



DOAA
Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Immigration Compliance and Reporting Requirements for Counties and Municipalities

Requirements for 2024 Report Submission



Agenda

- History of immigration compliance reporting
- HB 1105 compliance and reporting requirements
- Overview of Immigration Collection System
- Penalties for noncompliance
- Obtaining credentials to access system
- Available resources
- Questions



A Little History...

- General Assembly enacted laws in 2011 designed to ensure government funds were only going to people who were legally in the U.S. and that governments were only doing business with companies that hire people legally in the U.S.
- The 2011 law also imposed reporting requirements on government entities.
- The General Assembly mandated that the Department of Audits and Accounts would be the entity responsible for managing the reporting requirements.
- Today more than 2,400 state and local entities throughout Georgia are subject to the compliance and reporting requirements.

House Bill 1105...

- Enacted by the Legislature during 2024 session of the General Assembly, with an effective date of July 1, 2024.
- Bill is titled “Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024” and primarily focuses on addressing law enforcement personnel’s compliance with laws regarding criminal illegal immigrants.
- Bill requires entities with law enforcement personnel to certify compliance with certain provisions within Title 35 and Title 42, as applicable.
- Bill also revised the provisions relating to the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies.



House Bill 1105

How does this bill affect entities?

Sections 3 and 4...

- Section 3 (O.C.G.A. §17-4-23) and Section 4 (O.C.G.A. §17-5-100) outline certain compliance requirements for law enforcement.
- If you have a law enforcement office, your entity should ensure they are aware of the changes in these two sections and modify policies and procedures (if needed) to support the new provisions.
- There is no requirement for an entity to directly certify compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. §17-4-23 and O.C.G.A. §17-5-100.

Section 5 (O.C.G.A. §35-1-17) ...

- This section outlines the legislative intent, which is to promote compliance with state laws related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens and to promote cooperation with federal authorities regarding the deterrence of criminal illegal aliens.
- All entities with law enforcement personnel will be required to certify that they seek to comply with state immigration laws, subject to their level of authority.
- In accordance with guidance we received from the AG's office, only cities or counties that operate a jail will be required to indicate whether they have an MOU with the federal Department of Homeland Security. Entities with an MOU will have additional certification requirements relating to Section 5 of HB 1105.

Section 6 (O.C.G.A. §36-80-23)

- This section prohibits any government from adopting any regulation, rule, policy, or practice that restricts local officials from complying with an immigration detainer notice or communicating or cooperating with federal officials with regard to reporting immigration status information.
- Cities and counties have been certifying compliance with this Code Section for several years.
- HB 1105 revised the definition of sanctuary policy to specify there should be no prohibition on law enforcement to comply with an immigration detainer notice.
- Note for counties: The sheriff's offices are now specifically designated as an entity within the Code Section. They will submit their own certification of compliance.

Section 8 (O.C.G.A. §42-1-11.5)

- This section addresses immigration detainer notices and would apply to law enforcement departments that operate a jail and have persons in their physical custody.
- This is a new code section and requires law enforcement entities to comply with, honor, and fulfill any request made in an immigration detainer notice specific to a person in their custody.
- This code section requires entities to inform the person in custody that they are being held pursuant to such notice.

Section 9 (O.C.G.A. §42-4-14)

- Prior law required a law enforcement department that as custodial authority to make a reasonable effort to determine the nationality of any person confined and to confirm they are not illegal aliens.
- HB 1105 was revised to require such reasonable effort be made within 48 hours of the person's confinement.
- HB 1105 requires law enforcement offices with jails to certify they complied with the provisions of this section.

Section 10 (O.C.G.A. §42-4-16)

- This section will require law enforcement departments that operate a county jail or municipal detention facility to maintain certain statistics and post such information on the public website of the local jurisdiction quarterly.
- This section of HB 1105 does not go into effect until December 31, 2024.
- No immediate action is required.
- In 2025, each affected department will be required to certify on the immigration report that they have complied with this law.

