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about the new **CPI Form A**

Are you filing a CPI Form A for the 2022-23 school year? If so, here is important information.

The Iowa Department of Education finally released the 2022-23 CPI Form A on August 9th.

Homeschool Iowa has discovered that the new currently available form is not compliant with Iowa law and rules.

Background

A CPI Form A must be filed by September 1st for students homeschooled under either of the two forms of CPI Option 1 or under CPI Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting.

These options are designated as Choice #3, #4, and #5 on our [Iowa Homeschool Options](#) website page.

Note that those using Choice #1 (IPI) or Choice #2 (CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting) do not need to file the CPI Form A.

2022-23 CPI Form A

Iowa Code Section 299.4 and Iowa Administrative Rule 281—31.2 clearly list the items that can be required on CPI Form A.

The new 2022-23 CPI Form A currently published on the Iowa DE website is not compliant with these lists.

The law and rules do not support the marking of some of the items as required on the new currently available form. Additionally, fields have been added to the form and an altered item numbering system makes the form noncompliant with current rules.

Homeschool Iowa Response

Our Homeschool Iowa Advocacy Team immediately communicated our concerns to the Iowa Department of Education officials.

We also sent suggestions for revisions that could be considered to bring the form back into compliance with current law and rules.

On August 16th, a DE staff person notified us that the 2022-23 CPI Form A will be revised to reflect the suggestions we have made.

However, no firm timeline was provided for that process, and there is no guarantee that the revised form will be consistent with Iowa law and rule.

What You Can Do

We realize that many of you need to file the form before the September 1st deadline, especially if you are using dual enrollment to access courses, programs, or activities that begin in August.

Homeschool Iowa has the new 2022-23 CPI Form A available on the [Iowa Homeschool Forms](#) web page, but the 2021-22 Form A is also provided.

Here are three options that you can consider:

1. Wait, if you are able, to see if the revised 2022-23 CPI Form A is compliant with law and rule, and, if so, use it to file by September 1st.
2. Use the currently available 2022-23 CPI Form A with the understanding that it is not compliant with Iowa law and rule.
3. Use the 2021-22 CPI Form A, changing the date at the top.

Because the currently published CPI Form A is not compliant with law and rule, Homeschool Iowa's position* is that the prior year's version of Form A may be submitted (modified to show the current academic year) to comply with Iowa law, and a district may not refuse the use of that Department-issued form without prejudicing the rights of the person submitting the form and the student for whom it was submitted.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact us at advocacy@homeschooliowa.org.

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