OTP Accrediting Body Approval Consulting (42 CFR Part 8)

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What to have ready

Each item comes from 42 CFR Part 8, Subpart B (eCFR current text read 2 October 2026) or SAMHSA's application page.

- Documentation that your organization fits an eligible category under 42 CFR 8.3(a) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-I/subchapter-A/part-8/subpart-B]: private nonprofit, state or territorial governmental entity or political subdivision, or Indian Tribe.
- Form SMA-163 and the "list of documents required for submission with the application" that the form contains (SAMHSA [https://www.samhsa.gov/substance-use/treatment/opioid-treatment-program/become-accrediting-body]). Assemble every document before filing, since "No applications will be reviewed until all required documentation is submitted."
- A survey schedule that meets section 8.4(a)(1): "routine accreditation surveys for initial accreditation, and then at least every three years to allow for renewal of certification."
- A noncompliance procedure that issues written notice "within 60 days following discovery," "categorizes each non-compliant condition as either 'minor' or 'significant'," sets a corrective schedule "not to exceed 180 days," and provides the Secretary a copy (42 CFR 8.4(b)(1)).
- A fee policy and cost basis for what you will charge OTPs, since the Secretary "generally will find fees to be reasonable if the fees are limited to recovering costs to the Accreditation Body, including overhead incurred" (42 CFR 8.4(i)). Section 8.4(i)(1) also requires the Accreditation Body to make its fee structure public.
- For a state, territorial or Tribal unit: the measures you have taken "to prevent actual or apparent conflicts of interest" (42 CFR 8.3(h)).
- Staff capacity to answer a deficiency notice within 90 days (42 CFR 8.3(d)(2)).
- A renewal calendar with the 9-month notice of intent and the 3-month renewal filing (42 CFR 8.3(c)).