



How to Use the Acquisition Regulation Comparator (ARC) Acquisition.gov

From the acquisition.gov home page, select “Acquisition Regulation Comparator (ARC)” from the “Tools” dropdown menu.

Choose the primary regulation you wish to use in the comparison from the dropdown menu in the first column. In this example, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) was selected.

Then select up to two more regulations for comparison from the dropdown menu. In this example the Department of Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) and Department of the Army FAR Supplement (AFARS) were selected. To remove a regulation, click on the “-” icon.

Choose a part from the primary regulation; in this example we will choose FAR Part 19.

The screenshot shows the Acquisition Regulation Comparator (ARC) interface on the acquisition.gov website. The browser address bar shows 'acquisition.gov/arc'. The page header includes 'ACQUISITION.GOV' and navigation links for 'Data Initiatives', 'Covid 19', 'Regulations', 'Tools', and 'Policy Network'. The main heading is 'Acquisition Regulation Comparator (ARC)' with the DAU logo. The interface is divided into three columns for regulation selection. Step 1 points to the 'Choose Primary Regulation' dropdown, which is set to 'FAR'. Step 2 points to the 'Choose a Part' dropdown for the primary regulation. Step 3 points to the 'Choose Subpart(s)' dropdown. Below the dropdowns are three 'Choose a part' sections, each with a search box containing '- Search or make selection -'. A 'User Guide' button is visible in the top right corner.



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After selection of the part from the primary regulation, a comparison of the table of contents from each regulation will be generated. Where there is no comparative part in a regulation, the contents will return a “No equivalent” indicator.

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To compare the text of each regulation, select the subpart(s) of interest and click on “Generate Comparison” at the bottom of the display.

Choose Primary Regulation
FAR

Choose a Part

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25
26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35
36 37 38 39 40
41 42 43 44 45
46 47 48 49 50
51 52 53

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Choose a subpart Choose a subpart Choose a subpart

Part 19 - Small Business Programs Part 219 - SMALL BUSINESS Part 5119 - Small Business Programs

Subpart 19.12 - [Reserved] Subpart 219.12 - Reserved No equivalent

Subpart 19.13 - Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program Subpart 219.13 - HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE (HUBZONE) PROGRAM Subpart 5119.13 - Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program

Subpart 19.14 - Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Procurement Program No equivalent Subpart 5119.14 - Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Procurement Program

Subpart 19.15 - Women-Owned Small Business Program. No equivalent Subpart 219.70 - RESERVED No equivalent

No equivalent Subpart 219.71 - PILOT MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAM No equivalent

Generate Comparison ^ Top



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The complete text of the subpart(s) selected will be displayed side-by-side for comparison. Where no text is displayed, there is no equivalent subsection.

The search bar can be used for key word searches within the text displayed.

The screenshot shows the Acquisition Regulation Comparator (ARC) interface on Acquisition.gov. The browser address bar shows the URL: `acquisition.gov/arc?reg_count=3&part=19&subpart%5B13%5D=13&type_1=far_dita&type_2=dfars&type_3=afars`. The page header includes the Acquisition.gov logo and navigation links: Data Initiatives, Covid 19, Regulations, Tools, Policy, and Mark. A search bar contains the text "set-aside".

On the left side, there is a "Choose Primary Regulation" dropdown set to "FAR" and a "Choose a Part" keypad with numbers 1-53. The main content area displays three columns of results:

- FAR Part 19**: Subpart 19.13 - Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program. The text includes: "19.1305 HUBZone **set-aside** procedures." and "(a) The contracting officer- (1) Shall comply with [19.203](#) before deciding to set aside an acquisition under the HUBZone Program; (2) May set aside acquisitions exceeding the micro-purchase threshold for competition restricted to HUBZone small business concerns when the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section can be satisfied; and (3) Shall consider HUBZone **set-asides** before considering HUBZone sole-source awards (see [19.1306](#)) or small business **set-asides** (see subpart [19.5](#))." (Note: "set-asides" is highlighted in yellow in the original image).
- DFARS Part 219**: Subpart 219.13 - HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE (HUBZONE) PROGRAM. This column is currently empty.
- AFARS Part 5119**: Subpart 5119.13 - Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program. The text includes: "5119.1305 HUBZone **set-aside** procedures." and "(d)(2) The head of the contracting activity shall make the determination as described in FAR 19.1305(d)(2). See Appendix GG for further delegation." (Note: "set-aside" is highlighted in yellow in the original image).

A "Top" button is visible in the bottom right corner of the content area.