(c) Qualification standards. Each sponsor must maintain evidence that its qualification standards have been validated in accordance with the requirements set forth in § 30.5(b).

(d) Records of State Apprenticeship Councils. State Apprenticeship Councils shall keep adequate records, including registration requirements, individual program standards and registration records, program compliance reviews and investigations, and any other records pertinent to a determination of compliance with this part, as may be required by the Department, and shall report to the Department as may be required by the Department.

(e) Maintenance of records. The records required by this part and any other information relevant to compliance with these regulations shall be maintained for 5 years and made available upon request to the Department or other authorized representative.

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§ 30.9 Compliance reviews.

(a) Conduct of compliance reviews. The Department will regularly conduct systematic reviews of apprenticeship programs in order to determine the extent to which sponsors are complying with these regulations and will also conduct compliance reviews when circumstances, including receipt of complaints not referred to a private review body pursuant to §30.11(b)(1)(i), so warrant, and take appropriate action regarding programs which are not in compliance with the requirements of this part. Compliance reviews will consist of comprehensive analyses and evaluations of each aspect of the apprenticeship program, including on-site investigations and audits.

(b) Reregistration. Sponsors seeking reregistration shall be subject to a compliance review as described in paragraph (a) of this section by the Department as part of the reregistration process.

(c) New registrations. Sponsors seeking new registration shall be subject to a compliance review as described in paragraph (a) of this section by the Department as part of the registration process.

(d) Voluntary compliance. Where the compliance review indicates that the sponsor is not operating in accordance with this part, the Department shall notify the sponsor in writing of the results of the review and make a reasonable effort to secure voluntary compliance on the part of the program sponsor within a reasonable time before undertaking sanctions under §30.13. In the case of sponsors seeking new registration, the Department will provide appropriate recommendations to the sponsor to enable it to achieve compliance for registration purposes.

§ 30.10 Noncompliance with Federal and state equal opportunity requirements.

A pattern or practice of noncompliance by a sponsor (or where the sponsor is a joint apprenticeship committee, by one of the parties represented on such committee) with Federal or state laws or regulations requiring equal opportunity may be grounds for the imposition of sanctions in accordance with §30.13 if such noncompliance is related to the equal employment opportunity of apprentices and/or graduates of such apprenticeship program under this part. The sponsor shall take affirmative steps to assist and cooperate with employers and unions in fulfilling their equal employment opportunity obligations.

§ 30.11 Complaint procedure.

(a) Filing. (1) Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes that he or she has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex with regard to apprenticeship or that the equal opportunity standards with respect to his or her selection have not been followed in the operation of an apprenticeship program may, personally or through an authorized representative, file a complaint with the Department, or, at the apprentice’s or applicant’s election, with a private review body established pursuant to paragraph (a)(3) of this section. The complaint shall be in writing and shall be signed by the complainant. It must include