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**GEORGIA NONPUBLIC
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION**



Annual GNPEC Customer Service Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to over 120 respondents to the annual survey. We received positive and productive feedback.

Some great suggestions for improvement that we hope to implement are as follows: Renewal of Authorization Applicant trainings, newly authorized institutions check-ins, a Program approval document, directly link the applicable online payment portal in the renewal and initial applications (not just to the Schedule of Fees page), and a direct link to the [Institutional Resources](#) page in Edvera reminder letters and the initial and renewal applications

We will be working with Edvera, our application system, to incorporate these changes.

FY22 Legislative Changes

Senator John Albers proposed legislative changes affecting GNPEC. [SB 333](#) aimed to expand exemptions, eliminate Agent Permits, remove bonding requirements, and increase the abilities of the TGTF. SB 333 passed through the Senate and the House and was signed by Governor Kemp on May 2, 2022 for a July 1, 2022 effective date.

- Bonds may be canceled after July 1, 2022.
- An authorized institution has satisfied its TGTF obligations if it has made 5 payments into the TGTF by **January 1, 2022**. If five payments have not been made by January 1, 2022, the institution will be required to participate in the fund for 7 years total.
- Exemptions have been expanded. Please review [SB 333](#). If you have any specific questions, please contact the Exempt School Coordinator, Magda Rivers at mrivers@gnpec.ga.gov.

Edvera will be updated as soon as possible to reflect the changes to agent permits and bonds.

Mandatory Evaluation of Modality Shifts

As of September 1, 2022, all institutions that are still offering programming online but have not been formally approved by GNPEC (approved for on-ground instruction but were temporarily permitted to offer programming online due to Covid-19), must submit all such programs for evaluation by submitting a New Program Application(s) and [applicable fee\(s\)](#). Please contact your RS with any questions.

Site Visit Dates

For institutions whose expiration dates occur after July 15, 2022, a site visit date will be provided to you. GNPEC's main institutional contact does not have to be present at the visit as long as there is someone present who is able to host the visit, answer questions, and provide the files for review. Institutional failure to be present at the assigned site visit date and time will result in a *Missed Site Visit Fee* of \$100. Renewal of authorization will not be approved if the institution has any outstanding fees.

Amendment of Policy 15: Program Offerings of Unaccredited Initial Applicants

The Commission voted on Monday, May 16, 2022 to amend Policy 15 to limit the number of programs an initial accredited applicant may propose as part of the Evaluation Application Fee. The amended policy may be reviewed [here](#).

Revised Schedule of Fees

The Commission voted to adopt on Monday, May 16, 2022 a revised Schedule of Fees. The newly adopted schedule may be reviewed [here](#), but here are the highlights:

1. Tiered late fees
 - a. 25% late fees will be assessed for any application submitted after the due date but prior to 30 days before expiration.
 - b. 50% late fees will be assessed for any application submitted within thirty days of the expiration date.
2. *Missed Site Visit Fee* of \$100 has been adopted
3. Removal of *Change of Location* and *Change of Institutional Name* fees
4. TGTF minimum fee has been increased to \$150

Reminders

Non-Compliant Institution List for 2/1/22

As of February 1, 2022, GNPEC began publishing on its website the names of institutions that do not maintain compliance with Georgia law. This may include operation without authorization, nonrenewal of authorization, continued operation after expiration, etc.

GNPEC thanks the institutional representatives that continue to operate within the statutes set forth by O.C.G.A. 20-3-250.

Policy 17: Use of the State Seal

Please be reminded that use of the state seal of Georgia in advertising both on digital and physical mediums is prohibited. Please review Policy 17 [here](#).