

PART 4 – AGENCY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION

For each federal program (except R&D and SFA) included in this Supplement, Part 4 provides I, “Program Objectives” and II, “Program Procedures.” Part 4 also provides information about compliance requirements specific to a program in III, “Compliance Requirements.” Finally, Part 4 provides IV, “Other Information,” when there is other useful information pertaining to the program that does not fit in sections I–III. For example, when a program allows funds to be transferred to another program, section IV provides guidance on how those funds are to be treated on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and in Type A program determinations.

When any of five types of compliance requirements (A, “Activities Allowed or Unallowed;” E, “Eligibility;” G, “Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking;” L, “Reporting;” and N, “Special Tests and Provisions”) is subject to audit and applicable to a program included in the Supplement, Part 4 always provides additional information specific to the program. The other seven types of compliance requirements, when subject to audit, generally are not specific to a program and, therefore, usually are not listed in Part 4. However, when one of these other seven types of compliance requirements has information specific to a program, that information is provided with the program in Part 4. When a requirement is marked as “Not Applicable” it means either that there are no compliance requirements specific for the program, or the auditor is not required to test compliance.

In developing the audit procedures to test compliance with the requirements for a federal program, the auditor must first look to the Compliance Requirements section of the program/cluster (summarized for all programs/clusters in Part 2 of the Supplement) to identify which of the 12 types of compliance requirements described in Part 3 have been identified as subject to audit, and then determine which of those requirements is likely to have a direct and material effect on the federal program at the auditee.

For each such compliance requirement, the auditor must use Part 3 (which includes generic details about each compliance requirement other than Special Tests and Provisions, including audit objectives, and suggested audit procedures) and the program supplement in Part 4 (which includes any program-specific requirements) to perform the audit. For N, “Special Tests and Provisions,” Part 3 includes only audit objectives and suggested audit procedures for internal control; all other information is included in Part 4.

The descriptions of the compliance requirements in Parts 3 and 4 generally are a summary of the actual compliance requirements. The auditor must review the referenced citations (e.g., laws and regulations) for the complete compliance requirements.

For 2020, only guidance to the compliance requirement areas that are designated as “Y” in the Matrix are included in part III, Compliance Requirements of the program. If the auditor is to review compliance requirement areas that are designated as “N,” the auditor must refer to the 2019 supplement for additional information.