



GEORGIA NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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GNPEC'S EDUCATION DIRECTORY+ IS NOW LIVE

GNPEC has recently launched an enhanced directory of institutions on our website, offering a more interactive and user-friendly experience for both students and institutions.

The updated directory allows users to filter search results by criteria such as location, tuition cost, institution status, and more, making it easier to find and compare educational options authorized in Georgia. We encourage all institutions to review their information within the updated directory and explore the new features firsthand:

Education Directory+: <https://gnpec.georgia.gov/directory-institutions>

This enhanced tool is designed to improve transparency and accessibility for prospective students while providing institutions with an improved platform for showcasing their programs and services.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS: SAVE THE DATE!

GNPEC will host its Fall Town Halls virtually on October 29th. The session for accredited institutions will begin at 1:00 PM, followed by the session for unaccredited institutions at 2:00 PM. Please see links for registration below:

ACCREDITED Institutions: [Click here to register](#)

UNACCREDITED Institutions: [Click here to register](#)

WORKFORCE PELL GRANT

Effective July 1, 2026, the Workforce Pell Grant program expands federal Pell Grant eligibility to certain short-term, high-quality training programs that prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, in-demand careers.

Title IV-eligible institutions interested in participating can review eligibility requirements, application guidance, and submission instructions on the TCSG Workforce Pell website.

To learn more and begin the eligibility process, visit: <https://www.tcsg.edu/workforce-pell-ga/>

AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED FOR WORKSHOPS

GNPEC now requires all workshops to receive authorization prior to being offered. The authorization process follows the same procedures required for a new program approval.

Institutions seeking to offer a workshop must submit a New Program Application and the associated Program Evaluation Fee of \$1,000. To clearly distinguish these offerings from traditional programs, the word "Workshop" must be included in the program title.

Institutions are encouraged to plan accordingly and obtain authorization before advertising or delivering any workshop offerings.

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.

Institutions requiring an invoice should request one well before the application deadline, as payment must be received by the due date.

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 5

This month's Renewal Application Spotlight focuses on Tab 5: Agreements, which contains the Director's Agreement and Records Agreement. These agreements must be attested to by either the Institution Contact or the Director as part of the renewal process.

Director's Agreement

This agreement confirms the institution's commitment to operating with integrity, providing accurate admissions and advertising information, employing qualified instructors, maintaining safe facilities, delivering quality educational programs, and ensuring students receive clear information about programs, costs, and policies.

Records Agreement

This agreement affirms the institution's responsibility to maintain permanent student records, issue certificates or diplomas to graduates, provide transcripts when appropriate, make only verified claims regarding credit transferability, and preserve student records in the event of closure.

Be sure to review both agreements carefully before completing your renewal application.

Understanding these requirements can help ensure a smooth and successful renewal process.

UPCOMING EVENTS & STATE HOLIDAYS

- **Renewal Applicant Training Meeting:** October 6 from 10 AM-11:30 PM*
- **State Holiday - GNPEC Closed:** October 12
- **GNPEC Town Hall for ACCREDITED Institutions (virtual):** October 29 at 1 PM
- **GNPEC Town Hall for UNACCREDITED Institutions (virtual):** October 29 at 2 PM

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