

Tips for Submitting Public Comments to the Proposed Rule

Thank you for submitting public comments to the U.S. Department of Education on the proposed rule that excludes MFTs from the “professional degree” designation. Providing public comments to the government is a way for you to participate in the development of federal rules. Since this might be the first time many MFTs are submitting comments, we have outlined dos and don’ts for drafting effective public comments.

In your comments, you should:

- Share your personal experience
- Explain how federal student loans supported your own education or the MFT profession as a whole
- Explain how the proposed rule will negatively impact the public, including your clients and those in your local community
- Be concise, and explain your views as clearly as possible
- Review the step-by-step public comment instructions before you submit your comment
- Explain why you disagree with the proposed regulatory text and support these reasons with evidence, including the depth and breadth of your personal or professional experiences
- Provide citations to the published materials referenced, including active hyperlinks

In your comments, you should not:

- Submit exact language from a template or someone else’s comment without first revising and updating it based on your views and experiences
- Stray from the topic of the proposed rule
- Use your comment as a list of grievances about other issues
- Include any personal identifying information, such as Social Security numbers or loan account numbers, for yourself or for others in your submission