

New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (“DCWP” or “Department”) is proposing to add rules implementing Local Law 101 of 2025, which increases penalty amounts for violations of the laws and rules applicable to Immigration Assistance Service Providers.

When and where is the hearing? DCWP will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 11:00AM on October 8, 2025. The public hearing will be accessible by phone and videoconference.

- To participate in the public hearing via phone, please dial +1 646-893-7101.
 - Phone conference ID: 588 655 355#
- To participate in the public hearing via videoconference, please follow the online link:
 - Meeting link: <https://tinyurl.com/rjxuas2w>
 - Meeting ID: 240 847 526 649 0
 - Passcode: i7Ay39zL

How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to DCWP through the NYC rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email comments to Rulecomments@dcwp.nyc.gov.
- **Speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by emailing Rulecomments@dcwp.nyc.gov. You can also sign up on the phone or videoconference before the hearing begins at 11:00AM on October 8, 2025. You can speak for up to three minutes. Please note that the hearing is for accepting oral testimony only and is not held in a “Question and Answer” format.

Is there a deadline to submit comments? Yes. You must submit any comments to the proposed rule on or before October 8, 2025.

What if I need assistance to participate in the hearing? You must tell DCWP’s External Affairs division if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You may tell us by email at Rulecomments@dcwp.nyc.gov. Advance notice is requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. Please tell us by October 1, 2025.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. A few days after the hearing, all comments received by DCWP on the proposed rule will be made available to the public online at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/about/public-hearings-comments.page>.

What authorizes DCWP to make this rule? Sections 1043, 2203(f), and 2203(h)(1) of the New York City Charter and section 20-779.3 of the New York City Administrative Code authorize the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection to make these proposed rules. This proposed rule was not included in the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection’s regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when the Department published the agenda.

Where can I find DCWP’s rules? The Department’s rules are in Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What laws govern the rulemaking process? DCWP must meet the requirements of section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of section 1043 of the City Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (“DCWP” or “Department”) is proposing to amend 6 RCNY § 6-56, the penalty schedule for Immigration Assistance Services, to implement Local Law 101 of 2025 and increase penalty amounts for violations of the laws and rules applicable to these businesses.

Pursuant to Charter section 1043(d)(4)(ii), this rule is exempt from review under Charter section 1043(d).

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this Department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 1. The table in section 6-56 of subchapter B of chapter 6 of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

Citation	Violation Description	First Violation	First Default	Second Violation	Second Default	Third and Subsequent Violation	Third and Subsequent Default
Admin. Code § 20-776	Engaging in prohibited conduct	[\$3,750] <u>\$7,500</u>	[\$5,000] <u>\$10,000</u>	[\$9,000] <u>\$18,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$20,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$20,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$20,000</u>
Admin. Code § 20-777	Improper written agreement	[\$3,750] <u>\$7,500</u>	[\$5,000] <u>\$10,000</u>	[\$9,000] <u>\$13,500</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>
Admin. Code § 20-777(14)	Failure to include most recent "Consumer Bill of Rights" on separate page of contract	[\$3,750] <u>\$7,500</u>	[\$5,000] <u>\$10,000</u>	[\$9,000] <u>\$13,500</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>
Admin. Code § 20-777.1	Failure to post sign or improper sign	[\$3,750] <u>\$7,500</u>	[\$5,000] <u>\$10,000</u>	[\$9,000] <u>\$13,500</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>
Admin. Code § 20-777.2(a)	Improper [advertisements]	[\$3,750] <u>\$7,500</u>	[\$5,000] <u>\$10,000</u>	[\$9,000] <u>\$13,500</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>	[\$10,000] <u>\$15,000</u>

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Admin. Code § 20-777.2(b)	Improper advertisement	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
Admin. Code § 20-778	Improper document retention	<u>[\$3,750]</u> <u>\$7,500</u>	<u>[\$5,000]</u> <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>[\$9,000]</u> <u>\$13,500</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>
Admin. Code § 20-779	Failure to comply with surety requirements	<u>[\$3,750]</u> <u>\$7,500</u>	<u>[\$5,000]</u> <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>[\$9,000]</u> <u>\$13,500</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>
6 RCNY § 5-260	Failure to comply with location or availability of records requirement	<u>[\$3,750]</u> <u>\$7,500</u>	<u>[\$5,000]</u> <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>[\$9,000]</u> <u>\$13,500</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>
6 RCNY § 5-261	Failure to comply with written agreement requirements	<u>[\$3,750]</u> <u>\$7,500</u>	<u>[\$5,000]</u> <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>[\$9,000]</u> <u>\$13,500</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>
6 RCNY § 5-262	Failure to complete form preparation declaration	<u>[\$3,750]</u> <u>\$7,500</u>	<u>[\$5,000]</u> <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>[\$9,000]</u> <u>\$13,500</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>
6 RCNY § 5-264	Failure to comply with disclosure of surety requirements	<u>[\$3,750]</u> <u>\$7,500</u>	<u>[\$5,000]</u> <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>[\$9,000]</u> <u>\$13,500</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>	<u>[\$10,000]</u> <u>\$15,000</u>