners,
- 9 footmen, grooms, seamstresses, handymen and chauffeurs of family
- 10 automobiles. Domestic service performed for fraternities and
- 11 sororities also includes services performed by
- 12 housemothers.
- 13 2. Local college club. "Local college club" means a club
- 14 operated and controlled by and for the benefit of students
- 15 enrolled at a university or college.
- 3. Private home. "Private home" means the fixed abode of
- 17 one or more persons. Any shelter used as a dwelling may be
- 18 considered as a private home including a tent, boat, trailer, or
- 19 a room or suite in a hospital, hotel, sanatorium, or nursing
- 20 home. A cooperative boarding and lodging facility may also be a
- 21 private home. In an apartment house, each apartment, together
- 22 with its stairways, halls, and porches is a private home. Parts
- 23 of the premises devoted to common use, such as an office,
- 24 furnace room, lawns, public stairways, halls and porches, are
- 25 not a part of the private home. If a facility is used mainly as
- 26 a commercial rooming or boarding house only that part of the
- 27 house which is used as the operator's living quarters is
- 28 considered to be a private home.
- 29 C. Domestic service, general.
- 1. Non-domestic service, treatment. If service performed
- 31 by an employee in or around the private home of an employing
- 32 unit is not domestic service within the meaning of this rule, it
- 33 is subject to the other provisions of Minn. Stat. S 268.04,
- 34 subd. 12.
- 35 2. Maintenance of the employer's private home. Domestic
- 36 service in connection with the maintenance of an employer's

- 1 private home is service which contributes directly to the
- 2 protection, cleaning and normal maintenance, in contrast to
- 3 major repair projects, of the home and surrounding area. It
- 4 does not include service which is not ordinarily a part of home
- 5 duties or which involves the use of skilled or specialized
- 6 training including service performed by persons in the
- 7 construction trades.
- 8 3. Administering to the personal wants and comforts of
- 9 the employer. Certain services, although performed in or around
- 10 the private home of the employer are not domestic services
- 11 because they are too remotely associated with the requirement
- 12 that they administer to the personal wants and comforts of the
- 13 employer. Examples of non-domestic services include those
- 14 performed by a private or social secretary, tutor, librarian,
- 15 bookbinder, museum assistant and medical nurse.
- 16 4. Domestic service performed by relatives. Domestic
- 17 service performed by relatives, other than that excluded from
- 18 employment by Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12, clause (15)(d), is
- 19 domestic service within this rule if there is a contractual
- 20 agreement between a relative and the employing unit.
- 5. Service performed by employees of landlords or rental
- 22 agencies. Service of a household nature performed in or around
- 23 rental units by employees of landlords and rental agencies is
- 24 not domestic service. Service performed by domestic workers in
- 25 and around the private home of the landlord is not within this
- 26 exception.
- 27 6. Workers obtained through a referral or placement
- 28 agency. Domestic workers referred to jobs through employment
- 29 placement agencies that neither supervise nor pay them directly
- 30 are in the employ of the recipient of the services. However, if
- 31 an agency is in the business of providing temporary services to
- 32 clients the agency is the employing unit and the workers are not
- 33 providing domestic services.
- 34 7. Service performed for a minister, priest, rabbi or any
- 35 other member of a religious order. Service performed in the
- 36 private home of a minister, priest, rabbi or any member of a

- 1 religious order is considered domestic service if the worker is
- 2 in the employ of the recipient of the service. If the worker is
- 3 in the employ of the church or religious order the service is
- 4 excluded employment. The recipient of the service is the
- 5 employer if the funds for the payment of the domestic worker are
- 6 not specifically provided by the church or religious order.
- 7 Funds provided by a congregation of a church are considered as
- 8 being provided by the church. If funds are not provided by the
- 9 church specifically for domestic service and the spouse hires,
- 10 directs and otherwise controls the worker, the spouse is the
- 11 employer.
- 8. Registered and licensed practical nurses. Registered
- 13 nurses performing private duty services are generally performing
- 14 service as independent contractors if they have full discretion
- 15 in administering their professional services and are not subject
- 16 to direction and control. Registered and licensed practical
- 17 nurses who are engaged by hospitals, nursing homes, physicians,
- 18 government agencies or commercial businesses generally are not
- 19 performing services as an independent contractor and the
- 20 services are non-domestic.
- 9. Nurses aides and patient helpers. Nurses aides and
- 22 patient helpers who are engaged to perform services in the
- 23 private home of the patient, although they may occasionally
- 24 administer medication, are usually performing services that are
- 25 primarily domestic in nature. Patient helpers who are selected
- 26 by patients who require their services, either in the hospital
- 27 or after returning to their homes, are generally in the employ
- 28 of the patient.
- 29 10. Service authorized or provided by agencies. Any
- 30 agency providing or authorizing the hiring of homeworkers or
- 31 personal care attendants in the private home of an individual is
- 32 the employer of those individuals performing the services and
- 33 the services are not considered domestic if the recipient would
- 34 not receive the care unless provided or funded for by the
- 35 agency. It is immaterial whether the agency pays the homeworker
- 36 or attendant directly or if the agency provides the funds to the

