

# State Institutional Approval Quick Chart

State	Higher Education Approval Agency	Oversight Process/Authority	Agency Contacts	Oversight of Online Courses?	Notes:
Alabama	<a href="#">Commission on Higher Ed (ACHE)</a>	<a href="#">Non-Resident Institution Process</a>	<b>Jim Conely</b> <a href="mailto:jim.conely@ache.edu">jim.conely@ache.edu</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Alabama Community College System (ACCS)</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Tivoli Nash</b> <a href="mailto:Tivoli.nash@accs.edu">Tivoli.nash@accs.edu</a>	Yes	
Alaska	<a href="#">Commission on Postsecondary Education</a>	<a href="#">Authorization Process/Exemption</a>	<b>Patricia Nickell-Zimmerman</b> <a href="mailto:patricia.nickell-zimmerman@alaska.gov">patricia.nickell-zimmerman@alaska.gov</a>	No*	Submit <a href="#">short application</a> for an exemption. One time application cost: \$100
Arizona	<a href="#">Board for Private Postsecondary Education</a>	<a href="#">Regulations</a>	<b>Keith Blanchard</b> <a href="mailto:Keith.blanchard@azppse.gov">Keith.blanchard@azppse.gov</a>	No*	There is difficulty with this authority language. Not clear about oversight. Contact the agency.
Arkansas	<a href="#">Division of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Alana Boles</b> <a href="mailto:alana.boles@adhe.edu">alana.boles@adhe.edu</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Brenda Germann</b> <a href="mailto:Brenda.germann@arkansas.gov">Brenda.germann@arkansas.gov</a>	Yes	
California	<a href="#">Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education</a>	<a href="#">For Profit Registration Process</a>	<b>Dr. Michael Marion, Jr</b> <a href="mailto:Michael.Marion@dca.ca.gov">Michael.Marion@dca.ca.gov</a>	No*	No oversight of public or private non-profit. <b>BUT</b> For-profit institutions are subject to oversight.
Colorado	<a href="#">Department of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a> (3.17(b))	<b>Heather Delange</b> <a href="mailto:heather.delange@dhe.state.co.us">heather.delange@dhe.state.co.us</a>	No	Private Occupational School questionable as not clear direction about oversight or exemption.
	<a href="#">Colorado Division of Private Occupational Schools</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a> * maybe the definition of operating??		No*	

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Connecticut	<a href="#">Office of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Out-of-State Online Registration</a>	<b>Sean Seepersad, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:SSeepersad@ctohe.org">SSeepersad@ctohe.org</a>	Yes	See temporary waiver registration thru August 31, 2020.
Delaware	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>	<a href="#">Approvals &amp; Renewals</a>	<a href="mailto:IHE@doe.k12.de.us">IHE@doe.k12.de.us</a>	Yes	
District of Columbia	<a href="#">Higher Education Licensure Commission</a>	<a href="#">Process</a> <a href="#">FAQ</a>	<b>Angela H. Lee</b> <a href="mailto:Angela.Lee@dc.gov">Angela.Lee@dc.gov</a>	Yes	
Florida	<a href="#">Florida Department of Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority/regulations</a>	<b>Susan Hood</b> <a href="mailto:Susan.Hood@fldoe.org">Susan.Hood@fldoe.org</a>	No	
Georgia	<a href="#">Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Laura Vieth</b> <a href="mailto:laurav@gnpec.ga.gov">laurav@gnpec.ga.gov</a>	Yes	
Guam				Unknown	
Hawaii	<a href="#">Post-secondary Education Authorization Program (HPEAP)</a>	<a href="#">Authority/FAQ's</a>	<b>Bobbi Lum-Mew</b> <a href="mailto:blummew@dcca.hawaii.gov">blummew@dcca.hawaii.gov</a>	No	
Idaho	<a href="#">Idaho Board of Education Private Colleges and Proprietary Schools</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a> – w/no physical presence	<b>Tamara Baysinger</b> <a href="mailto:Tamara.Baysinger@osbe.idaho.gov">Tamara.Baysinger@osbe.idaho.gov</a>	No	

