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## Subpart A—General Provisions

### § 81.1 Purpose.

The regulations in this part govern the enforcement of legal requirements under applicable programs administered by the Department of Education and implement Part E of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, 1234(f)(1), and 3474(a))

### § 81.2 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to the terms used in this part:

*Administrative Law Judge* (ALJ) means a judge appointed by the Secretary in accordance with section 451 (b) and (c) of GEPA.

*Applicable program* means any program for which the Secretary of Education has administrative responsibility, except a program authorized by—

- (a) The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
- (b) The Act of September 30, 1950 (Pub. L. 874, 81st Congress), as amended; or
- (c) The Act of September 23, 1950 (Pub. L. 815, 81st Congress), as amended.

*Department* means the United States Department of Education.

*Disallowance decision* means the decision of an authorized Departmental official that a recipient must return funds because it made an expenditure of funds that was not allowable or otherwise failed to discharge its obligation to account properly for funds. Such a decision, referred to as a "preliminary departmental decision" in section 452

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of GEPA, is subject to review by the Office of Administrative Law Judges.

*Party* means either of the following:

- (a) A recipient that appeals a decision.
- (b) An authorized Departmental official who issues a decision that is appealed.

*Recipient* means the recipient of a grant or cooperative agreement under an applicable program.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Department of Education or an official or employee of the Department acting for the Secretary under a delegation of authority.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, 1234 (b), (c), and (f)(1), 1234a(a)(1), 1234i, and 3474(a))

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### § 81.3 Jurisdiction of the Office of Administrative Law Judges.

(a) The Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ) established under section 451(a) of GEPA has jurisdiction to conduct the following proceedings concerning an applicable program:

- (1) Hearings for recovery of funds.
- (2) Withholding hearings.
- (3) Cease and desist hearings.

(b) The OALJ also has jurisdiction to conduct other proceedings designated by the Secretary. If a proceeding or class of proceedings is so designated, the Department publishes a notice of the designation in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 554, 20 U.S.C. 1234(a))

### § 81.4 Membership and assignment to cases.

(a) The Secretary appoints Administrative Law Judges as members of the OALJ.

(b) The Secretary appoints one of the members of the OALJ to be the chief judge. The chief judge is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the OALJ.

(c) The chief judge assigns an ALJ to each case or class of cases within the jurisdiction of the OALJ.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, 1234 (b) and (c), and 3474(a))