- recipient.
- 2 D. Location of domestic service.
- Domestic service is service which is performed only in 3
- a private home of the employer, local college club, or local
- 5 chapter of a college fraternity or sorority.
- 2. A local college club or local chapter of a college 6
- 7 fraternity or sorority does not include an alumni club or
- chapter or university faculty club.
- 8 MCAR S 4.3105 Employer Records, reports and payments. 9
- A. Scope. This rule clarifies an empleyer's employing 10
- unit's duty with regard to records, reports and payments as 11
- required under Minn. Stat. SS 268.06, subd. 1; 268.11, subds. 2 12
- and 3; and 268.12, subd. 8. 13
- 14 B. Notification.

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- Change or transfer of business. The department shall 15
- 16 be notified on reports prescribed by the department within 30
- 17 days of the start, change, transfer, sale, aequisition or
- 18 termination of a business in whole or in part. Subsequent
- 19 requests for additional information required in determining
- liability, modifying an existing account and assignment of 20
- 21 experience rates must be completed and returned to the
- 22 department within time limits established by the department.
- 23 Establishment of new business or change in an existing

- 24 business. Each employing unit shall notify the department
- 25 within 30 days of a change in legal entity, or of the start,
- 26 transfer, sale, acquisition, or termination of a business, in
- 27 whole or in part, insofar as the transaction results in the
- creation of a new or different employing unit or affects the _______ establishment of employer accounts, the assignment of rates, or 29
- 30 the transfer of experience records as provided in Minn. Stat. S
- 31 268.06. If the information as submitted is incomplete,
- 32 subsequent requests for additional information required in
- 33 determining liability, modifying an existing account and
- assigning or transferring of experience rates must be completed,
- 35 signed and returned to the department in accordance with the

36 instructions on the form or accompanying correspondence.

- 2. Employer death. The executor, administrator or other
- 2 legal representative of a deceased employer shall be responsible
- 3 for notifying the department of the employer's death as soon as
- 4 possible.
- 5 3. Bankruptcy. In the case of bankruptcy or receivership
- 6 proceedings, or any proceedings for the relief of a debtor who
- 7 is an employer, the trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, or person
- 8 designated by order of the court as the one in control of the
- 9 assets of the debtor shall promptly file notice of that the
- 10 proceedings with the department.
- 11 C. Records. Each employing unit shall establish, maintain
- 12 and preserve records with respect to individuals performing
- 13 personal services for it for a period of not less than five
- 14 years after the calendar year in which the remuneration for the
- 15 services was paid or payable. The records shall show for each
- 16 individual the following:
- 17 1. Name;
- 18 2. Social security number;
- 19 3. Days in which the individual performed personal
- 20 services;
- Location where services were performed;
- 5. Wages paid and wages due but not paid for personal
- 23 services, showing separately:
- 24 a. Money wages, excluding special payments;
- b. Wages paid and wages due but not paid, in any
- 26 medium other than money, excluding special payments;
- c. Special payments such as bonuses, gifts, and
- 28 prizes, showing separately money payments, other special
- 29 payments and the character of the payments;
- d. Days for which sick pay was paid; and
- e. Tips and gratuities paid to an employee by a
- 32 customer and accounted for by the employee to the employer as
- 33 defined in 8 MCAR S 4.3101 E.1. and 2.
- 34 6. Rate and base unit of pay;
- 35 7. Amounts paid as allowances or reimbursement for travel
- 36 or other activity pertaining to the furtherance of the employing

