

Waiver Process for Standards, Assessment, and Accountability, 25 CFR Part 30

Tribe or School Board submits Technical Assistance (TA) request to BIE CAO (Chief Academic Office) and US Department of Education (DOE).

The BIE CAO has 30 days to respond (25 CFR Part 30.117) to request for technical assistance.

Within 60 days of the waiver request, the Tribe or School Board must submit a proposal of alternate requirements.

Tribe or School Board submits letter to BIE CAO and US DOE requesting a waiver.

The BIE CAO has 120 days (25 C.F.R. 30.119(a)(3)) to provide a status update.

BIE CAO may communicate with Tribe or School Board for additional documentation or evidence.

Letter and supporting documents are reviewed by BIE CAO.

If accountability waiver request is submitted, the process takes up to one (1) year for ESEA and Part 30 compliance review, though many requests are granted on a shorter timeframe.

If all supporting documents are included and requirements have been addressed in the written request, then documents are forwarded to BIE Solicitors (SOL) for review.

US Department of Education (DOE) reviews completed Part 30 waiver request and supporting documents. US DOE collaborates with BIE CAO on any questions.

If revisions are needed, Tribe/School is to revisit documents submitted.

If US DOE approves, approval letter is routed for signature. This process takes approximately 6-9 weeks.

BIE CAO sends approval letter to BIE Central Office to be submitted in the data tracking system (DTS) for the BIE Director's signature. This process takes approximately 6-9 weeks.

Process will begin anew when the Part 30 approval letter expires.

School is to submit assessment data annually before July 30.

Signed letter is sent to BIE CAO. Letter is routed to BIE SOL for final review.

Note: Part 30 waiver requests are to be submitted by November 30 of each school year.