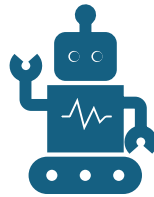
Section 12 (O.C.G.A. §50-36-4)

- This is the Code Section that requires annual immigration reports of all public entities.
- The Legislature added new compliance reporting requirements relating to the provisions of HB 1105.
- There are a total of six sections in the compliance report.

Completing the Report



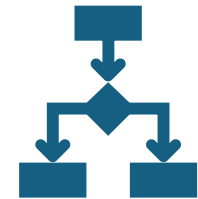
Compliance reports are due to the Department of Audits and Accounts no later than December 31st of each year.



We use an automated collection system to collect your reports.



All persons submitting information for the report must create their own account.



Multiple people within an organization may have accounts.

Immigration Collection System

The website for the DOAA Immigration Collection System is:

<https://www.audits.ga.gov/auth/login.aud>

If you have created your credentials, click here:

Department of Audits and Accounts Portal

Need Help?

Already Registered?

schwinn@audits.ga.gov

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SIGN IN

Forgot Password?

Create an Account

First Name Last Name

Phone Number

Email

Re-Enter Email

Manager Email

Password

Re-Enter Password

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

If you haven't created an account, click here:



Below are the applications you currently have access to. Click the tile to enter the system.

Grid of application tiles:

- Immigration and Reform Act Collection System
- Salary And Travel Submissions
- Architectural and Engineering Collection System
- NPO Contract Data Submissions
- Expenditures of Federal Awards

To request access to an application click the tile below. Once you have access it will appear in the area above.

You have access to all applications

Click the Immigration and Reform Act Collection System to access the site.

Hi Carol Schwinne (not you? click [here](#))



HELP

Need access to a different entity or app?

I Need More Access

Account info changed?

→ Click [here](#) to update

Email address changed?

→ Simply create a new account

Can't find the entity/app you need?

→ Try different entity name phrasing

The Home Page

Example Only



Immigration & Reform Act Collection System

Home

Instructions

FAQ

Contact

Exit

Organization: Dekalb County

Submission Period: 2024

! 0 of 6 sections complete

Welcome to the Department of Audits Immigration & Reform Act Collection System. Please complete all sections to the right in order to be compliant. Please see the menu links at the top of this page if you need help.

<p>Enter/Confirm E-Verify Number</p> <p>Need Response !</p> <p>O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 requires every public employer to register and participate in the federal work authorization program and to post their federal work authorization number and date of authorization on their website. The program is operated by the Department of Homeland Security. If your entity has not yet enrolled, please click Enrolling in E-Verify E-Verify</p>	<p>Title 13: E-Verify Contractor Reporting</p> <p>Need Response !</p> <p>O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 prohibits any public employer from entering into a contract for the physical performance of services unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program. Annually, all public employers are required to provide a report to the Department of Audits and Accounts documenting compliance with this Code Section.</p>	<p>Title 36-60-6: Issuance of Business Licenses</p> <p>Need Response !</p> <p>O.C.G.A. §36-60-6(e) requires any county or municipal corporation that issues a business license, occupational tax certificate, or other document required to operate a business to verify the person seeking such license is authorized to use the federal work authorization program when hiring staff, provided the person does not meet one of the exemptions noted. Annually, counties</p>
<p>Title 50: Public Benefits Reporting</p> <p>Need Response !</p> <p>O.C.G.A. §50-36-1(e) requires all entities providing or administering a public benefit to verify the lawful presence of persons applying for such benefits. All applicants must complete an affidavit and provide either proof of citizenship or the systematic alien verification of entitlements number. Entities are required to confirm lawful presence of noncitizens through the federal SAVE</p>	<p>Title 36-80-23: Sanctuary Policy</p> <p>Need Response !</p> <p>O.C.G.A. §36-80-23(b) prohibits any local governing authority from enacting, adopting, implementing, or enforcing any sanctuary policy. Sanctuary policy is defined as any regulation, rule, policy, or practice which prohibits or restricts officials or employees from communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting</p>	<p>Title 35/42: Law Enforcement Reporting</p> <p>Need Response !</p> <p>During the 2024 Session of the General Assembly, the Legislature enacted legislation designed to strengthen compliance of laws relating to law enforcement with respect to illegal aliens who are suspected of or have been convicted of criminal activity. Law enforcement agencies are required to certify their compliance with these laws through the annual immigration compliance</p>

Counties and municipalities will be expected to respond to each of the six sections included in the report.


