



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

NEWS

May 15, 2023 Commission Meeting Updates

The Commission voted to approve the following updates, which can be viewed on the GNPEC website:

1. Policy Revisions- *Effective May 16, 2023*
 - a. [Policy 11](#)- clarified the fee requirements during the Change of Ownership process if timely notification is not provided by the institution.
 - b. [Policy 12](#)- clarified institutional naming requirements and criteria.
 - c. [Policy 14](#)- provided for the option of a covid-related extension of the deadline set forth for unaccredited graduate degrees.
2. Schedule of Fees- *Effective July 1, 2023*
 - a. Program Evaluation Fee = \$800 per program regardless of program level
 - b. TGTF minimum annual fee has been increased from \$150 to \$200
 - i. If your institution's expiration date is prior to September 1, 2023 and you submit your TGTF payment prior to July 1, 2023 (the effective date for this increased fee amount), you may submit the current \$150 minimum TGTF fee. Otherwise, if you pay after July 1, 2023 or your institution's expiration date is September 1, 2023 or later, you will be subject to the \$200 minimum TGTF fee.
 - c. Site Visit Fee= \$200
 - i. This fee is assessed in the event a site visit is required outside of the normal renewal of authorization application schedule.
 - d. Missed Site Visit Fee has been increased from \$100 to \$200

REMINDERS

Change of Location

If your authorized institution is considering a change of location from your currently approved location, you must submit a request to GNPEC **before** moving locations. A visit may be required to ensure the space meets minimum standard requirements before approval may be given to operate in a space different from what was previously approved.

Change of Ownership

Please be reminded that [GNPEC Policy](#) requires institutions to notify the commission of a change of ownership within 10 days of the official change of ownership and follow the required steps. Failure to do so will result in the termination of the institution's authorization to operate, and GNPEC will require the new owner to initiate the complete Initial Authorization Application with all applicable fees.

Inactivity Policy

For unaccredited institutions, [GNPEC has defined an inactive program](#) to be an authorized program that has not had any enrolled student for at least two (2) years. Such programs will be inactivated, and

institutions will not be permitted to offer that program. If the institution wishes to seek program approval in the future, a New Program Fee and New Program Application will be required.

[School Spotlight](#)

If your organization, students, or graduates have received accolades or other recognitions, please share them with GNPEC. We would love to hear about the impactful ways our institutions are serving Georgia!

TGTF Fee Payments

If submitting a physical payment for the TGTF fee, please indicate on the form of payment itself the institution's name and that the payment you are making is for TGTF (in the memo field) to allow for more efficient processing of payment.

EDvera Notifications

Please frequently check the status of your active applications in EDvera to ensure you have not missed an important comment or reversion of your working documents. Although you may have elected to receive notifications, the platform has recently experienced some issues with consistent notifications to users of comments or status changes (such as reverting an application back to the institutional user for edits).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commission Meeting

The August Commission meeting will be held via teleconference on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 1pm. Public call-in instructions will be posted on the commission website closer to date.

Renewal of Authorization Application Training

The next renewal training will be held virtually on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 10am. Please contact your institution's Regulatory Specialist if you wish to attend.