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Illinois	<a href="#">Board of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a> – w/no physical presence	<b>Nkechi Onwuameze, PhD</b> <a href="mailto:sara@ibhe.org">sara@ibhe.org</a>	No	
Indiana	<a href="#">Department for Workforce Development</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<a href="mailto:OCTS@dwd.in.gov">OCTS@dwd.in.gov</a> .	Yes	
	<a href="#">Board for Proprietary Education</a>		<b>Ross Miller</b> <a href="mailto:rmiller@che.in.gov">rmiller@che.in.gov</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Commission of Higher Education</a>		<b>Ken Sauer</b> <a href="mailto:ksauer@che.in.gov">ksauer@che.in.gov</a>	Yes	
Iowa	<a href="#">College Student Aid Commission</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Carolyn Small</b> <a href="mailto:carolyn.small@iowa.gov">carolyn.small@iowa.gov</a>	Yes	
Kansas	<a href="#">Board of Regents</a>	<a href="#">See FAQ</a> See also: <a href="#">74-32.163. Definitions</a>	<b>Crystal Puderbaugh</b> <a href="mailto:cpuderbaugh@ksbor.org">cpuderbaugh@ksbor.org</a>	No*	Review def. of Physical presence for applicability
Kentucky	<a href="#">Commission on Postsecondary Education</a>	<a href="#">Process</a> <a href="#">Legislation</a>	<b>Sarah Levy</b> <a href="mailto:sarah.levy@ky.gov">sarah.levy@ky.gov</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Commission on Proprietary Education</a>	<a href="#">Forms &amp; Legislation</a>		Yes	
Louisiana	<a href="#">Board of Regents</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Melissa Anders</b> <a href="mailto:Melissa.Anders@laregents.edu">Melissa.Anders@laregents.edu</a> .	No*	No oversight of online courses, but field experiences require oversight
Maine	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>	<a href="#">Exemption Process</a>	<b>Mr. Angel Martinez Loredo</b> <a href="mailto:Angel.Loredo@maine.gov">Angel.Loredo@maine.gov</a>	No*	Must take exemption survey

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Maryland	<a href="#">Higher Education Commission</a>	<a href="#">Out-of-State Online Registration</a>	<b>Emily Dow</b> <a href="mailto:Emily.dow@maryland.gov">Emily.dow@maryland.gov</a>	Yes	
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Department of Higher Education (DHE)</a>	<a href="#">Process</a> <a href="#">Out-of-state Institution Inquiry</a>	<a href="mailto:approvalquery@bhe.mass.edu">approvalquery@bhe.mass.edu</a>	No*	Must fill out the inquiry form
Michigan	<a href="#">Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>James R. Farhat, Specialist</b> <a href="mailto:farhatj@michigan.gov">farhatj@michigan.gov</a>	Yes	
Minnesota	<a href="#">Office of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Betsy Talbot</b> <a href="mailto:Betsy.Talbot@state.mn.us">Betsy.Talbot@state.mn.us</a>	Yes	
Mississippi	<a href="#">Commission on College Accreditation</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Menia Dykes</b> <a href="mailto:mdykes@mississippi.edu">mdykes@mississippi.edu</a>	No*	No oversight but appears the institution must make a communication with the state agency.
	<a href="#">Office of Proprietary Schools</a>	<a href="#">Authority 2.16</a>	<b>Kim Verneuille</b> <a href="mailto:kverneuille@mccb.edu">kverneuille@mccb.edu</a>	No	
Missouri	<a href="#">Department of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Alicia Erickson</b> <a href="mailto:Alicia.Erickson@dhewd.mo.gov">Alicia.Erickson@dhewd.mo.gov</a>	Yes	

