

## § 31.46

### § 31.46 Compromise or settlement.

(a) Parties may make offers of compromise or settlement at any time.

(b) The reviewing official has the exclusive authority to compromise or settle a case under this part at any time after the date on which the reviewing official is permitted to issue a complaint and before the date on which the ALJ issues an initial decision.

(c) The authority head has exclusive authority to compromise or settle a case under this part at any time after the date on which the ALJ issues an initial decision, except during the pendency of any review under § 31.42 or during the pendency of any action to collect penalties and assessments under § 31.43.

(d) The Attorney General has exclusive authority to compromise or settle a case under this part during the pendency of any review under § 31.42 or of any action to recover penalties and assessments under 31 U.S.C. 3806.

(e) The investigating official may recommend settlement terms to the reviewing official, the authority head, or the Attorney General, as appropriate. The reviewing official may recommend settlement terms to the authority head, or the Attorney General, as appropriate.

(f) Any compromise or settlement must be in writing.

### § 31.47 Limitations.

(a) The notice of hearing with respect to a claim or statement must be served in the manner specified in § 31.8 within 6 years after the date on which such claim or statement is made.

(b) If the defendant fails to serve a timely answer, service of a notice under § 31.10(b) shall be deemed a notice of hearing for purposes of this section.

(c) The statute of limitations may be extended by agreement of the parties.

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**Office of the Secretary of Transportation****§ 32.210**AUTHORITY: 41 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.*

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**Subpart A—Purpose and Coverage****§ 32.100 What does this part do?**

This part carries out the portion of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.*, as amended) that applies to grants. It also applies the provisions of the Act to cooperative agreements and other financial assistance awards, as a matter of Federal Government policy.

**§ 32.105 Does this part apply to me?**

(a) Portions of this part apply to you if you are either—

(1) A recipient of an assistance award from the Department of Transportation; or

(2) A(n) DOT awarding official. (See definitions of award and recipient in §§ 32.605 and 32.660, respectively.)

(b) The following table shows the subparts that apply to you:

If you are . . .	see subparts . . .
(1) A recipient who is not an individual	A, B and E.
(2) A recipient who is an individual .....	A, C and E.
(3) A(n) DOT awarding official .....	A, D and E.

**§ 32.110 Are any of my Federal assistance awards exempt from this part?**

This part does not apply to any award that the Secretary of Transportation determines that the application of this part would be inconsistent with the international obligations of the United States or the laws or regulations of a foreign government.

**§ 32.115 Does this part affect the Federal contracts that I receive?**

It will affect future contract awards indirectly if you are debarred or suspended for a violation of the requirements of this part, as described in § 32.510(c). However, this part does not apply directly to procurement contracts. The portion of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 that applies to Federal procurement contracts is carried out through the Federal Acquisition Regulation in chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (the

drug-free workplace coverage currently is in 48 CFR part 23, subpart 23.5).

**Subpart B—Requirements for Recipients Other Than Individuals****§ 32.200 What must I do to comply with this part?**

There are two general requirements if you are a recipient other than an individual.

(a) First, you must make a good faith effort, on a continuing basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace. You must agree to do so as a condition for receiving any award covered by this part. The specific measures that you must take in this regard are described in more detail in subsequent sections of this subpart. Briefly, those measures are to—

(1) Publish a drug-free workplace statement and establish a drug-free awareness program for your employees (see §§ 32.205 through 32.220); and

(2) Take actions concerning employees who are convicted of violating drug statutes in the workplace (see § 32.225).

(b) Second, you must identify all known workplaces under your Federal awards (see § 32.230).

**§ 32.205 What must I include in my drug-free workplace statement?**

You must publish a statement that—

(a) Tells your employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in your workplace;

(b) Specifies the actions that you will take against employees for violating that prohibition; and

(c) Lets each employee know that, as a condition of employment under any award, he or she:

(1) Will abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Must notify you in writing if he or she is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace and must do so no more than five calendar days after the conviction.

**§ 32.210 To whom must I distribute my drug-free workplace statement?**

You must require that a copy of the statement described in § 32.205 be given