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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Constitutional Officers Cabinet Secretaries Agency Heads Human Resource Administrators

From: Gerina D. Whethers, Secretary

October 3, 2022

Re: Annual State Certification for Drug-Free Workplace Federal Grants October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Attached is your agency's copy of the Kentucky State Certification for Federal Grants under the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2022. Your agency may be required to submit a copy of this certification when applying for federal funding. The certification is valid from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rosemary G. Holbrook at (502) 564-6761 or via email at <u>rosemaryg.holbrook@ky.gov</u>.

Attachments: Annual Certification for Drug-Free Workplace Federal Grants Agency Federal Funding Source 2022-2023





Date:

### PERSONNEL MEMO 22-11

## Kentucky State Government Annual Multiple Agency Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements Federal Fiscal Year 2022/2023 October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

Pursuant to Executive Order 96-611 issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on May 15, 1996, (attached as Appendix A) I, Gerina D. Whethers, Secretary, Personnel Cabinet, do hereby certify, on behalf of the Executive Branch of Kentucky State Government, that all of its agencies are in compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and it has:

- I. Published a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition (attached as Appendix B);
- II. Established an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
  - A. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - B. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - C. Available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
  - D. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations;
- III. Made it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (I);
- IV. Notified each employee in the statement required by paragraph (I) that as a condition of employment under the grant the employee will:
  - A. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - B. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation in the workplace no later than five days after the conviction;
- V. Established a policy by which the employer will notify the granting agency in writing, within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (IV)(B) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;

- VI. Established a policy under which the employer will impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program by, any employee who is convicted; as required by 41 U.S.C. § 8104;
- VII. Made a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs I through VI.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, State Government Organization Name

Gerina D. Whethers - Personnel Cabinet Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

October 1, 2022 Date



#### PAUL E. PATTON GOVERNOR

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER

96-611

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky

May 15, 1996

#### RELATING TO DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress enacted the Anti-Drug Abuse Act (Public Law 100-690) which requires recipients of federal grants to certify that they have met the requirements designed to promote a drug-free workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has maintained a policy of prohibiting the manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of controlled substance drugs in the workplace and of enforcing such prohibition through disciplinary action against offenders while providing a program of rehabilitation and counseling through its Employee Assistance program and through the State-supported health insurance programs; and

WHEREAS, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession and use of controlled substances in the workplace constitutes a serious hazard to the health, safety and welfare of State employees as well as to the health, safety and welfare of the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet notify State employees of the penalties, programs and reporting requirements of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL E. PATTON, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby order and direct the Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet to issue written notice to each employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, advising of the requirements of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, of the range of penalties that may be imposed for violations, and of the rehabilitation and counseling programs that are available.

The Secretary of the Personnel Cabinet is authorized and directed to certify compliance with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 to the appropriate federal grantor agency upon issuance of notice to State employees.

This Order is effective upon execution.

PAUL E. PATTON Governor

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Secretary of State

APPENDIX A



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Gerina D. Whethers

**PERSONNEL MEMO 22-10** 

#### MEMORANDUM

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GOVERNOR

To: All State Employees

From: Gerina D. Whethers, Secretary

Date: August 22, 2022

Re: Drug-Free Workplace

The federal statute governing drug-free workplace requirements for federal grant recipients requires recipients of federal funds to certify that they have met requirements designed to promote a drug-free workplace (41 U.S.C. § 8103). In compliance with this Act, and at the discretion of the Governor, all state employees are notified that:

- A. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any controlled substance is strictly prohibited in the workplace.
- B. The Personnel Cabinet will continue to promote drug-free awareness programs through employee assistance and, in cooperation with state agencies, to eradicate the dangers that drugs in the workplace create for our employees. State-supported health insurance provides coverage for employees referred to or seeking treatment for drug and alcohol-related problems.
- C. Compliance with drug-free workplace requirements is a condition of continued employment with state government for all state employees. Each employee is obligated to report any conviction he or she receives as a result of a violation of any criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace within five (5) days after such conviction. Such a report is to be made to the employee's appointing authority and is required by federal law. Failure of any employee to report his or her conviction to the appointing authority may result in disciplinary action. The agency is obligated to report such conviction to the federal grantor within ten (10) days after it receives notice.
- D. Employees found to be in violation of drug-free workplace requirements may face disciplinary action by the appointing authority up to and including dismissal, in accordance with state law, or may be required to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or treatment program.