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Montana	<a href="#">Board of Regents</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Joe Thiel</b> <a href="mailto:jthiel@montana.edu">jthiel@montana.edu</a>	Yes	Short application
Nebraska	<a href="#">Department of Ed, Private Postsecondary Career Schools</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Marisol Birth</b> <a href="mailto:Marisol.birth@nebraska.gov">Marisol.birth@nebraska.gov</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Kathleen Fimple</b> <a href="mailto:kathleen.fimple@nebraska.gov">kathleen.fimple@nebraska.gov</a>	No	
Nevada	<a href="#">Commission on Postsecondary Education</a>	<a href="#">Nevada Exemption for Distance Education</a>	<b>Kelly D. Wuest</b> <a href="mailto:kdwuest@detr.nv.gov">kdwuest@detr.nv.gov</a>	No*	Must submit exemption request – institution should check about experiential learning
New Hampshire	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority*</a>	<b>Patricia Edes</b> <a href="mailto:patricia.edes@doe.nh.gov">patricia.edes@doe.nh.gov</a>	No*	Possibly no oversight based upon physical presence def. No exemption obvious. Contact the agency.
New Jersey	<a href="#">Office of the Secretary of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Eric Taylor, Esq.</b> <a href="mailto:eric.taylor@oshe.nj.gov">eric.taylor@oshe.nj.gov</a>	No	No oversight for online but must check about experiential learning.
New Mexico	<a href="#">Higher Education Department</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Pascal Buser</b> <a href="mailto:Pascal.buser@state.nm.us">Pascal.buser@state.nm.us</a>	Yes	

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New York	<a href="#">Office of College and University Evaluation</a>	<a href="#">Explanation</a> and <a href="#">Distance Ed Application Process</a>	<a href="mailto:IHEauthorize@nysed.gov">IHEauthorize@nysed.gov</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Adult Career and Continuing Ed Services</a>	<a href="#">Policy</a>	Online form <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/contact-us">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/contact-us</a>	Yes	
North Carolina	<a href="#">University of NC System</a>	<a href="#">Policy on Standards for Licensure</a>	<a href="mailto:Stateauthorization@northcarolina.edu">Stateauthorization@northcarolina.edu</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Office of Proprietary School Service</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Scott Corl</b> <a href="mailto:corls@nccommunitycolleges.edu">corls@nccommunitycolleges.edu</a>	No	
North Dakota	<a href="#">University System</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Cheryl Thompson</b> <a href="mailto:cheryl.thompson@ndus.edu">cheryl.thompson@ndus.edu</a>	Yes	Short application for online only -\$250 Exemption if not operating in the state or for clinicals/internships
	<a href="#">Career and Technical Education Office</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Debra Huber</b> <a href="mailto:dehuber@nd.gov">dehuber@nd.gov</a>	Yes	
Northern Mariana Islands				Unknown	

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Ohio	<a href="#">Department of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Academic Program Approval</a>	<b>Matt Exline</b> <a href="mailto:mexline@highered.ohio.gov">mexline@highered.ohio.gov</a>	No	Contact agency for letter of exemption.
	<a href="#">Board of Career Colleges and Schools</a>	<a href="#">Authorization of Distance Education Programs</a>	<b>John Ware</b> <a href="mailto:John.ware@scr.state.oh.us">John.ware@scr.state.oh.us</a>	No*	License required for For-Profit
Oklahoma	<a href="#">Regents for Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a> p3-4	<b>Daniel Archer</b> <a href="mailto:darcher@osrhe.edu">darcher@osrhe.edu</a>	No	Online appears not to have oversight by Regents.
	<a href="#">Board of Private Schools</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Angela Moore</b> <a href="mailto:angela.moore@obpvs.ok.gov">angela.moore@obpvs.ok.gov</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Board of Career and Technology Education</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Marcie Mack</b> <a href="mailto:Marcie.Mack@careertech.ok.gov">Marcie.Mack@careertech.ok.gov</a>	Yes	
Oregon	<a href="#">Office of Degree Authorization</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Veronica Dujon</b> <a href="mailto:Veronica.dujon@state.or.us">Veronica.dujon@state.or.us</a>	Yes	
	<a href="#">Private and Career Schools</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Juan Baez-Arevalo</b> <a href="mailto:Juan.Baez-Arevalo@state.or.us">Juan.Baez-Arevalo@state.or.us</a>	Yes	
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>	<a href="#">Process for Registration</a>	<b>Gina Wetten</b> <a href="mailto:giwetten@pa.gov">giwetten@pa.gov</a>	Yes	

