

STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORIZATION

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June 28, 2011

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Dear Ms. May:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your of inquiry relative to Alaska institutional authorization requirements. As an institution delivering distance education instruction, potentially to Alaska residents, you are seeking clarification to assure compliance with Alaska law.

Out-of-state institutions with no physical presence in Alaska, as described below are required to apply for exemption from authorization to operate a postsecondary institution in Alaska. To do so, complete and submit the Application for Exemption from Authorization form which can be found at the following link:

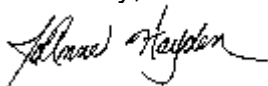
<http://akadvantage.alaska.gov/Portals/0/00ExemptApp.pdf>. It will be necessary for the 25 public technical colleges in Georgia to individually apply for exemption from authorization and submit the \$100 application fee.

Please note that an online or distance education program exempt from authorization requirements is required to include a conspicuous statement on all advertising in Alaska media, or communications specifically targeting Alaska students, indicating that the program is exempt from authorization as an online or distance delivered program and does not have a physical presence in the state. Physical presence means presence of facility, equipment, faculty or staff within the state.

Finally, it is an institution's responsibility to ensure it is fully aware of all applicable Alaska statutes and regulations and any associated compliance requirements relative to exemption from authorization.

Should there be any additional questions, please feel free to reach me by phone at (907) 465-6741 or by e-mail at joanne.hayden@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



Jo Anne Hayden
Institutional Authorization

May, Kathy

From: Cole, Kris A (ACPE) <kris.cole@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 12:27 PM
To: May, Kathy
Subject: RE: obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Alaska

Dear Ms. May:

The authorization for exemption is valid for two years. Currently, there is no renewal fee.

Thank you,
Kris Cole

From: May, Kathy [mailto:kmay@tcsge.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 2:45 AM
To: Cole, Kris A (ACPE)
Subject: RE: obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Alaska

Dear Kris Cole

I have additional questions. For how long is the exemption valid? Is the \$100 a one-time fee or an annual fee? I am trying to ask all the questions and receive the answers for our 25 technical colleges to save all involved time and effort.

Thank you

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From: Cole, Kris A (ACPE) [mailto:kris.cole@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 6:12 PM
To: May, Kathy
Subject: RE: obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Alaska

Please find the attached correspondence in response to your inquiry regarding delivery of distance education in Alaska.

From: May, Kathy [mailto:kmay@tcsge.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 11:43 AM
To: EED.ACPE-IA
Subject: obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Alaska

Dear Jo Anne Hayden

In my role as Academic Affairs Coordinator (Georgia Virtual Technical Connection) for the Technical College System of Georgia, I am asking what the public 25 Technical Colleges within the State of Georgia need to do to obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Alaska?

As background, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) consists of **25 public technical colleges** offering technical certificates of credit to two year degrees. Each technical college has a president and all technical college presidents' report to the TCSG Commissioner. The Commissioner reports to the Governor of Georgia and to the Technical College System of Georgia State Board. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is responsible for establishing standards, regulations and policies for the operation of the Technical College System of Georgia. The 25 public technical colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia are supported by taxation from local and state funds from the state of Georgia.

The 25 public technical colleges in Georgia are accredited by either one or two or by both of the accrediting bodies listed below:

- 1) the regional accrediting body the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (COC)**
- 2) the national accrediting body the **Council on Occupational Education (COE)**

Please provide me with direction as to the steps necessary to obtain the needed authorization from the state of Alaska or directions on the process to be exempt from authorization as courses/programs are distance education delivery.

I am very interested in the possibility of TCSG obtaining permission from your state on behalf of all of our 25 technical colleges as opposed to each technical college seeking individual approval.

Your help and guidance is most appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

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