of this section, the LEA may retain that payment if—

- (1) An adjustment is made in the payment of a successor LEA to account for the payment to the predecessor LEA; or
- (2)(i) The payment amount does not exceed the amount the predecessor LEA would have been eligible to receive if the change in boundaries or organization had not taken place; and
- (ii) A successor LEA is not an eligible applicant.
- (c) A predecessor LEA receiving any portion of a payment under section 8002 or 8003 that exceeds the amount allowed by paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section must return the excessive portion to the Secretary, unless the Secretary determines otherwise under section 8012 of the Act.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702 and 7703)

## § 222.9 What records must a local educational agency maintain?

Except as otherwise provided in  $\S 222.10$ —

- (a) An LEA must maintain adequate written records to support the amount of payment it received under the Act for any fiscal year;
- (b) On request, the LEA must make its records available to the Secretary for the purpose of examination or audit; and
- (c) Each applicant must submit such reports and information as the Secretary may require to determine the amount that the applicant may be paid under the Act.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1232f, 7702, 7703, 7704, 7706)

## § 222.10 How long must a local educational agency retain records?

An LEA must retain the records described in §222.9 until the later of—

- (a) Three years after the last payment for a fiscal year; or
- (b) If the records have been questioned on Federal audit or review, until the question is finally resolved and any

necessary adjustments to payments have been made.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1232f, 7702, 7703, 7704, 7706)

## § 222.11 How does the Secretary recover overpayments?

Except as otherwise provided in §§ 222.12-222.18, the Secretary adjusts for and recovers overpayments as follows:

- (a) If the Secretary determines that an LEA has received a payment in excess of what it should have received under the Act and this part, the Secretary deducts the amount of the overpayment from subsequent payments for which the LEA is eligible under the Act.
- (b)(1) If the LEA is not eligible for subsequent payments under the Act, the LEA must promptly refund the amount of the overpayment to the Secretary.
- (2) If the LEA does not promptly repay the amount of the overpayment or promptly enter into a repayment agreement with the Secretary, the Secretary may use the procedures in 34 CFR part 30 to offset that amount against payments from other Department programs or, under the circumstances permitted in part 30, to request that another agency offset the debt.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1226a-1, 7702, 7703, 7706, 7712)

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## § 222.12 What overpayments are eligible for forgiveness under section 8012 of the Act?

- (a) The Secretary considers as eligible for forgiveness under section 8012 of the Act ("eligible overpayment") any overpayment amount that is more than an LEA was eligible to receive for a particular fiscal year under Public Law 81–814, Public Law 81–815, or the Act (except for the types of overpayments listed in §222.13), and that—
- (1) Remains owing on or after July 31, 1997;
- (2) Is the subject of a written request for forgiveness filed by the LEA before July 31, 1997; or