

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATING STATE AUTHORIZATION

SHEEO's State Authorization Resources and Directory

<http://www.sheeo.org/stateauth/stateauth-home.htm>

Includes documents such as Student Complaint Processes by State, and Distance Education Fee Summaries by State. However, the most helpful collection of documents we have found has been the **Compendium of State Laws and Regulatory Practices**. This compendium contains the results, state by state, of the SHEEO State Authorization Survey, which asks state regulatory bodies of higher education specific questions regarding what kinds of institutions are regulated, what specific activities trigger physical presence, and the authorization process itself. Most surveys were completed in 2011-2012, so information is very current. Links to state higher ed regulations and contact information for the individual at the state responsible for authorization also included.

University System of Georgia's Distance Education Regulations by State

http://www.usg.edu/academics/distance_education_regulations_by_state/

Remember back when the original deadline for compliance with the federal rule for state authorization was July, 2011? The University System of Georgia proactively recorded its progress in meeting this compliance goal with this website. UGA posted pdf's of letters from state agencies of higher ed, received in response to their inquiries regarding state authorization for distance education. We found the state responses helpful while researching state regulations, especially when state websites weren't the best. Keep in mind that UGA is a public institution, so some state responses are specifically tailored to publics.

UMass Online HEA State Responses

<https://confluence.umassonline.net/display/OBS/HEA+State+Responses>

Same transparency initiative as UGA's, except far more detailed in its tracking of correspondence and University action taken in response to requirements. UMass is also a public institution.

State Authorization Network - Ohio (SAN-O)

<https://sites.google.com/site/stateauthorizationnetworkohio/>

A collection of resources to assist institutions in researching and understanding state authorization. The group was originally created by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Learning Network; funding has since been cut, but a dedicated group of individuals responsible for state authorization at their institutions have kept the site up and running.

WCET State Approval page

<http://wcet.wiche.edu/advance/state-approval>

A wonderful overview of the October 2010 federal regulations, with important moments in state authorization history since. Chock full of links to further info. If you have just started learning about state authorizations for providers of distance education, go here first and school yourself. You might as well subscribe to WCET's blog while you're there.