** Click on the title within each section to access the report.*


Section 1 – Confirm E-Verify Number


Organization: Dekalb County Submission Period: 2024



Confirm E-Verify Number | Step 1 of 1
Dekalb County: *Need Response*

Please provide / confirm an E-Verify number and authorization date for your organization:

E-Verify Number:  The entity's E-Verify is located on your entity's website, along with the date of authorization from the Department of Homeland Security. If you cannot locate the number on your website, please contact your HR department to verify the information.

Authorization Date:  This is the date your entity was assigned an E-Verify number from the Department of Homeland Security.

Do Not Qualify:  No E-Verify number has been assigned since the entity does not meet the criteria established by the Department of Homeland Security to obtain such number.

[Go Home](#)  [Confirm](#) 

Mark "Do Not Qualify" if your entity has no employees .

If you submitted a report the prior year, this information will be populated into your report.

If not correct, please make the necessary corrections.

If information is correct, click confirm.

Section 2 – E-Verify Contractor Reporting

Organization: Submission Period:

Title 13 E-Verify Contractor Reporting | Step 1 of 3: *Opening Question*
DeKalb County: *Need Response* (by Carol Schwinne)

OCGA 13-10-91 prohibits any contractor from entering into a contract with a public employer for the "physical performance of services" unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program.

OGGA 13-10-90 defines "physical performance of services" as the performance of labor or services for a public employer using a bidding process or by contract wherein the labor or services exceed \$2,499.99. Services include, but are not limited to, public works and construction, professional services, IT and maintenance services, support services, etc. The Code Section does allow for certain limited exceptions.

During the reporting period (December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024), did your entity (DeKalb County) enter into any contracts for the "physical performance of services" as defined in O.C.G.A. §13-10-90? "Entity" includes all divisions and departments that are part of your entity's budget, including all law enforcement operations that are part of the entity's budget.

Yes No

Next

New design available.


Step 1 question is the same as in prior years.

When you see a lightbulb – That is an indication of resource information that may be helpful to you.

Section 3 – Business License Reporting

Organization: Dekalb County Submission Period: 2024

Title 13 E-Verify Contractor Reporting | Step 1 of 3: *Opening Question*
Dekalb County: *Need Response* (by Carol Schwinne)

 **OCGA 13-10-91** prohibits any contractor from entering into a contract with a public employer for the "physical performance of services" unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program.

OGGA 13-10-90 defines "physical performance of services" as the performance of labor or services for a public employer using a bidding process or by contract wherein the labor or services exceed \$2,499.99. Services include, but are not limited to, public works and construction, professional services, IT and maintenance services, support services, etc. The Code Section does allow for certain limited exceptions.

During the reporting period (December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024), did your entity (Dekalb County) enter into any contracts for the "physical performance of services" as defined in O.C.G.A. §13-10-90? "Entity" includes all divisions and departments that are part of your entity's budget, including all law enforcement operations that are part of the entity's budget.

Yes No

Next →

New design available.

Step 1 question is the same as in prior years.

When you see a lightbulb – That is an indication of resource information that may be helpful to you.

