

(g) When the member **\*or retiree\*** provides the documentation set forth at (f) above to the PFRSNJ, **\*[in consultation with the Division,]\*** the presumption provided for at N.J.S.A. 43:16A-7 attaches. Upon attachment of the presumption, the burden of producing competent evidence to rebut the presumption shifts to the PFRSNJ. Such competent evidence may include, but is not limited to:

1. Evidence of medical examinations performed, or results received within a reasonable period of time before or after entry into public service, which disclosed evidence of a qualifying condition or impairment of health unrelated to the World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations;
2. A documented history of chronic smoking;
3. A pre-existing asthma diagnosis; or
4. Admissions by the member.

#### 17:4-8.4 Filing requirements

(a) A **\*[member or]\* retiree** must file a written and sworn Eligibility Registration Form with the PFRSNJ indicating the dates, locations of service, and number of hours of participation in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations to qualify for the presumption or recalculation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:4-8.3.

(b) A **\*[member or]\* retiree** seeking recalculation of a retirement allowance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:4-8.3**\*(b)\*\*(d)\*** **\*[shall take the steps required pursuant to this subsection.**

1. A member or retiree**]\*** must file an application for recalculation, on a form prescribed by the Board, within 180 days of the date that the **\*[member]\* \*retiree\*** knew, or should have known, of the existence of a total and permanent disability caused by a qualifying condition or impairment of health and its relation to World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

**\*[2.]\* \*(c)\*** A **\*[member or]\* retiree** with an Eligibility Registration Form on file with the Division must file an application with the prospective date of retirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:5-**\*[5.1]\*\*6.1\*.**

**\*[3.]\* \*(d)\*** (No change in text.)

**\*[4.]\* \*(e)\*** The Medical Review Board shall review the documentation submitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:4-8.3**\*(d)\*\*(f)\*** for completeness and compliance, including confirmation that the documentation addresses total and permanent disability, a qualifying medical condition or impairment of health, and participation in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations. If the Medical Review Board determines that the documentation is not complete, an independent medical examination shall be required.

## OTHER AGENCIES

### (a)

#### NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

#### Notice of Administrative Changes

#### New Jersey Turnpike Authority Rules

**N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 4.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.6, 5.8, and 6.5**

Effective Date: May 26, 2026.

**Take notice** that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (Authority) requested, and the Office of Administrative Law agreed to permit, administrative changes at N.J.A.C. 19:9 to provide a new website address for the Authority and webpage addresses through which various inquiries and records requests may be transmitted. This update ensures that the public has accurate contact information for the Authority. This notice is published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7(c)3.

A copy of this notice is also available on the Authority's website at <https://www.njta.gov/about/regulations-and-policies/> and <https://www.njta.gov/legal-and-public-notices/>.

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

## SUBCHAPTER 2. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

19:9-2.2 Purchases, contracts, and agreements for amounts over the applicable bid threshold, except contracts and agreements governed at N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8 and 2.9

(a) Rules concerning advertising and awards of purchases, contracts, and agreements:

1. Advertisements soliciting purchases, contracts, and agreements over the bid threshold shall be placed in at least one newspaper or journal having a large circulation in the State, and may be advertised on the Authority's website, [\[www.njta.com\]](http://www.njta.com) **www.njta.gov**, or through other electronic means. Such advertisements shall be published not less than 10 days preceding the date upon which the bids, proposals, or statements of qualifications are to be received and opened. All advertisements shall contain:

i.-iii. (No change.)

2.-3. (No change.)

(b) (No change.)

(c) Rules concerning receipt, opening, and award:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. As to electronic bids, the bids will be downloaded by the Authority, at the time designated for receipt of bids in the request for bids, from the electronic procurement platform, publicly opened, and the results posted on the electronic procurement platform's website and/or the Authority's website at [\[www.njta.com\]](http://www.njta.com) **www.njta.gov**.

5.-12. (No change.)

(d) (No change.)

19:9-2.7 Procedure for prequalification to bid on construction contracts

(a) All prospective bidders for construction contracts in excess of \$50,000 shall annually apply to be prequalified by the Chief Engineer by submitting a Contractor's Qualifying Statement. Prospective bidders will be prequalified in a category of work at a maximum classification rating for which they are entitled to bid in accordance with the Contractor Classifications and Ratings Schedule available on the Authority's website at [\[www.njta.com\]](http://www.njta.com) **www.njta.gov**. The Chief Engineer may, from time to time, add additional specialized work categories to the Contractor Classifications and Ratings Schedule. Bidders shall have effective classification rating in an amount not less than the amount of their respective bids. Instructions for prequalification for award of construction contracts are located on the Authority's website at [\[www.njta.com\]](http://www.njta.com) **www.njta.gov**.

(b)-(c) (No change.)

(d) The Chief Engineer shall reserve the right to require a prospective bidder to submit such additional evidence of qualifications as deemed necessary, and shall consider any evidence available of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and ability of the prospective bidder. The Chief Engineer may change or revoke at any time the classifications of any prospective bidder upon any evidence that such prospective bidder does not meet the financial, technical, moral, or other qualifications of the classification. The Chief Engineer may direct a Request for Qualifications Information (RFQI) process to be used in prequalifying contractors under classifications not listed in the Contractor Classifications and Ratings Schedule on the Authority's website at [\[www.njta.com\]](http://www.njta.com) **www.njta.gov**, but appropriate for specialized projects involving homeland security or other exigent circumstances.

(e)-(g) (No change.)

19:9-2.8 Procedure for prequalification and award of contracts for architectural, engineering, and land surveying services

(a)-(c) (No change.)

