

In particular, the proposed rule change to shorten the waiting periods for retaking FINRA qualification examinations will lessen the burden on individuals who are trying to register to begin their employment in the securities industry while also continuing to protect investors by maintaining appropriate program integrity. The proposal would align the Exchange's requirement with FINRA's by establishing uniform qualification examination retake waiting periods.¹⁵ This proposal would avoid potentially different requirements for members of both FINRA and the Exchange with respect to qualification examination retake waiting periods.

The proposed changes will provide greater harmonization between Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members. As previously noted, the proposed rule text is substantially similar to FINRA's rule text. The proposal is based on a proposal that FINRA filed with the Commission for immediate effectiveness, and therefore, does not raise any new or novel issues, not already considered by the Commission.¹⁶

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather is designed to provide greater harmonization between Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose for qualification examination retake waiting periods, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become

operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁷ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁸

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)¹⁹ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-SAPPHIRE-2026-32 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to file number SR-SAPPHIRE-2026-32. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions

should refer to file number SR-SAPPHIRE-2026-32 and should be submitted on or before September 1, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁰

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21757 and #21758; ILLINOIS Disaster Number IL-20031]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Illinois

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the state of Illinois dated August 5, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms.

DATES: Issued on August 5, 2026.

Incident Period: July 2, 2026 through July 4, 2026.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: October 5, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: May 5, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara Edge, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-9888.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Kane.

¹⁵ See *supra* note 10.

¹⁶ See *id.*

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Contiguous Counties:

Illinois: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage,
Kendall, McHenry.
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.750
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
For Economic Injury:	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21757B and for economic injury is 217580.

The state which received an SBA Administrative declaration is Illinois.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Year List of Requests From States or Tribes for a Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration.

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an updated list of requests received by the

U. S. Small Business Administration to make a disaster declaration for a state, territory, or tribe. The published list complies with a directive in the explanatory statement of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, Pub. L. 119–75.

DATES: Issued on August 7, 2026.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact: Eric Wall, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as of July 31, 2026, the following requests have been made to the U.S. Small Business Administration in Fiscal Year 2026 to declare a disaster.

State	Disaster date(s)	Disaster description	Date of state request to SBA	Approval status	Date of declaration
Arizona	September 25–27, 2025	Gila County Flooding Event	October 9, 2025	Approved	October 10, 2025.
Illinois	July 10–August 1, 2025	Algal Bloom Water Contamination	November 4, 2025	Approved	November 6, 2025.
Arizona	October 10–13, 2025	Remnants of Hurricane Priscilla and Tropical Storm Raymond.	November 4, 2025	Approved	November 14, 2025.
Florida	October 26, 2025	Severe Storms and Flooding	November 7, 2025	Approved	November 7, 2025.
New York	September 17, 2025	Red Hook Five-Alarm Fire	November 13, 2025 ..	Approved	November 14, 2025.
Kentucky	November 4, 2025	Louisville Airplane Crash	November 14, 2025 ..	Approved	November 15, 2025.
Colorado	August 2–29, 2025	Lee and Elk Fires, Mudslides, and Debris Flows.	November 17, 2025 ..	Approved	November 18, 2025.
California	November 13–December 4, 2025.	Pack Fire	December 4, 2025	Approved	December 9, 2025.
New York	November 23, 2025	Cottage Avenue Apartment Building Fire.	December 12, 2025 ..	Approved	December 16, 2025.
Minnesota	October 26, 2025	Skyline Tower Apartment Complex Fire and Severe Water Damage.	December 19, 2025 ..	Approved	December 22, 2025.
California	December 16–26, 2025	2025 Late December Storm	January 28, 2026	Approved	February 3, 2026.
California	December 31, 2025–January 5, 2026.	2026 Early January Storm, Tidal Flooding, and King Tides.	January 28, 2026	Approved	February 3, 2026.
Louisiana	January 23–27, 2026	2026 Severe Winter Storm	January 30, 2026	Approved	February 2, 2026.
California	December 16–26, 2025	2025 Late December Storms	January 30, 2026	Approved	February 6, 2026.
California	January 19, 2026	Oakland Apartment Fire	February 4, 2026	Approved	February 10, 2026.
Washington	December 5–22, 2025	Severe Winter Storms, 2025	February 11, 2026	Approved	February 24, 2026.
New Mexico	June 23–August 5, 2025	Mescalero Apache Tribe—Rural Area—Severe Storms, Flooding and Landslides.	February 17, 2026	Approved	February 23, 2026.
Pennsylvania	February 20, 2026	Hotel Hampton Fire	March 3, 2026	Approved	March 4, 2026.
Illinois	August 16–19, 2025	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flash Flooding.	March 12, 2026	Approved	March 16, 2026.
Tennessee	January 22–27, 2026	2026 Severe Winter Storm Fern	March 23, 2026	Approved	April 7, 2026.
Hawaii	November 30, 2025	Downtown Hilo Fire	April 1, 2026	Approved	April 3, 2026.
Louisiana	January 23–27, 2026	Louisiana Severe Winter Storm	April 2, 2026	Approved	April 8, 2026.
Illinois	March 10, 2026	Severe Storm and Tornado	April 7, 2026	Approved	April 9, 2026.
Indiana	March 10–11, 2026	Severe Storms and Tornado	April 7, 2026	Approved	April 9, 2026.
Alaska	October 8–13, 2025	Severe Storms, Flooding and Remnants of Typhoon Halong.	April 13, 2026	Approved	April 15, 2026.
Arkansas	January 23–26, 2026	Severe Winter Weather	April 14, 2026	Approved	April 29, 2026.
Illinois	July 25–28, 2025	Severe Storms and Flash Flooding ...	April 22, 2026	Approved	April 23, 2026.
Michigan	March 6, 2026	Tornadoes	April 27, 2026	Approved	April 28, 2026.
Oklahoma	April 2, 2026	Severe Weather, Tornadoes, and Straight-line Winds.	May 1, 2026	Approved	May 1, 2026.
Texas	April 24–May 1, 2026	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	May 5, 2026	Approved	May 7, 2026.
Illinois	April 17, 2026	Severe Storm and Tornado	May 15, 2026	Approved	May 18, 2026.
Georgia	April 20, 2026	Wildfires	May 26, 2026	Approved	May 27, 2026.
Idaho	December 16–18, 2025	Straight-line Winds	June 3, 2026	Approved	June 8, 2026.
Rhode Island	February 22–23, 2026	2026 Historic Snowstorm	June 3, 2026	Approved	June 10, 2026.
Illinois	May 15, 2026	Oak Lawn Apartment Complex Fire ..	June 9, 2026	Approved	June 10, 2026.
California	May 21, 2026–May 29, 2026	Garden Grove Hazmat Incident	June 8, 2026	Approved	June 11, 2026.