Section 4 – Public Benefits Reporting

Title 50 Public Benefits | Step 1 of 4: Opening Question

Dekalb County: *Need Response* (by Carol Schwinne) ⌵

During the reporting period (December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024), did your entity (Dekalb County) provide any public benefits as defined in Title 50? *See list below

Yes

No

- Adult education
- Apprenticeships
- Authorization to conduct a commercial enterprise or business
- Business certificate, license, or registration
- Business loan
- Cash allowance
- Disability assistance or insurance
- Down payment assistance
- Energy assistance
- Food stamps
- Gaming license
- Grants
- Health benefits
- Housing allowance, grant, guarantee, or loan
- Loan guarantee
- Medicaid
- Occupational license
- Professional license
- Public and assisted housing
- Registration of a regulated business
- Rent assistance or subsidy
- Retirement benefits
- State grant or loan
- State issued driver's license and identification card
- Tax certificate required to conduct a commercial business
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Unemployment insurance
- Welfare to work

Save & Next Step →

New design available.

Step 1 question is the same as in prior years.

Note: The Legislature added Apprenticeships to the list of public benefits subject to SAVE authorization.

Section 5 - Compliance with O.C.G.A. §36-80-23 *Example Only*

Organization: Submission Period:

Title 36-80-23 Sanctuary Policy | Step 1 of 2: Opening Question
DeKalb County: *Need Response* (by Carol Schwinne)

Attention: This section addresses policies of the governmental entity and should only be answered by persons who have authority to make policy decisions.

OCGA 36-80-23 prohibits any local governing body from enacting, adopting, implementing or enforcing any sanctuary policy.

Local governing body includes any political subdivision of this state, including any county, consolidated government, municipality, authority, school district, commission, board, or any other local public body corporate, governmental unit, sheriff's office, law enforcement agency, or political subdivision.

Sanctuary Policy means any regulation, rule, policy, or practice adopted by a local governing body which prohibits or restricts local officials or employees from complying with an immigration detainer notice or communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting immigration status information when such local official or employee is acting within the scope of his or her official duties.

Please provide your job title to be saved with your response

Certified by:
* Title:

I certify that this entity (DeKalb County):

has not enacted or adopted a sanctuary policy for any purpose or for any unit within the entity.

has enacted or adopted a sanctuary policy for any purpose or for any unit within the entity.

Save Save & Next Step

Please respond whether the entity “Has Not” or “Has” enacted or adopted a Sanctuary Policy,

The responder must include his/her title.

Click “Save and Next Step”

Section 5 - Compliance with O.C.G.A. §36-80-23 *Example Only*

Organization: Dekalb County Submission Period: 2024

Title 36-80-23 Sanctuary Policy | Step 2 of 2: Confirmation Needed
Dekalb County: *Started* (by Carol Schwinne)

Dekalb County [has not](#) enacted or adopted a sanctuary policy for any purpose or for any unit within the entity.
Certified by: [Carol Schwinne](#) Title: [Executive Director](#)

i Please confirm your answers and click "Confirm" below to complete the process for this section.

[← Back](#) [Confirm ✓](#)

Your response will appear on this screen.

If you are satisfied with response is correct, click "Confirm."

Section 5 - Compliance with O.C.G.A. §36-80-23 *Example Only*

Organization: Dekalb County Submission Period: 2024

Title 36-80-23 Sanctuary Policy | Step 2 of 2: *Confirmed*
Dekalb County: *Confirmed* (by Carol Schwinne)

Dekalb County [has not](#) enacted or adopted a sanctuary policy for any purpose or for any unit within the entity.
Certified by: [Carol Schwinne](#) Title: [Executive Director](#)

The Sanctuary Policy section has been completed by **Carol Schwinne** on 11-12-2024 9:33 AM

← Back Reset Status Go Home

Use the “Back” button to return to the previous screen. This will not remove your responses.

This is a final confirmation page for this section.



Click “Go Home” to return to original home page.

Click “Reset Status” if you need to correct a response.

O.C.G.A. §36-80-23 Sanctuary Policy

The 2024 reporting
requirement for OCGA 36-
80-23 is now complete.

