



GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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GNPEC COMMISSION UPDATES

The GNPEC commission voted to approve several updates to the Minimum Standards (specifically MSC 1, 3, and 9). Institutions with in-progress renewal applications will be required to sign an updated Minimum Standards document on Tab 2 when the updates are made live in EDvera. Your assigned Regulatory Specialist will inform you when it is updated.

A summary of updates can be found below:

MSC 1: New specificity in program requirements and instruction delivery restrictions:

- Programs must include clearly defined components (objectives, curriculum, assessment, remediation, final evaluation).
- Added emphasis on consistency across all supplemental documentation.
- Unaccredited institutions cannot offer fully asynchronous online programs, which include the use of curriculums delivered by third-party vendors.

MSC 3: Administrative staff requirements strengthened:

- Administrative staff must demonstrate:
 - Relevant education or professional experience
 - Administrative capability

MSC 9: Alignment with approved programs and mandatory public disclosure requirement:

- All advertising (including websites and social media) must match GNPEC-approved offerings only.
- Institutions must notify NPEC and publicly disclose, within 30 days, any actions taken against them, including sanctions, probation, fines, or investigations.
 - Disclosures must be publicly accessible, clearly dated and explained, and maintained until resolution.

GNPEC TEAM UPDATES: NEW STAFF

We are pleased to announce that three new staff members will be joining our team in June and July. In preparation, we will be reassigning several institutions to better balance the Regulatory Specialist (RS) team's workload.

If your institution is affected, your current RS will contact you in advance to communicate the upcoming change. If you notice a new RS assigned to your institution and have not yet been notified, please reach out to a Regulatory Specialist for confirmation.

SPRING TOWNHALL (VIRTUAL)

Thank you to all the institutions who attended our virtual Town Hall last week! We appreciate your participation and insightful questions. If you did attend the Town Hall and would like to complete our feedback survey, you can do so [here](#). If you missed it, don't worry—our next Town Hall will be held in person. Stay tuned for more details!

MONITORING STUDENT OUTCOMES

GNPEC actively monitors student outcomes and job placement benchmarks for unaccredited institutions. Schools that fall below these benchmarks are placed on progress monitoring for the subsequent year of authorization.

Required Benchmarks:

Unaccredited institutions are expected to meet the following performance standards:

- **Graduation Rate:** At least **50%** of enrolled students
- **Job Placement Rate:** At least **60%** of graduates employed **within their field of study**

Failure to meet one or both benchmarks may impact a program's authorization status.

Renewal of Authorization Requirements:

As part of the Renewal of Authorization application, unaccredited institutions must annually submit student contact and placement information that corresponds to reported student outcome data.

This includes contact information for **all graduates** and each graduate's **placement status**

Programmatic Monitoring Levels:

GNPEC evaluates programs using a tiered monitoring system:

Low Monitoring

- Meets **both** graduation and placement benchmarks

Moderate Monitoring

- Fails to meet **one or more** benchmarks in the most recent year
- Considered a **warning status**
- No immediate consequences
- Designed to allow time for programs affected by an abnormal cohort or short-term issue to make corrections

High Monitoring

- Fails to meet **one or more** benchmarks for **two consecutive years**

What this means:

- The program will not be renewed again during the next renewal cycle
- The school is given one year to make programmatic changes
- GNPEC will not specify deficiencies; but rather, the school must submit a Programmatic Improvement Plan documenting the changes being made
- Note: Standard Program Evaluation fees apply to any substantive changes

Outcomes of Continued Non-Compliance

- If no changes are made before the next renewal, the program will be inactivated at the end of that cycle.
- If changes are made (e.g., new instructor, placement tracking, substantive or non-substantive revisions), the program is granted one additional reporting period to demonstrate improvement.
- Any program that fails to meet both benchmarks for four consecutive years, regardless of changes or circumstances, will be inactivated due to ineffectiveness.

REMINDERS FOR RENEWALS

Timely Renewal of Authorization:

Please be reminded that a complete Renewal of Authorization Application and applicable fees are due at least 60 days prior to your institution's authorization expiration date. For the Renewal of Authorization Application to be considered complete, all components of the application must be submitted by the Application Due Date. Please reach out to your assigned Regulatory Specialist with any questions.

Submission of application and fee(s) after the due date but prior to 30 days before expiration will be assessed a 25% late fee on the Authorization and TGTF Fees, if applicable.

Submission of application and fee(s) within 30 days of the expiration will be assessed a 50% late fee on the Authorization and TGTF Fees, if applicable.

Automatic nonrenewal of institutional authorization will result if the Renewal of Authorization Application and all applicable fees are not received by the expiration date. Should the institution seek to regain authorization, it must apply as a new institution (Initial Authorization Application) including being subject to all appropriate fees and bonding requirements.

RENEWAL INSIGHTS: NAVIGATING TAB 1

We are excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter dedicated to providing a closer look at specific tabs within the renewal application. Each month, we will highlight one tab, addressing commonly asked questions and key details to help guide you through the process with confidence. This feature is designed to enhance clarity and ensure you have the information you need to complete your renewal accurately and efficiently.

Tab 1 of the Renewal Application is where institutions provide their most current ownership and accreditation information, if applicable. In this section, institutions must submit their current Annual Registration document (filed through the GA Secretary of State's office), as well as nonprofit documentation (if applicable) and DBA ("Doing Business As") documentation when the operating name differs from the legal name listed on the Annual Registration. Please note that the Annual Registration window with the GA Secretary of State's office is January 1-April 1 annually.

Ownership

1. How is the ownership of this institution structured?

Sole Proprietorship Partnership S Corporation C Corporation Limited Liability Company Public Other

2. Upload the institution's most recently filed Georgia Secretary of State Annual Registration below. Any business that is operating in the State needs to upload a "DBA" in addition to the annual registration documentation.

Legal Business Name

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

3. Indicate the legal tax status of your institution.

For Profit Non Profit State

if you are a non-profit, please attach your 501c(3).



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This tab is also used to report any changes in ownership. Institutions are required to notify GNPEC of ownership changes within 10 days of the official effective date. Failure to report within this timeframe will require the institution to complete a new Initial Application and submit all associated fees to restart the authorization process.

Owners

An Owner is an individual or entity with 10% or more ownership. Each Owner must be identified below.

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Has ownership of the institution changed since the previous year's Authorization Application?

Yes No

UPCOMING EVENTS & STATE HOLIDAYS

[Renewal Applicant Training \(Virtual\) – June 2 from 10:00-11:30 AM*](#)

GNPEC Closed – June 19

***Note that any new staff are welcome to attend the Renewal Applicant Webinar, which is held monthly. For meeting information, please contact your assigned Regulatory Specialist.**