- l unit's business which were not included as wages. The account
- 2 shall show each item of expense incurred during each pay period
- 3 or calendar month, or if paid per diem, the dates the employee
- 4 was away from home overnight;
- 5 8. The date of separation and the reason, in detail, for
- 6 the termination;
- 7 9. The complete resident address of the employee; and
- 8 10. For each pay period:
- 9 a. The beginning and ending dates of the period;
- 10 b. The total amount of wages paid and wages due but
- 11 not paid for personal services performed; and
- 12 c. The date of payment.
- D. Records, instate and outstate. For services performed
- 14 within and without Minnesota the records required by C. shall
- 15 include:
- 16 l. The city or county and state in which the employing
- 17 unit maintains a base of operations, as defined in 8 MCAR S
- 18 4.3102 L.1., used by the individual;
- 19 2. The city or county and state from which the services
- 20 are directed and controlled, if the employing unit does not have
- 21 a base of operations in the states in which an individual
- 22 performs services; and
- 3. A list of the states in which the individual performs
- 24 other than temporary or incidental services and the dates
- 25 services were performed at each location.
- 26 E. Records, covered and uncovered employment. For services
- 27 performed in both employment and excluded employment within a
- 28 pay period the records required by C. shall include the hours
- 29 spent performing services in employment and the hours spent
- 30 performing excluded services.
- 31 F. Filing reports. An employer's tax report must be filed
- 32 on a form prescribed by the department, or a reasonable
- 33 facsimile thereof, not later than the due date for payment of
- 34 quarterly contributions. Failure to receive forms from the
- 35 department shall not constitute a valid reason for not filing
- 36 reports on or before the due date thereof or to pay for not

- 1 paying any contribution due. Consolidated reports of
- 2 corporations having common ownership shall be recognized or
- 3 permitted only if expressly allowed under 8 MCAR S 4.3106. If
- 4 the report first submitted is erroneous, the employer shall
- 5 promptly submit the corrected information on forms prescribed by
- 6 the department and make any additional payment due.
- 7 8 MCAR S 4.3106 Consolidated reports.
- 8 A. When permitted. Consolidated reports of parent and
- 9 subsidiary corporations, or other employing units having common
- 10 ownership, shall be recognized or permitted only in the case of
- 11 two or more related corporations:
- 1. Who concurrently employ the same individuals,
- 13 including officers, whose wages during the calendar quarter are
- 14 paid by one of the related corporations as a common paymaster;
- 15 and
- 16 2. Whose application for a joint account has been
- 17 approved by the commissioner or his delegated representative.
- 18 B. Related corporations tests. For the purpose of this rule
- 19 and Minn. Stat. S 268.06, subd. 21, clause (2), corporations are
- 20 related for an entire calendar quarter if they satisfy one of
- 21 the following four tests of 1.-4., at any time during that
- 22 calendar quarter.
- 23 1. Test one. They are either:
- a. Members of a parent-subsidiary controlled group
- 25 which is a group of two or more corporations connected through
- 26 stock ownership with a common parent corporation if more than 50
- 27 percent of the total combined voting power or more than 50
- 28 percent of the total value of shares of all classes of stock of
- 29 each corporation, except the common parent corporation, is owned
- 30 by one or more of the corporations and the common parent
- 31 corporation owns stock with more than 50 percent of the total
- 32 combined voting power of at least one of the other
- 33 corporations. There shall be excluded in computing the
- 34 percentage of voting power or value, any treasury stock owned by
- 35 the subsidiary corporation;
- b. Members of a brother-sister controlled group

- 1 consisting of two or more corporations in each of which five or
- 2 fewer of the same individuals, estates or trusts own stock
- 3 possessing more than 50 percent of the total combined voting
- 4 power of all classes of stock entitled to vote or more than 50
- 5 percent of the total value of all shares of all classifications
- 6 of stock of each corporation, taking into account the stock
- 7 ownership of each person only to the extent the stock ownership
- 8 is identical with respect to each corporation;
- 9 c. Members of a combined group, which is a group of
- 10 three or more corporations each of which is a member of a
- 11 parent-subsidiary or brother-sister controlled group and one of
- 12 which is a common parent corporation included in a
- 13 parent-subsidiary controlled group and is included in a
- 14 brother-sister controlled group; or
- d. Life insurance companies subject to income tax
- 16 under Section 802 of the Internal Revenue Code and the
- 17 provisions of a., b. or c. are met and all other members of the
- 18 controlled group are subject to Section 802 of the Internal
- 19 Revenue Code.
- 20 2. Test two. They are a corporation that does not issue
- 21 stock and 50 percent or more of the board of directors, or other
- 22 governing body, of each of the corporations are the same, or the
- 23 same holders possess 50 percent or more of the voting power to
- 24 elect directors to each corporation.
- 3. Test three. Fifty percent or more of one
- 26 corporation's officers are concurrently officers of the other
- 27 corporation.
- 4. Test four. Thirty percent or more of one
- 29 corporation's employees are concurrently employees of the other
- 30 corporation.
- 31 C. Stock defined. For the purpose of this rule "stock" does
- 32 not include:
- 1. Non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to
- 34 dividends;
- 35 2. Treasury stock; or
- 36 3. Stock that is treated as excluded stock.