Title 36-80-23: Sanctuary Policy

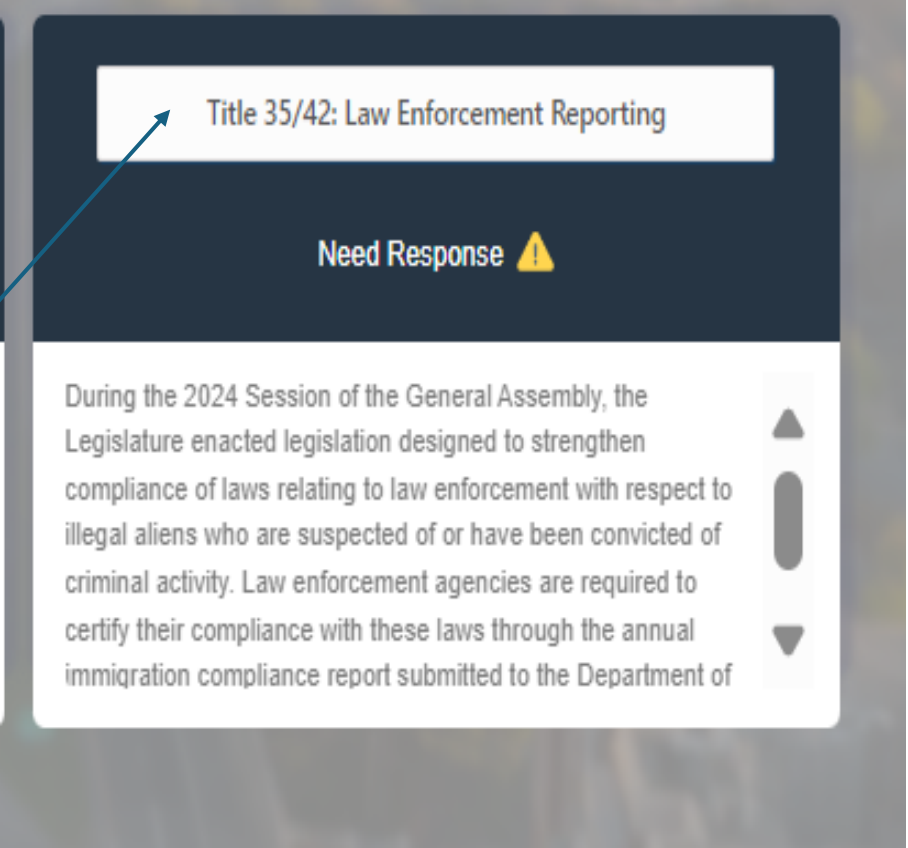
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by: Carol Schwinne (11-04-2024 12:55 PM)

O.C.G.A. §36-80-23(b) prohibits any local governing authority from enacting, adopting, implementing, or enforcing any sanctuary policy. Sanctuary policy is defined as any regulation, rule, policy, or practice which prohibits or restricts officials or employees from communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting immigration status information while acting within the scope of

Title 35/42 – Law Enforcement Reporting

Click inside the title box to open the report.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with a white title box containing the text "Title 35/42: Law Enforcement Reporting". Below the title box, the text "Need Response" is displayed with a yellow warning triangle icon. The main content area is white and contains a paragraph of text: "During the 2024 Session of the General Assembly, the Legislature enacted legislation designed to strengthen compliance of laws relating to law enforcement with respect to illegal aliens who are suspected of or have been convicted of criminal activity. Law enforcement agencies are required to certify their compliance with these laws through the annual immigration compliance report submitted to the Department of". To the right of the text is a vertical scrollbar with a grey track and a white handle.

Section 6 - Compliance with Title 35/42

Example Only

Organization: Abbeville, City of Submission Period: 2024

Title 35/42 Law Enforcement | Step 1 of 3: Opening Questions

Abbeville, City of: *Need Response* (by Carol Schwinne)

1) Is your entity (Abbeville, City of) either (1) a sheriff's office or (2) an entity that has law enforcement operations and personnel (such as a police department, public safety, marshal's office, etc.)?