(d) Advertisement for Requests for Expressions of Interest shall be as follows:

1. A Request for EOIs (RFEOI) shall be advertised in an appropriate newspaper or journal, having a large circulation in the State and/or advertised on the Authority's website, [\[www.njta.com\]](http://www.njta.com) **www.njta.gov**, or through other electronic means. Such advertisements shall be published not less than seven calendar days preceding the date upon which the EOIs are to be received. The RFEOI shall identify the scope

of professional services required from the prequalified firms and the evaluation process to be used for the selection of the successful prequalified firm. When the Authority seeks to award more than one contract through a single RFEOL, the number of contracts that the Authority intends to award shall be identified in the RFEOL.

2. (No change.)

(e)-(g) (No change.)

#### 19:9-2.9 Procedure for prequalification and award of contracts for other professional and consultative services

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) In the event the Authority determines that it is necessary or advisable to retain professional or consultative services, advertisement for proposals or qualifications shall be placed in an appropriate newspaper or journal having a large circulation in the State, and any appropriate professional periodicals, and advertised on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov), or through other electronic means. Such advertisements shall be published not less than seven calendar days preceding the date upon which the proposals or qualifications are to be received and opened. The advertisement shall refer interested parties to the Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications (RFP/RFQ), which may be downloaded from the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov), or requested, in writing, from the Director by mail or electronic means.

(d)-(h) (No change.)

### SUBCHAPTER 4. INSPECTION AND OBTAINING OF AUTHORITY RECORDS

#### 19:9-4.1 General provisions

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, all "public records," as that term is defined in the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. (OPRA), shall be available to any individual for the purpose of inspection or hand copying during regular business hours at the Authority's main offices at 1 Turnpike Plaza, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, in accordance with the procedure set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:9-4.3. Other records within the possession of the Authority may be made available for inspection or copying subject to applicable law. For convenience, the Authority recommends that any request made pursuant to this subchapter be made using forms provided by the Authority and available on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov).

(b) Except as otherwise specified in this section, copies of records may be obtained as follows:

1. By electronic request through the online OPRA form on the Authority's website at [www.njta.com/forms-public-records/opra-form](http://www.njta.com/forms-public-records/opra-form); or <https://www.njta.gov/forms-records/opra-form/>; or

2. (No change.)

(c) Copies of accident reports concerning accidents on the Roadway may be obtained through the Authority's website at [www.njta.com/about/crash-report-request](http://www.njta.com/about/crash-report-request) <https://www.njta.gov/roadside-assistance/accident-report-request/>.

(d)-(e) (No change.)

### SUBCHAPTER 5. LICENSES, PERMITS, AND WAIVERS

#### 19:9-5.2 Licenses to cross

(a) (No change.)

(b) In order to apply for a license to cross, a fully completed application form, along with four copies of the engineering plans and specifications, as may be required by the Authority, including, but not limited to, supporting documentation, and the required application fee set forth in this section, shall be submitted to:

Finance Department-Accounts Receivable Section  
New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
1 Turnpike Plaza, PO Box 5042  
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

The license to cross application form may be found on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov).

(c)-(d) (No change.)

(e) All license to cross applications that contemplate entry by or work being performed by the applicant or its contractors or agents on the Roadway shall be accompanied by a completed traffic permit application, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-5.4. The traffic permit application form may be found on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov). No work on the Roadway may be commenced by the applicant or its contractors or agents until the Authority has issued a traffic permit in accordance with the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:9-5.4.

(f)-(h) (No change.)

#### 19:9-5.4 Traffic permits

(a) A traffic permit must be issued by the Authority before any person or entity may access or engage in activity within the Roadway not otherwise authorized by this chapter. The traffic permit application form may be found on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov). A person or entity wishing to obtain a traffic permit must submit a fully completed traffic permit application and all required supporting documentation to the Authority at least 15 days prior to the date on which access is sought.

(b)-(g) (No change.)

#### 19:9-5.6 Film permits

(a) Persons wishing to take photographs, videos, or motion pictures (collectively, "film") on those portions of the Roadway or any other property under the Authority's control, or persons wishing to fly any unmanned aircraft system or vehicle, including, but not limited to, a drone, over the roadway to film, shall apply for a traffic permit in accordance with the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:9-5.4, subject to the approval of the Executive Director. The application for a traffic permit to film on the Roadway is found on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov).

(b)-(e) (No change.)

#### 19:9-5.8 Sale of New Jersey agricultural or horticultural products at Roadway service areas

(a)-(d) (No change.)

(e) A sale permit must be issued by the Authority before any person or entity may sell any Agricultural Products in accordance with this section. The sale permit application form may be found on the Authority's website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov). A person or entity wishing to obtain a sale permit for a particular Sale Season must submit a fully completed permit application and all required supporting documentation to the Authority by the March 1 prior to the Sale Season for which the permit is sought. Every permit issued pursuant to this section will expire at the end of the Sale Season of the year issued.

(f)-(k) (No change.)

### SUBCHAPTER 6. AUTHORITY RULEMAKING: PETITIONS FOR RULES, OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, AND SUFFICIENT PUBLIC INTEREST

#### 19:9-6.5 Rulemaking

(a) With respect to any duly authorized rule proposal, which the Authority proposes for adoption pursuant to the provisions at N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq.:

1. The Authority shall provide at least 30 calendar days notice of its intended action in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. In addition to the notice requirements set forth at N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4, the Authority shall also publish the notice of proposal on its website, [www.njta.com](http://www.njta.com) [www.njta.gov](http://www.njta.gov), which publication shall act as "other secondary notice."

2. (No change.)