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**GEORGIA NONPUBLIC
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION**



Proposed Minimum Standard Revisions

In accordance with Governor Kemp’s vision that state government should find areas to cut regulatory burdens where possible and in conjunction with NPEC’s strategic plan, new Minimum Standards will be considered at a special called Commission meeting in December. The new Minimum Standards not only include a reduction in regulation, but also a closer alignment with O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.6.

This has been a yearlong process that started with requested feedback from institutions in a January 2020 survey. These proposed changes can be found at: <https://gnpec.georgia.gov/document/commission-meeting-docs/proposed-minimum-standards-nov-2020-draft/download>. The Proposed Minimum Standards document will automatically download in PDF format.

If institutions would like to provide comment on the proposed Minimum Standards, the survey can be accessed from the following link: <https://forms.gle/ny9mVRngVt9BxXzJ7>.

Requirement of SOS Documentation

For any initial and renewal applicant that enrolls Georgia students, both the institution's most recently filed *Georgia Secretary of State issued Certificate of Authority* and the *Annual Registration* are required to be uploaded in tab 1 of the Initial Authorization and Renewal of Authorization applications under the “Ownership” Section. Multiple attachments may be uploaded:

Submission | Review | Comments 0 | Status: **Unsubmitted** | History

1. Institution Information | 2. Minimum Standards | 3. Programs and Exhibits | 4. Faculty & Staff | 5. Agreements | 6. Fees/Bonding/Financials

Ownership

1. How is the ownership of this institution structured?
 Sole Proprietorship Partnership S Corporation C Corporation Limited Liability Company Public Other

2. Upload both the institution's most recently filed Georgia Secretary of State issued Certificate of Authority and the Annual Registration below.
Legal Business Name

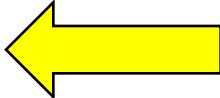
3. Indicate the legal tax status of your institution.
 For Profit Non Profit State

Owners

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

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|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Owner <input type="text"/> | Ownership % <input type="text" value="100"/> | <input type="button" value="x"/> |
| Date Ownership Acquired <input type="text"/> | | |

1. Please upload any applicable supporting documentation (i.e. Purchasing Agreement)



Online Modality Shift

Please be advised that GNPEC has extended the deadline for online modality shift approval from August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020, or the date that the federally declared emergency ends, whichever is later, to align with the deadline set by the United States Department of Education to allow for continued online delivery of programs previously only approved by GNPEC for in-person instruction.

If you choose to continue to offer online instruction, no action needs to be taken at this time. Closer to this extended deadline, the agency will reassess the circumstances and notify all institutions of its decision regarding the deadline and what actions must be then taken.

Staff Changes

Welcome Annelise Cantrell as our newest contractor Regulatory Specialist. Annelise Cantrell recently graduated from the University of Georgia with a Master's of Public Administration. She became interested in this field through working at UGA and discovering the complexities of higher education and regulation. Her hopes are to become well-versed in these areas during her time at GNPEC. Annelise's future goals include getting a PhD in Public Policy and starting her own business. Outside of work, she likes hiking, reading, and traveling.

Ms. Cantrell has concluded her training; if your institution has been reassigned to her workload, you will hear from her soon if you have not yet already.

Reminders

Online Payments are Live

GNPEC is pleased to announce that institutions may pay fees online through the GNPEC website on the [Schedule of Fees](#) page.

Avoid paying late fees- pay online instead!

No More Hard Copy Reminder Letters

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 Survey Reminder

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.

Inbox

[Back to inbox](#)

Subject Renewal of Authorization Application for [REDACTED] Updated [Approved]

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The **Renewal of Authorization Application** document for [REDACTED] has changed from **Pending Dep Dir Approval** to **Approved**. It can be viewed here: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Please assist GNPEC improve its customer service by completing this brief anonymous survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7LKFDK2>

Thank you.