Yes No

2) Does your entity (Abbeville, City of) operate a jail or detention center?

Yes No

Each Sheriff's Office should respond "Yes" to Question #1. Additionally, any city, county, authority, school board, university, or state agency that has law enforcement operations and personnel should answer "Yes." **Note: County governments that only operate with a sheriff's office should answer "No."** Your county sheriff's office is required to submit a separate report and will report on its behalf.

Answer yes if the entity operates its own jail or detention center.

Save & Next Step →

Answer "Yes" or "No" to the two questions in Step 1.

If you are satisfied that your response is correct, click "Save and Next Step."

Compliance with Title 35/42

- Certain provisions of HB 1105 only apply to law enforcement departments that operate jails or detention centers.
- How you answer the two initial questions will dictate what questions you are required to answer to complete this section.
- The system will automatically populate the additional questions based on your responses to the questions in Step 1 of 3.
- It is important that someone who is in leadership answer the remaining questions within this reporting section.

Compliance with Title 35/42

Example Only

The screenshot shows a web application interface for Title 35/42 Law Enforcement compliance reporting. At the top, there are two dropdown menus: "Organization: Abbeville, City of" and "Submission Period: 2024". Below these is a dark grey banner with the text "Title 35/42 Law Enforcement | Step 2 of 3: Submission" and "Abbeville, City of: Started (by Carol Schwinne) ⌵". The main content area has a heading "Please read before you complete this section" and a red octagonal "STOP" icon. The text reads: "This reporting requirement specifically addresses compliance with immigration laws by law enforcement personnel. This section of the report should be completed by a ranking member in law enforcement, or by leadership within the governmental entity (i.e., mayor, CEO, agency head, etc.)". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Back ←" and "Next →". A blue arrow points from the "Next" button to the text box on the right.

Before you are directed to the additional questions, you will see this screen.

Click "Next" if your initial responses are accurate and someone in leadership has logged in for the purpose of responding to the remaining questions.

If you have a police department but do not operate a jail...

Example Only

Organization: Abbeville, City of Submission Period: 2024

Title 35/42 Law Enforcement | Step 2 of 3: Submission
Abbeville, City of: Started (by Carol Schwinne)

It is the intent of the General Assembly to promote compliance with state law related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens. Please provide a response for each question.

Please provide your job title to be saved with your response

Certified by: Carol Schwinne * Title: begin typing...

Question	Answer	Certified By
1 I certify that our entity seeks to comply with state law related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens, to the extent of our authorized powers.	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	

← Back Save Save & Next Step →

Enter title of person submitting the response.

Respond “Yes” or “No” to question.

Then click “Save and Next Step” to move to the next screen.

This question relates to general provisions in OCGA 35-1-17.

If you have law enforcement and operate a jail...

- If you answer “Yes” to both questions in Step 1 of 3, there will be three primary questions that all entities with a jail or detention center will be required to answer.
- Your answer to Question #2 will drive the additional required questions.

Question	Code Reference
1. I certify that the entity has cooperated with federal authorities by sending, receiving, and maintaining information relating to the immigration status of any individual, as reasonably needed for public safety.	O.C.G.A. §35-1-17 (b)(1)
2. Has the entity entered into a memorandum of agreement with the US Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, or any other federal agency for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws?	O.C.G.A. §35-1-17 (b)(2)
3. I certify that a reasonable effort was made within 48 hours of such person’s arrival at the jail or detention facility to determine (a) the nationality of the person confined and (b) that the confined person is not an illegal alien.	O.C.G.A. §42-4-14 (b)

If you operate a jail and have an MOU...

- If you indicate your entity has an MOU with the federal government, you will be directed to the following questions.

Question	Code Reference
• Date of Memorandum	
• I certify that the entity authorizes their officers to transport illegal aliens to a federal facility if there is verification that a person is an illegal alien and when authorized by a federal immigration detainer or federal arrest warrant.	O.C.G.A. §35-1-17 (c)
• I certify that the entity authorizes their officers to arrest persons based on such person's status as an illegal alien or for violation of any federal immigration laws when authorized by federal law.	O.C.G.A. §35-1-17 (d)

If you operate a jail and do not have an MOU...