Please contact your agency Human Resources Office with any questions concerning this directive. Employees who need assistance with substance abuse issues are encouraged to contact the Kentucky Employee Assistance Program at (502) 564-5788. Please refer to the <u>Personnel Cabinet's Substance Abuse</u> website for more information.





# Employee Handbook



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- Employees shall carry or wear employee identification badges or other agency-identifying clothing;
- Flip-flops shall not be worn in the workplace;
- Employees shall not wear tops exposing their midriff;
- Employees shall not wear tops with oversized/large commercial logos or offensive language;
- Reasonable accommodations to this policy may be granted for religious, medical, or disability related needs;
- An employee seeking an accommodation should contact the agency's Human Resource office.

The Personnel Cabinet recognizes that individual workplaces have unique needs and requirements. Therefore, agencies are responsible for ensuring that their employees are aware of this policy in addition to any other policy that may exist for the agency. Any employee found in violation of the policy will be required to take corrective action, which may include leaving the work premises, and may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

## Drug-Free Workplace/Substance Abuse Assistance

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- The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance is strictly prohibited in the workplace.
- Employees may be required to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or treatment program.
- State-supported health insurance provides coverage for employees referred to or seeking treatment for drug and alcohol related problems.
- Compliance with drug-free workplace requirements is a condition of continued employment with the Executive Branch. Each employee is obligated to report any conviction he or she receives as a result of a violation of any criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace within five (5) days of such conviction. Such a report is to be made to the employee's Appointing Authority and is required by federal law. Failure of any employee to report his or her conviction to the appointing authority may result in disciplinary action. The agency is obligated to report such conviction to the federal grantor within ten (10) days after it receives notice.
- Employees found to be in violation of drug-free workplace requirements may face disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Employees who have questions concerning this directive are encouraged to contact their supervisor or agency Human Resources office.
- Employees who need assistance with substance abuse issues are encouraged to contact the Kentucky Employee Assistance Program at (502) 564-5788. Refer to the <u>Personnel Cabinet's</u> <u>Substance Abuse website</u> for more information.

LEGAL REFERENCES: <u>KRS 18A.043</u> <u>41 U.S.C. § 8103</u>

## **Drug Testing**

Some Executive Branch employees may be subject to drug testing. Employees should consult with their agency's human resources office to determine the applicability of drug testing.

Employees subject to drug testing should refrain from consuming supplements or other products that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For instance, some consumable

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STATE AGENCY	FEDERAL FUNDING AGENCY
<u>General Government Cabinet</u>	
Department of Agriculture	U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Environmental Protection Agency U.S. Department of Defense U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Department of Military Affairs	<ul> <li>U.S. Department of Defense</li> <li>U.S. Department of Transportation</li> <li>U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services</li> <li>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</li> <li>Federal Emergency Management Agency</li> <li>U.S. Department of Justice</li> </ul>
Department for Local Government	<ul> <li>U.S. Department of Housing &amp; Urban Development</li> <li>Office of Community Planning and Development</li> <li>U.S. Department of the Interior</li> <li>National Park Service</li> <li>U.S. Department of Transportation</li> <li>Federal Highway Administration</li> <li>U.S. Department of Energy</li> <li>Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable</li> <li>Energy</li> <li>U.S. Department of Commerce</li> <li>Economic Development Administration</li> <li>U.S. Department of Treasury</li> <li>Appalachian Regional Commission</li> <li>National Forest Receipts Fund</li> <li>Federal Flood Control Fund</li> </ul>
<b>Council on Postsecondary Education</b>	U.S. Department of Education
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Kentucky Infrastructure Authority	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs	U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Veterans Health Administration National Cemetery Administration
Office of Homeland Security	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
State Board of Elections	U.S. Election Assistance Commission
Office of the State Treasurer:	

