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GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION



Online Programming During COVID-19

If your programs of instruction are approved by GNPEC for on-ground instruction but your institution has been offering online instruction due to COVID-19, please note that beyond August 31, 2020, this modality shift will be considered a substantive change and will require a Program Change Application and <u>Program Evaluation Fee</u>. Please contact your RS should you have any questions.

COVID-19

Please continue to adhere to the health and safety guidelines made by federal, state, and local health officials regarding business operations.

In-person GNPEC site visits officially resumed in mid-June. Please respect social distancing and best practices for healthy interactions to ensure a safe site visit environment. Please contact your RS with any questions.

Staff Changes

Ms. Alyssa Yuhouse and Mr. Tony Wallace, GNPEC's newly hired Regulatory Specialists, have completed their training on-boarding. If your institution has been reassigned to one of their workloads, you will hear from one of them soon if you have not yet already.

No More Hard Copy Reminder Letters

To improve cost efficiencies, GNPEC will no longer mail hard copy renewal reminder letters to institutions 115 days prior to their expiration dates. As of July 1, 2020, your RS will send out an email at the beginning of the month to each institution on his or her workload whose renewal is due approximately 4 months later. You will continue to receive the automated Edvera notification that renewal of your application is upcoming.

Customer Service Survey

Please help GNPEC improve its customer service by participating in a brief anonymous survey available to institution contacts and directors upon approval of Renewal and Initial Authorization applications and exemption applications. The survey is available in the approval document received via email and Edvera Inbox when your application gets final approval.



Newly Approved Policy

The Commission approved *Policy 16: Surety Bond and Letter of Credit Forms and Requirements* on July 27, 2020. The newly approved policy can be reviewed here.

Reminder: Online Payments are Live

GNPEC is pleased to announce that institutions may pay fees online through the GNPEC website on the <u>Schedule of Fees</u> page.

Avoid paying late fees- pay online instead!