- 1 D. Excluded stock, parent-subsidiary. "Excluded stock" for
- 2 a parent-subsidiary controlled group means:
- 3 1. Stock in a subsidiary held in trust that is part of an
- 4 employee's deferred compensation plan;
- 5 2. Stock in a subsidiary owned by an individual who is a
- 6 principal stockholder or an officer of the parent corporation.
- 7 A "principal stockholder" is one that owns five percent or more
- 8 of the voting power or five percent or more of the value of all
- 9 stock of the parent corporation; or
- 3. Stock in a subsidiary corporation owned by an employee
- ll of the subsidiary corporation but only if the parent or
- 12 subsidiary corporation restricts or limits the employee's right
- 13 to dispose of the stock.
- 14 E. Excluded stock, brother-sister group. "Excluded stock"
- 15 for a brother-sister controlled group means:
- 16 l. Stock in a member corporation held by an employee's
- 17 employees' trust if the trust is for the benefit of the
- 18 employees;
- 2. Stock in a member corporation owned by an employee of
- 20 the corporation but only if substantial limits or restrictions
- 21 are imposed on the employee's right to dispose of the stock. A
- 22 bona fide reciprocal stock repurchase arrangement will not be
- 23 considered as one that restricts or limits the employee's right
- 24 to dispose of the stock; or
- 25 3. Stock in a member corporation that is held by a
- 26 nonprofit educational or charitable organization.
- 27 F. Limits on groups. A corporation may be treated as a
- 28 component member of only one controlled group.
- 29 G. Concurrent employment. "Concurrent employment" as used
- 30 in Minn. Stat. S 268.06, subd. 21 and this rule means the
- 31 simultaneous existence of an "employment" relationship between
- 32 an individual and two or more related corporations, as defined
- 33 in Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 12.
- 34 An employment relationship shall require the performance of
- 35 services by the employee for the employing corporation in
- 36 exchange for wages which, if not for the provisions of Minn.

- 1 Stat. S 268.06, subd. 21, clause (2) and this rule, would be
- 2 reportable by the employing corporation.
- 3 The fact that a particular employee is on leave or
- 4 otherwise temporarily inactive is immaterial in the
- 5 determination of concurrent employment. Employment is not
- 6 concurrent with respect to one of the related corporations if
- 7 there is no employment relationship with that corporation during
- 8 periods when the employee is not performing services for that
- 9 corporation.
- 10 An individual who does not perform substantial services in
- ll exchange for wages for a corporation is presumed not employed by
- 12 that corporation.
- Wages paid to an employee ceasing to be concurrent for
- 14 services rendered while the employee was in concurrent
- 15 employment is reportable by the common paymaster. If the
- 16 employment relationship is nonexistent during a quarter, that
- 17 employee may not be counted towards the 30 percent test set
- 18 forth in B.4.
- 19 H. Cash payments only. This rule applies only to wages
- 20 disbursed in money, check or similar instrument by one of the
- 21 related corporations or its agent, and excludes the value of
- 22 non-cash compensation such as room and board, received by the
- 23 common employee from a member corporation other than the common
- 24 paymaster.
- 25 I. Common paymaster.
- 26 l. A "common paymaster" of related corporations is any
- 27 related member that disburses wages to employees of two or more
- 28 of the related corporations on their behalf and that is
- 29 responsible for keeping books and records for the payroll with
- 30 respect to those employees.
- 31 2. The common paymaster is not required to disburse wages
- 32 to all employees of two or more related corporations, but this
- 33 rule does not apply to any wages that are not disbursed through
- 34 a common paymaster.
- 35 3. Although a corporation may be treated as a component
- 36 member of only one controlled group, the related corporations

