

**§ 48.301**

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**§ 48.301 [Reserved]**

**Subpart D—Responsibilities of Department of Veterans Affairs Awarding Officials**

**§ 48.400 What are my responsibilities as a(n) Department of Veterans Affairs awarding official?**

As a(n) Department of Veterans Affairs awarding official, you must obtain each recipient's agreement, as a condition of the award, to comply with the requirements in—

- (a) Subpart B of this part, if the recipient is not an individual; or
- (b) Subpart C of this part, if the recipient is an individual.

**Subpart E—Violations of This Part and Consequences**

**§ 48.500 How are violations of this part determined for recipients other than individuals?**

A recipient other than an individual is in violation of the requirements of this part if the Secretary determines, in writing, that—

- (a) The recipient has violated the requirements of subpart B of this part; or
- (b) The number of convictions of the recipient's employees for violating criminal drug statutes in the workplace is large enough to indicate that the recipient has failed to make a good faith effort to provide a drug-free workplace.

**§ 48.505 How are violations of this part determined for recipients who are individuals?**

An individual recipient is in violation of the requirements of this part if the Secretary determines, in writing, that—

- (a) The recipient has violated the requirements of subpart C of this part; or
- (b) The recipient is convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any award activity.

**§ 48.510 What actions will the Federal Government take against a recipient determined to have violated this part?**

If a recipient is determined to have violated this part, as described in

§ 48.500 or § 48.505, the Department of Veterans Affairs may take one or more of the following actions—

- (a) Suspension of payments under the award;
- (b) Suspension or termination of the award; and
- (c) Suspension or debarment of the recipient under 2 CFR parts 180 and 801, for a period not to exceed five years.

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**§ 48.515 Are there any exceptions to those actions?**

The Secretary may waive with respect to a particular award, in writing, a suspension of payments under an award, suspension or termination of an award, or suspension or debarment of a recipient if the Secretary determines that such a waiver would be in the public interest. This exception authority cannot be delegated to any other official.

**Subpart F—Definitions**

**§ 48.605 Award.**

*Award* means an award of financial assistance by the Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal agency directly to a recipient.

(a) The term award includes:

- (1) A Federal grant or cooperative agreement, in the form of money or property in lieu of money.
- (2) A block grant or a grant in an entitlement program, whether or not the grant is exempted from coverage under the Governmentwide rule 38 CFR part 43 that implements OMB Circular A-102 (for availability, see 5 CFR 1310.3) and specifies uniform administrative requirements.

(b) The term award does not include:

- (1) Technical assistance that provides services instead of money.
- (2) Loans.
- (3) Loan guarantees.
- (4) Interest subsidies.
- (5) Insurance.
- (6) Direct appropriations.
- (7) Veterans' benefits to individuals (*i.e.*, any benefit to veterans, their families, or survivors by virtue of the service of a veteran in the Armed Forces of the United States).