

# TITLE VI OVERVIEW

## What is Title VI?

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, and national origin. Specifically, 42 USC 2000d states that "No person in the United States, shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is the Federal law that protects individuals and groups from discrimination on the basis of their race, color, and national origin in programs and activities that receive Federal financial assistance. The Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Railroad Administration each reference Title VI and other civil rights statutes and related authorities that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

## What does Title VI do?

- Prohibits entities from denying a protected individual any service, financial aid, or other benefit under the covered programs and activities.
- Prohibits entities from providing services or benefits to some individuals that are different from or inferior (in either quantity or quality) to those benefits provided to others. Prohibits segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to receiving program benefits or services.
- Prohibits entities from imposing different standards or conditions as prerequisites for serving individuals.
- Encourages the participation of minorities as members of planning or advisory bodies for programs receiving Federal funds.
- Prohibits discriminatory activity in a facility built in whole or part with Federal funds.
- Requires information and services to be provided in languages other than English when significant numbers of potential beneficiaries have limited English speaking ability.
- Requires entities to notify the entire eligible population about programs.
- Prohibits locating facilities in a way that would limit or impede access to a federally funded service or benefit. requires assurance of nondiscrimination in the purchasing of services.