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2016 SSO Program Workshop

49 CFR Part 674 Certification
Certification Process

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49 CFR Part 674 Background

7/6/12	MAP-21 signed into law
10/1/13	Initial Certification status transmitted
3/16/16	49 CFR Part 674 Final Rule released
4/16/19	Certification Deadline

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What is Certification?

- A process that requires:
  - The State to submit an application demonstrating how its SSO program and SSOA meet 49 CFR Part 674 requirements and 49 U.S.C. 5329(e)
  - The FTA to evaluate the application, and issue:
    - A certification of application, or
    - A denial of certification

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Certification Requirements

- FTA will evaluate whether:
  - "The State's SSO program meets the requirements of the 49 U.S.C. Section 5329(e) and 49 CFR Part 674."
  - "The SSOA has sufficient authority, resources, and expertise to oversee the number, size, and complexity of the RTAs that operate within the state, or will attain the necessary authority, resources, and expertise in accordance with a developmental plan and schedule set forth in a sufficient level of detail in the state's SSO program."
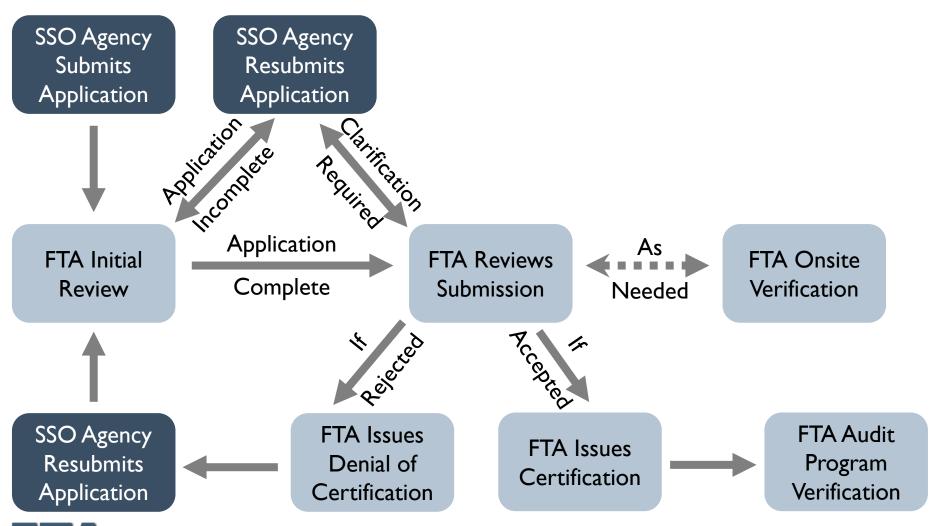
(49 CFR Part 674.19)

Certification Requirements

- Certification due process:
    - Any deficiencies will be communicated in writing, and the State will have an opportunity to modify its SSO program to merit the issuance of certification
    - FTA will communicate with Governor of the State regarding any identified deficiencies to request support in resolving them

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SSO Certification Process

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7/19/16	Toolkit and Application out for comment
7/19/16	FTA begins accepting Applications
8/31/16	Due date for SSO comments on the Toolkit and Application
4/16/19	Certification Deadline

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SSO Certification Process

- The SSO Certification Toolkit guides the States step-by-step through the SSO Certification Application

  – Provides a list of recommended and required documentation for each Application section

  – Provides a list of available technical assistance for each Application section, such as the Sample Program Standard Outline

Questions?

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