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Puerto Rico	<a href="#">Consejo de Educacion de Puerto Rico</a> (Google translate is available)	<a href="#">Exemption Registry Application for Higher Education Institutions</a>	<b>David Baez</b> <a href="mailto:dbaез@estado.pr.gov">dbaез@estado.pr.gov</a>	No*	But must fill out exemption application
Rhode Island	<a href="#">Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner</a>	<a href="#">Policy on Distance Learning</a>	<b>Deanna Velletri</b> <a href="mailto:Deanna.velletri@riopc.edu">Deanna.velletri@riopc.edu</a>	Yes	
South Carolina	<a href="#">Commission on Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Peggy Simons</b> <a href="mailto:psimons@che.sc.gov">psimons@che.sc.gov</a>	No	
South Dakota	<a href="#">Secretary of State</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Krista Rounds</b> <a href="mailto:Krista.rounds@state.sd.us">Krista.rounds@state.sd.us</a>	No	
Tennessee	<a href="#">Higher Education Commission</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Julie Woodruff</b> <a href="mailto:julie.woodruff@tn.gov">julie.woodruff@tn.gov</a>	No	
Texas	<a href="#">Higher Education Coordinating Board</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Cathie Maeyaert</b> <a href="mailto:Cathie.Maeyaert@highered.texas.gov">Cathie.Maeyaert@highered.texas.gov</a>	No*	Need approval to offer experiential learning
	<a href="#">Texas Workforce Commission</a>	<a href="#">Process</a>	<b>Milan George</b> <a href="mailto:Milan.george@twc.state.tx.us">Milan.george@twc.state.tx.us</a>	Yes	
US Virgin Islands	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>		<b>Camille McKayle</b> <a href="mailto:cmckayl@uvi.edu">cmckayl@uvi.edu</a>	Unknown	



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Utah	<a href="#">Division of Consumer Protection</a>	<a href="#">FAQ's</a>	<b>Marla Winegar</b> <a href="mailto:mwinegar@utah.gov">mwinegar@utah.gov</a>	Yes	
Vermont	<a href="#">Agency of Education</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a> (176a(e)(5))	<b>Cassandra Ryan</b> <a href="mailto:Cassandra.Ryan@vermont.gov">Cassandra.Ryan@vermont.gov</a> <b>Emily Simmons</b> <a href="mailto:emily.simmons@vermont.gov">emily.simmons@vermont.gov</a>	No*	Appears to be online only without oversight. Contact Agency.
Virginia	<a href="#">State Council of Higher Education</a>	<a href="#">Distance Education Approval for Certified Programs</a>	<b>Susan Yale</b> <a href="mailto:SusanYale@schev.edu">SusanYale@schev.edu</a> <b>Alfonso Wells</b> <a href="mailto:AlfonsoWells@schev.edu">AlfonsoWells@schev.edu</a>	Unclear	Oversight may be subject to new requirements. New legislation set to require certification.
Washington	<a href="#">Student Achievement Council</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Tivoli Sharp</b> <a href="mailto:tivolis@wsac.wa.gov">tivolis@wsac.wa.gov</a>	No*	Experiential learning requires state institutional approval.
	<a href="#">Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Sam Loftin</b> <a href="mailto:samL@wsac.wa.gov">samL@wsac.wa.gov</a>	No*	
West Virginia	<a href="#">Higher Education Policy Commission</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Nikki Bryant</b> <a href="mailto:Nikki.bryant@wvhepc.edu">Nikki.bryant@wvhepc.edu</a>	No	
	<a href="#">Council for Community and Technical College Ed</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<b>Carrie Watters</b> <a href="mailto:Carrie.watters@wvhepc.edu">Carrie.watters@wvhepc.edu</a>	No	

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Wisconsin	<a href="#">Education Approval Program</a>	<a href="#">Approval Information</a> <a href="#">Approval Flow Chart</a>	<b>Monique Currie</b> <a href="mailto:Monique.Currie@wtcsystem.edu">Monique.Currie@wtcsystem.edu</a>	Yes & No*	Public institutions do not require approval. For Profit and Non-Profit private institutions must seek approval.
Wyoming	<a href="#">Private School Licensing</a>	<a href="#">Licensing Application</a>	<b>Elaine Marces</b> <a href="mailto:Elaine.marces@wyo.gov">Elaine.marces@wyo.gov</a>	Yes*	Short application and low cost.

- **Institutions should review requirements to determine applicability to the activities of the institution.**
- **These determinations were made based on basic research of agency websites and regulation/statutes shared by the agencies.**
- Please note the date stamp for timeliness of the information.
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- Find more detailed information for each state, please review [The State Authorization Guide](#).
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