- If you indicate your entity does not have an MOU with the federal government, you will be directed to the following question.

Question	Code Reference
• Has your entity sought an MOU or MOA during the reporting period?	O.C.G.A. §35-1-17 (b)(2)

Finalizing the Law Enforcement Report

Example Only

Organization: Abbeville, City of Submission Period: 2024

Title 35/42 Law Enforcement | Step 2 of 3: Submission
Abbeville, City of: **Started** (by Carol Schwinne)

It is the intent of the General Assembly to promote compliance with state law related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens. Please provide a response for each question.

Please provide your job title to be saved with your response

Certified by: Carol Schwinne * Title: Executive Director

In accordance with OCGA 35-1-17, 42-1-11.5, & 42-4-14:

Question	Answer	Certified By
1 I certify that our entity seeks to comply with state law related to deterring the presence of criminal illegal aliens, to the extent of our authorized powers.	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
2 Has your entity entered into a memorandum of understanding or memorandum of agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, or any other federal agency for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
2.1 Date of Memorandum: 09/23/2019 *		
2.2 I certify that the entity authorizes their officers to transport illegal aliens to a federal facility if there is verification that a person is an illegal alien and when authorized by a federal immigration detainer or federal arrest warrant.	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
2.3 I certify that the entity authorizes their officers to arrest persons based on such person's status as an illegal alien or for violation of any federal immigration laws, when authorized by federal law.	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
3 I certify that a reasonable effort was made within 48 hours of such person's arrival at the jail or detention facility to determine (a) the nationality of the person confined and (b) that the confined is not an illegal alien.	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	

← Back Save Save & Next Step →

Once you have responded to the questions your entity is required to answer, please note your title and then click “Save and Next Step.” This action will direct you to the confirmation page.

Initial Confirmation Page

Example Only

Organization: Submission Period:

Title 35/42 Law Enforcement | Step 3 of 3: *Confirmation Needed*
Abbeville, City of: *Started* (by Carol Schwinne)

Your entity (Abbeville, City of) is either (1) a sheriff's office or (2) an entity that has law enforcement operations and personnel (such as a police department, public safety, marshal's office, etc.).

Your entity (Abbeville, City of) does operate a jail or detention center.

i You've answered 5 of 5 required questions.
! If you are finished, please click confirm below to confirm your responses for this section.

If you are satisfied your answers are correct and complete, click "Confirm."

Final Confirmation Page

Example Only

Organization: Abbeville, City of Submission Period: 2024

Title 35/42 Law Enforcement | Step 3 of 3: *Confirmed*

Abbeville, City of: *Confirmed* (by Carol Schwinne)

Your entity (Abbeville, City of) is either (1) a sheriff's office or (2) an entity that has law enforcement operations and personnel (such as a police department, public safety, marshal's office, etc).

Your entity (Abbeville, City of) does operate a jail or detention center.

i You've answered 5 of 5 required questions.

i Thank you for completing your certification of Title 35/42 reporting requirements. No further responses are needed to complete this section.

i The Law Enforcement section for 2024 has been **completed** by **Carol Schwinne** on **12-10-2024 12:25 PM**

[← Back](#) [Reset Status ↻](#) [Go Home 🏠](#)

Click:

“Go Home” to return to the home page.

“Reset Status” if you need to correct a response.

“Back” to view a previous step.

Confirmation

Title 35/42: Law Enforcement Reporting

Confirmed  

by: Carol Schwinne (11-05-2024 12:16 PM)

During the 2024 Session of the General Assembly, the Legislature enacted legislation designed to strengthen compliance of laws relating to law enforcement with respect to illegal aliens who are suspected of or have been convicted of criminal activity. Law enforcement agencies are required to certify their compliance with these laws through the annual immigration compliance report submitted to the Department of Audits and Accounts.

