

[https://www.sam.gov/SAM/ Certifications and Representations](https://www.sam.gov/SAM/Certifications%20and%20Representations)

In February 2019, OMB issued a memo that directed federal agencies to house certifications and representations in one central place which is <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>

Essentially, this OMB memo makes the SF-424B, AD-3030 and AD-3031 forms obsolete if recipients correctly certify in SAM that they have read and agree to the Grants Certifications. The OMB memo gave a year for all recipients to complete the certification process as they performed their yearly update of their SAM registration.

Well, that year is now complete and as of February 2020, the 424B, the AD-3030, and AD-3031 are no longer required to be completed by recipients.

However, for right now, the SF-424 B is still a mandatory form in ezFedGrants. It appears it won't be removed as a mandatory attachment until April at the earliest. We are currently discussing with the USDA Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) what APHIS should be doing as a workaround so that our practices are consistent with what other agencies are doing. We will send out information as soon as we have it.

If your recipients continue to submit a SF-424B, that is ok. If they are aware that it is no longer mandatory, they may ask what to do. That's what we're working on with OCFO.

The AD-3030 and 3031 are not mandatory forms in ezFedGrants, so as long as the recipient has certified in SAM.gov, you will not need to collect these forms.

We will send out instructions as soon as possible on how to access and view the certifications and representations in SAM and what to do with that information.

From our own personal experience of accessing the certs and reps in SAM, it appears that some entities appear to have completed reps and & certs other than the grant certifications so we're unsure what our role will be to make sure they complete the one for grants. In other words, we're not sure who is policing this and we're working with OCFO for advice and guidance.

So please look out for further instructions and guidance as we implement the OMB guidance.