



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

National Policy

ORDER
5190.6C

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SUBJ: Airport Compliance Manual

1. Purpose

The Airport Compliance Manual provides guidance to FAA employees on the implementation of the FAA's airport compliance program. Under the program, the FAA has the responsibility to assure airport sponsors comply with certain obligations that arise from FAA grant agreements and from deeds of property conveyance for airport use.

2. Distribution

The Office of Airports website has a link to the [Airport Compliance Manual](#).

3. Cancellation

This Order cancels and **replaces** the Airport Compliance Manual, Order 5190.6B.

4. Explanation of Changes

Since 2009, there have been changes to the laws and policies relating to the Federal obligations of airport sponsors and revisions to the procedures for investigating and resolving complaints that allege noncompliance.

To incorporate any changes and provide the most useful and current program guidance to FAA employees, the Office of Airport Compliance and Management Analysis undertook a review of the Order and published changes to the Airport Compliance Manual, 5190.6B: Change 1 was issued on December 3, 2021, Change 2 was issued on December 9, 2022, Change 3 was issued on September 15, 2023.

This cancellation of 5190.6B and issuance of 5190.6C incorporates each of these updates as well as updates to chapters 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, Appendix G, and addresses the following:

- **Public comments offered on the 2009 update.**

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. On May 16, 2024, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (2024 Reauthorization Act) made certain amendments to 49 U.S.C. chapter 471. This update fully incorporates, where necessary, citations and changes due to the 2024 Reauthorization Act. To the extent there is a conflict between this updated Order and Federal statutes, the statutes shall apply. See [FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024](#) for the full text.

Editorial changes based on suggestions in the public comments or recommendations from FAA staff for more effective ways of expressing policy guidance. In applicable sections the revised Order:

- Updated references to other FAA guidance documents on the same subject where applicable.
 - Updated references for Executive Orders and DOT directives.
 - Updated references to applicable law.
 - Updated references to new grant programs.
- Updated statutory and regulatory citation references.
 - Policy changes adopted by the agency since 2009 to remain current with Federal statutes. When the FAA revises its policy on a specific compliance issue or issues a new policy statement to clarify the agency position on an issue, the agency issues a separate policy statement after public notice and comment. Those policy changes are then incorporated into this Order.
 - Edits and additions to the revised chapters are intended to provide accurate and useful guidance on airport compliance policy for FAA Airports staff, and not to adopt significant changes in compliance policy.

A detailed summary of the changes in each chapter and corresponding renumbering and retitling charts as needed are available at: [FAA Order 5190.6C, Airport Compliance Manual](#).



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