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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - Administration for Community Living

Commonwealth Council for Developmental Disabilities

**Office of Attorney General:** Office of Medicaid Fraud & Abuse Control U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Victims Advocacy U.S. Department of Justice Office of Child Abuse & Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution U.S. Department of Justice Department of Criminal Investigations U.S. Social Security Administration U.S. Executive Office of the President Office of Consumer Protection U.S. Department of Justice Office of Senior Protection U.S. Department of Justice **Office of State Budget Director** U.S. Department of Treasury **Kentucky Board of Pharmacy** U.S. Department of Treasury (TBD)<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Justice (TBD) **Transportation Cabinet** U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Department of Transportation\* - Federal Aviation Administration - Federal Highway Administration\* - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration - Federal Transit Administration - National Highway Traffic & Safety Administration (\*Includes ARRA & Federal Lands Highway) **Economic Development Cabinet** U.S. Small Business Administration U.S. Department of Treasury **Finance & Administration Cabinet** U.S. Department of Treasury Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority U.S. Department of Education U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Commonwealth Office of Technology U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Department of Transportation Department of Revenue Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs U.S. Department of Defense

#### Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TBD – To be determined based upon various factors going forward.

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Kentucky Arts Council	National Endowment for the Arts
Kentucky Heritage Council	U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service
Kentucky Historical Society	Institute of Museum and Library Services National Archives and Records Administration - National Historical Publications and Records Commission
Kentucky Department of Parks	U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service U.S. Department of Justice
Education and Labor Cabinet	
Department of Education	U.S. Department of Education U.S. Department of Health & Human Services U.S. Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Dept. for Libraries & Archives	Institute for Museum & Library Services National Archives and Records Administration National Historical Publications and Records Commission
Department of Workforce Investment	U.S. Department of Labor
Office of Adult Education	U.S. Department of Education
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	U.S. Department of Education - RSA U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services	U.S. Department of Labor
Office of the Secretary (includes KYSTATS)	U.S. Department of Education U.S. Department of Labor U.S. Department of Health & Human Services U.S. Department of Commerce/Economic Development
Kentucky Environmental Education Council	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Corporation for National and Community Service
Early Childhood Advisory Council	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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Office of Unemployment Insurance	U.S. Department of Labor
Career Development Office	U.S. Department of Labor
Department for Workplace Standards – OSH	U.S. Department of Labor
Energy & Environment Cabinet	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
	U.S. Department of Interior
	U.S. Department of Energy
	U.S. Department of Defense U.S. Department of Homeland Security
	U.S. Department of Agriculture
	U.S. Department of Transportation
	U.S. Department of Labor
Public Protection Cabinet	U.S. Department of Justice
	Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council
	Appraisal Subcommittee
<u>Cabinet for Health and Family Services</u>	U.S. Department of Agriculture
	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
	U.S. Department of Energy
	U.S. Department of Education
	Corporation for National and Community Service
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
	U.S. Department of Labor
	U.S. Social Security Administration
	U.S. Department of Justice
	U.S. Department of Treasury
Justice and Public Safety Cabinet	
Office of the Secretary	U.S. Department of Justice
	U.S. Department of Treasury
Department of Corrections	U.S. Department of Education
	U.S. Department of Justice
	U.S. Department of Treasury
Department of Public Advocacy	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
	U.S. Department of Education
	U.S. Social Security Administration
	U.S. Department of Justice
Department of Juvenile Justice	U.S. Department of Justice
Kentucky State Police	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
	U.S. Department of Justice
	U.S. Department of Transportation
	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
	U.S. Executive Office of the President

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- Office of National Drug Control Policy U.S. Department of Treasury

Department of Fish and Wildlife

U.S. Department of the Interior

- U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Defense