

§ 461.3 What are the general responsibilities of the State educational agency?

(a) A State that desires to participate in the program shall designate the SEA as the sole State agency responsible for the administration and supervision of the program under this part.

(b) The SEA has the following general responsibilities:

(1) Development, submission, and implementation of the State application and plan, and any amendments to these documents.

(2) Evaluation of activities, as described in section 352 of the Act and § 461.46.

(3) Consultation with the State advisory council, if a State advisory council has been established under section 332 of the Act and § 461.50.

(4) Consultation with other appropriate agencies, groups, and individuals involved in the planning, administration, evaluation, and coordination of programs funded under the Act.

(5)(i) Assignment of personnel as may be necessary for State administration of programs under the Act.

(ii) The SEA must ensure that—

(A) These personnel are sufficiently qualified by education and experience; and

(B) There is a sufficient number of these personnel to carry out the responsibilities of the State.

(6) If the State imposes any rule or policy relating to the administration and operation of programs under the Act (including any rule or policy based on State interpretation of any Federal law, regulation, or guidance), the SEA shall identify the rule or policy as a State-imposed requirement.

(7) By July 25, 1993, development and implementation, in consultation with a widely representative group of appropriate experts, educators, and administrators, of indicators of program quality to be used to evaluate programs assisted under this part, as required by section 352 of the Act and § 461.46, to determine whether those programs are effective, including whether those programs are successfully recruiting, retaining, and improving the literacy skills of the individuals served under those programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1205 (a) and (b))

§ 461.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the program:

(a) The regulations in this part 461.

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 460.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*)

§ 461.5 What definitions apply?

(a) The definitions in 34 CFR 460.4 apply to this part.

(b) For the purposes of this part, “State” includes the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Island.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*)

Subpart B—How Does a State Apply for a Grant?

§ 461.10 What documents must a State submit to receive a grant?

An SEA shall submit the following to the Secretary as one document:

(a) A State plan, developed once every four years, that meets the requirements of the Act and contains the information required in § 461.12.

(b) A State application consisting of program assurances, signed by an authorized official of the SEA, to provide that—

(1) The SEA will provide such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Act;

(2) Federal funds granted to the State under the Act will be used to supplement, and not supplant, the amount of State and local funds available for uses specified in the Act;

(3) Programs, services, and activities funded in accordance with the uses specified in section 322 of the Act are designed to expand or improve the quality of adult education programs, including programs for educationally disadvantaged adults, to initiate new programs of high quality, or, if necessary, to maintain programs;

(4) The SEA will provide such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the State (including Federal funds paid by the State to eligible recipients under the Act);

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(5) The SEA has instituted policies and procedures to ensure that copies of the State plan and all statements of general policy, rules, regulations, and procedures will be made available to the public;

(6) The SEA will comply with the maintenance of effort requirements in section 361(b) of the Act;

CROSS-REFERENCE: See § 461.42 What is the maintenance of effort requirement?

(7) Adults enrolled in adult basic education programs, including programs for adults with limited English proficiency, will not be charged tuition, fees, or any other charges, or be required to purchase any books or any other materials that are needed for participation in the program;

(8) The SEA may use not more than 20 percent of the funds granted to the State under the Act for programs of equivalency for a certificate of graduation from secondary school;

(9) As may be required by the Secretary, the SEA will report information concerning special experimental demonstration projects and teacher training projects supported under section 353 of the Act; and

(10) The SEA annually will report information about the State's adult education students, programs, expenditures, and goals, as may be required by the Secretary.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1203a(b)(2), 1206(a), 1206b, 1207a, 1208, and 1209(b))

§ 461.11 How is the State plan developed?

In formulating the State plan, the SEA shall—

(a) Meet with and utilize the State advisory council, if a council is established under section 332 of the Act and § 461.50;

(b) After providing appropriate and sufficient notice to the public, conduct at least two public hearings in the State for the purpose of affording all segments of the public, including groups serving educationally disadvantaged adults, and interested organizations and groups, an opportunity to present their views and make rec-

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ommendations regarding the State plan;

(c) Make a thorough assessment of —

(1) The needs of adults, including educationally disadvantaged adults, eligible to be served as well as adults proposed to be served and those currently served by the program; and

(2) The capability of existing programs and institutions to meet those needs; and

(d) State the changes and improvements required in adult education to fulfill the purposes of the Act and the options for implementing these changes and improvements.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1206a(a)(1) and (2), (b))

§ 461.12 What must the State plan contain?

(a) Consistent with the assessment described in § 461.11(c), a State plan must, for the four-year period covered by the plan—

(1) Describe the adult education needs of all segments of the adult population in the State identified in the assessment, including the needs of those adults who are educationally disadvantaged;

(2) Describe and provide for the fulfillment of the literacy needs of individuals in the State;

(3) Set forth measurable goals for improving literacy levels, retention in literacy programs, and long-term learning gains of individuals in the State and describe a comprehensive approach for achieving those goals, including the development of indicators of program quality as required by section 331(a)(2) of the Act and § 461.3(b)(7).

(4) Describe the curriculum, equipment, and instruments that are being used by instructional personnel in programs and indicate how current these elements are;

(5) Describe the means by which the delivery of adult education services will be significantly expanded (including efforts to reach typically underserved groups such as educationally disadvantaged adults, individuals of limited English proficiency, and adults with disabilities) through coordination