The Home Page will show that you have completed this section.


Confirmation Email

- Once your entity has completed all required sections, all persons who have access to the collection system will receive an email confirming their 2024 report is complete.

2024 Immigration Compliance Report Completion - Confirmation (Abbeville, City of)



DOAA-NoReply

To  Carol Schwinne



Tue 12/10/2024 12:35 PM

This email is confirmation that your entity (Abbeville, City of) completed all required sections of the 2024 Immigration Compliance Report. Please forward this confirmation to your entity's leadership and/or records manager as documentation of completion. Grantor agencies and other entities may require documentation of completion prior to awarding of funds.

This is an auto generated e-mail, please do not reply directly to this e-mail.

Annual Review



DOAA IS NOW REQUIRED TO REVIEW SUBMISSIONS AND REPORT ON COMPLIANCE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



THIS REPORT WILL INCLUDE A LISTING OF ENTITIES THAT DO NOT SUBMIT THEIR REPORTS.



PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REPORTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31ST.

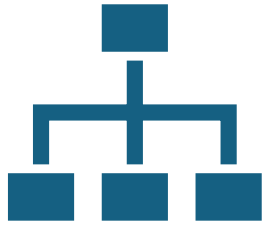


Penalties or Consequences of Non-Compliance

Sections with penalties or consequences of non-compliance

- Title 13 – Contractor Reporting
- Title 50 – Public Benefits
- Sanctuary Policies – OCGA 36-80-23

Penalties and consequences related to non-compliance of Title 13 reporting



Provisions of O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 (b)(7) require the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) be notified of noncompliance municipalities and counties.



DCA should exclude municipalities and counties not in compliance from the list of qualified local governments (QLG).



This exclusion may jeopardize funding of any grants or loans made through DCA (including the State Community Development Program).

Penalties and consequences related to non-compliance of Title 50 reporting

- Title 50 section – listing of public benefits provided by entity and whether or not the entity has received SAVE authorization for purposes of managing eligibility of these benefits
- SAVE – Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements
- Confirmation of compliance with provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-36-1
- Two reporting issues – provide a listing of each public benefit administered and whether SAVE program authorization received
- Commissioner of DCA notified of noncompliant political subdivisions
- Entities that fail to report are not entitled to any financial assistance, funds, or grants from the DCA.

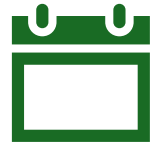
Penalties and consequences related to non-compliance of Sanctuary Policy Reporting

- Provisions of O.C.G.A. §36-80-23 require confirmation that governments did not enact any sanctuary policy
- Two compliance issues – not reporting or not completing the section or reporting enactment of sanctuary policies
- DOAA is required to notify all state agencies that provide funding of non-compliance entities
- Commissioners of Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) notified specifically and separately as required

Immigration Compliance Reporting Reminders



Reporting
deadline:
December 31



Reporting period:
December 1 -
November 30



Immigration & Reform
Act Collection System
opens on November 1



O.C.G.A. 50-36-4
requires all Georgia
governmental entities
to submit an
annual immigration
compliance report

Setting up your credentials...

- Access: <https://www.audits.ga.gov/auth/login.aud>
- Go to “Create an Account” and enter the requested information.
- You will receive an email with an activation link. The email will come from DOAA-NoReply
- When you access the email, click the activation link.
- You will be redirected to the login page. Enter your email address and password to sign in.
- Once you are logged in, you will still need credentials to access the immigration collection system. Click on the tile labeled “Immigration and Reform Act Collection System” and then click “Yes” to request access.
- Your screen will now show you have access to the collection system.
- You may now enter the system and submit your reports.

For Questions...

Please visit our resource page on our website:

<https://www.audits2.ga.gov/resources/other/immigration/>

You may also contact DOAA at immhelp@audits.ga.gov with your questions about immigration compliance and reporting.





Thank you