



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



FACT SHEET:
Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing
Chapter 53 Section 5331

PROGRAM PURPOSE: Section 5331 describes procedures for alcohol and controlled substances testing for public transportation operations. “Controlled substance” is any substance under section 102 of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 802).

This program maintains authority for the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to establish a program that requires grantees to conduct pre-employment, reasonable suspicion, random, and post-accident testing of public transportation employees responsible for safety-sensitive functions.

Statutory References: 49 U.S.C. Section 5331

Applies To: Any public transportation operations that receive financial assistance under Section 5307 (Urbanized area formula grants), 5309 (Fixed guideway capital investment grants), or 5311 (Formula grants for rural areas) must meet drug and alcohol testing requirements.

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