



Financial Services Regulatory
Authority of Ontario

Rule-Making Overview

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The Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA) is a new, independent regulatory agency established by the [Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario Act, 2016 \(FSRA Act\)](#) to more effectively regulate non-securities financial services in Ontario.

When operational, FSRA will be an forward-looking, flexible, self-funded regulator capable of responding to the dynamic pace of change in marketplace, industry and consumer expectations.

FSRA is implementing a transition plan to assume regulatory functions currently under the auspices of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) and Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario (DICO).

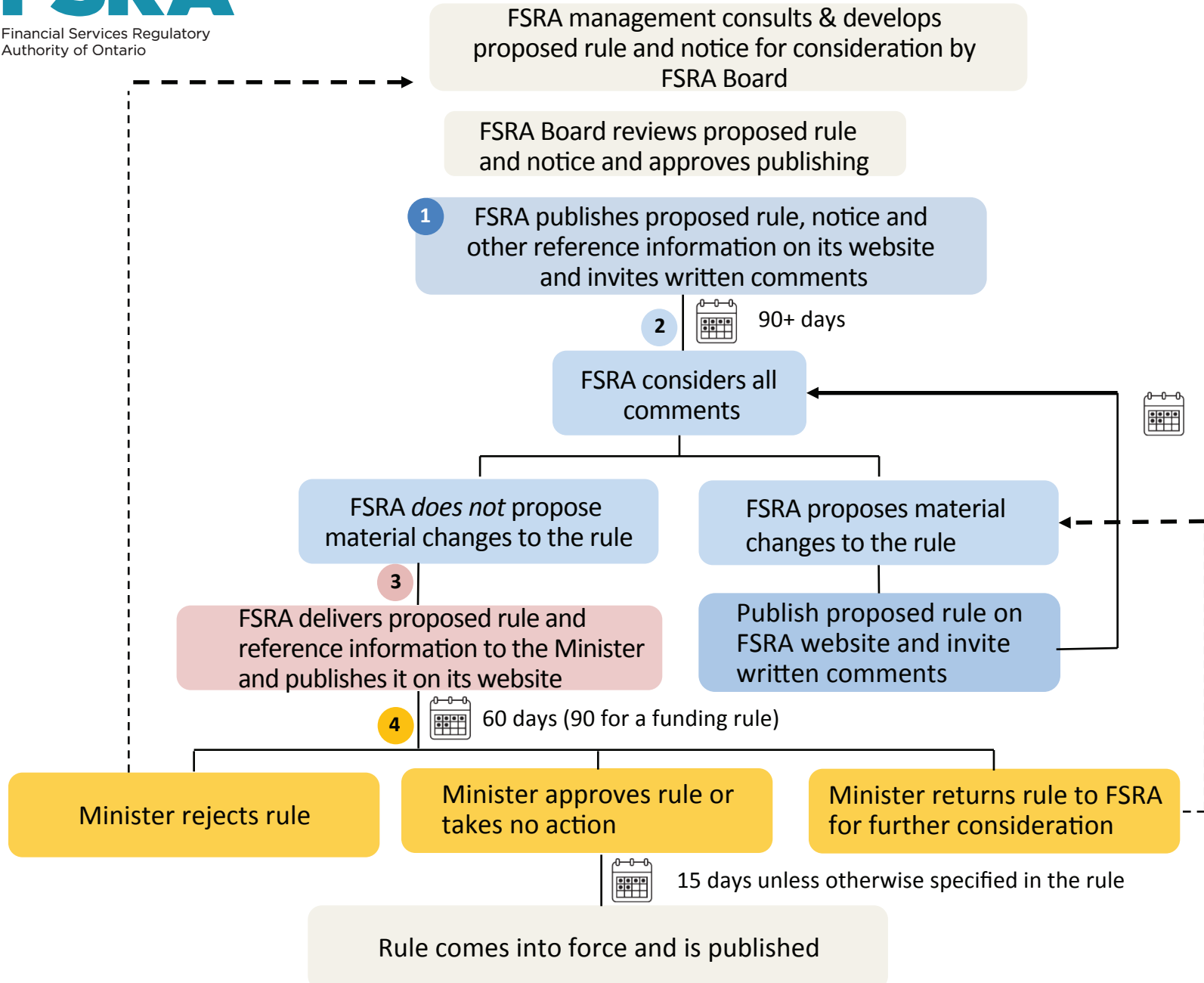
When operational, FSRA will be a principles-based regulator to

- support business investment, competition and innovation;
- respond to changes in industry and consumer expectations;
- better protect Ontarians who: buy or receive benefits from insurance (e.g., property and casualty including auto; life; health; annuities and life-related investment products); are members of credit unions; do business with credit unions or loan and trust companies; use mortgage brokers; or rely on pension plans for income security;
- Improve market effectiveness and enhance market integrity in Ontario; and
- create effective and consistent regulation across Canada through leadership and advocacy.

What is rule-making?

- Rule-making is the process by which an independent agency, such as FSRA, develops rules which can, when authorized by legislation, do the work of regulations – e.g., rules that will have the force of law.
- Authority for FSRA to make rules is provided by the [FSRA Act](#).
- The legislative process to create regulations is less flexible and more time consuming than rule-making, and does not benefit from the specialized expertise of an expert rule-making body
- By delegating rule-making authority to FSRA, the Legislature empowers FSRA to use its expertise to create and implement principles-based rules, giving FSRA additional flexibility to respond to market and/or product changes.

Rule-making process



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