- 1 may designate more than one common paymaster but only one common
- 2 paymaster may be designated for each class of employee.
- 3 J. Joint account. A joint account application shall be on
- 4 forms prescribed by the department. A joint account shall be
- 5 maintained as a separate unit of the employer account of the
- 6 common paymaster until that account is terminated or
- 7 notification is received of regarding a change $\pm n$ of the common
- 8 paymaster. A joint account cannot be made retroactive prior to
- 9 January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the
- 10 application is received.
- 11 K. Joint and several liability. The common paymaster has
- 12 the primary responsibility for the remittance of any
- 13 contributions, penalties and interest due on wages it disburses
- 14 as the common paymaster but each related corporation using the
- 15 common paymaster is jointly and severely severally liable for
- 16 its proportionate share of any unpaid contributions, penalties
- 17 and interest.
- 18 L. Common paymaster responsibilities. The common paymaster
- 19 has the sole responsibility for filing contribution reports,
- 20 wage and separation information and pretest protests and appeals
- 21 pertaining to concurrent employees and to establish effective
- 22 communications between the related corporations to ensure timely
- 23 response on all matters affecting claims for unemployment
- 24 benefits.
- 25 M. Reports. Each related corporation which is the employer
- 26 of an individual will be responsible for reporting the
- 27 individual's wages and remitting the appropriate contributions
- 28 for calendar quarters where the related group or concurrent
- 29 employment conditions are not met, regardless of which
- 30 corporation disburses the wages.
- 31 N. Work other than for common paymaster. If an employee
- 32 works for a related corporation other than the common paymaster
- 33 prior or subsequent to the effective period of the agreement,
- 34 the wages earned and reportable by the employing corporation
- 35 shall not be combined with the wages reportable by the common
- 36 paymaster in determining the maximum taxable wage described in

- 1 Minn. Stat. S 268.04, subd. 25.
- 2 O. Non-related or noncurrent. Where related group or
- 3 concurrent employment conditions are not met, each employing
- 4 corporation of an individual shall be responsible for submitting
- 5 wage and separation information, protests and appeals pertaining
- 6 to any claim for unemployment benefits of that individual.
- 7 P. Wages, wage credits and experience rate factors of a
- 8 joint account. All wages reportable and benefits charged under
- 9 the joint account shall remain with that account for
- 10 contribution, benefit eligibility and experience rating purposes.
- 11 Q. Relation cessation. If any corporation ceases to be
- 12 related the common paymaster shall notify the department within
- 13 30 days of the end of the calendar quarter in which the
- 14 cessation occurs.
- 15 R. Termination of agreement. The commissioner may
- 16 immediately terminate the agreement if it is found that
- 17 consolidated reporting is not in compliance with this rule, or
- 18 it is determined that the approved related group changed its
- 19 common paymaster for the purpose of attaining more favorable
- 20 experience rates.
- 21 S. Written protest. If an application to report under the
- 22 provisions of Minn. Stat. S 268.06, subd. 21, clause (2) and
- 23 this rule is denied, or an existing agreement is terminated at
- 24 the discretion of the commissioner, the denial or termination
- 25 shall be final unless a written protest is filed with the
- 26 commissioner as set forth in Minn. Stat. S 268.06, subd. 20.
- 27 8 MCAR S 4.3107 Payments of interest.
- 28 A. Scope. This rule establishes the conditions upon which
- 29 interest on contributions due may be waived as provided for in
- 30 Minn. Stat. S 268.16, subd. 1.
- 31 B. Waiver. The commissioner may waive all or part of the
- 32 interest charges on contributions that are not paid by the due
- 33 date if:
- 34 1. The late payment was caused by department error or
- 35 misinformation; or
- 36 2. The late payment was the result of unreasonable delay

- 1 not attributable to the employer.
- 2 C. Application. Each application for waiver of interest
- 3 under this rule must be made in writing by the employer or his
- 4 authorized representative, except that the commissioner may on
- 5 his own motion waive interest if in the best interest of the
- 6 State of Minnesota.
- 7 8 MCAR S 4.3108 Contribution rates.
- 8 A. Notice of rate. Any employer determined liable by the
- 9 department prior to January 1 shall be assigned a contribution
- 10 rate pursuant to Minn. Stat. S 268.06 which shall be mailed on
- 11 or before March 15 of the year effective.
- B. Time limit on voluntary contributions. In no event shall
- 13 a voluntary contribution paid by an employer pursuant to Minn.
- 14 Stat. S 268.06, subd. 24 after the expiration of the first 120
- 15 days for the period the rate is effective be used in the
- 16 computation of a new experience ratio.
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- 18 Repealer. Department of Economic Security rules ES-1, ES-2,
- 19 ES-3, ES-4, ES-5, ES-6, ES-8, ES-9, ES-10, ES-11, ES-12, ES-17,
- 20 ES-19, ES-20, ES-27, and ES-28 are repealed.