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**Abstract:** Section 4117 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) requires state chief executive officers, and state educational agencies (SEAs), to submit to the Secretary on a triennial basis a report on the implementation and outcomes of state, local and Governor's SDFSCA programs. ED must report to the President and Congress on a biennial basis regarding the national impact of SDFSCA-assisted programs. The two instruments, one for SEAs and one for Governor's programs, will be used by states to submit the required data to ED.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies and State Approval Agencies

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** List of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and State approval agencies.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Secretary of Education is required by statute to publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and State approval agencies (1) Whose accreditation or approval is a required element in enabling accredited or approved institutions, programs, or both to establish eligibility to participate in Federal programs and (2) whom the Secretary has determined to be reliable authorities regarding the quality of education or training provided by the institutions or programs these agencies accredit or approve. This document contains the current list of nationally recognized agencies and supersedes any previously published lists of these types of agencies.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by statute,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary issues

the following list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and State approval agencies that the Secretary has determined to be reliable authorities concerning the quality of education or training provided by the institutions, programs, or both that these agencies accredit or approve. The criteria the Secretary uses in determining whether a particular agency should be listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency are contained in 34 CFR part 602, while the criteria for State approval agencies are contained in 34 CFR part 603. The dates specified in parentheses for each agency are the date of initial listing as a nationally recognized agency, the date of the Secretary's most recent grant of recognition to the agency, and the date of the agency's next scheduled review for continued recognition. The geographical scope of recognition of each accrediting agency is the United States, unless stated otherwise.

#### I. Regional Institutional Accrediting Agencies

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education (1952/1996/2001). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate" status) of institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Republic of Panama and a limited number of freestanding American-style institutions abroad that are chartered or licensed by an appropriate agency within the Middle States region.

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Secondary Schools (1988/1996/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of public vocational/technical schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in the Middle States region (Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands).

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of institutions of higher education in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of institutions of higher education in

Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Schools (1974/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of institutions of higher education in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (1952/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of degree-granting institutions of higher education in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of community and junior colleges in California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools (1974/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of adult and postsecondary schools that offer programs below the degree level in California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (1952/1995/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of senior colleges and universities in California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of Palau, the

<sup>1</sup> 20 U.S.C. 1094(c)(4), 1141(a), 1145(c)(3), 1401(a)(11)(E), 2471(25)(D), 4351(3), 25 U.S.C. 1813; 38 U.S.C. 3675 (a); 42 U.S.C. 298b(6).

Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

## II. National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Agencies

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of basic (baccalaureate) and advanced (master's) level programs in engineering, associate and baccalaureate degree programs in engineering technology, and engineering-related programs at the baccalaureate and advanced degree level.

Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Commission on Accreditation (1952/1996/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate" status) of Bible colleges and institutes offering undergraduate programs.

Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (1982/1995/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education institutions, private medical assistant programs, public and private medical laboratory technician programs, and allied health programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Occupational Science degree.

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (1967/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of private, postsecondary, non-degree-granting institutions and degree-granting institutions, including those granting associate and baccalaureate degrees, that are predominantly organized to educate students for occupational, trade and technical careers.

Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (1970/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of graduate programs in health services administration.

Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training, Accrediting Commission (1978/1994/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions of higher education that offer non-collegiate continuing education programs and higher education programs of non-collegiate continuing education.

Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (1956/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of private postsecondary institutions offering business and business-related programs and the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Recognized Candidacy") of junior and senior colleges of business (including senior colleges with master's degree programs),

as well as independent, freestanding institutions offering only graduate business and business-related programs at the master's degree level.

Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (1952/1991/1996). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of units within institutions offering professional undergraduate and graduate (master's) degree programs in journalism and mass communications.

American Academy for Liberal Education (1995/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy for Accreditation") of institutions of higher education and programs within institutions of higher education that offer liberal arts degrees at the baccalaureate level or a documented equivalency.

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (1978/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy at the master's, doctoral, and postgraduate levels.

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (1955/1996/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions and programs of nurse anesthesia at the certificate, master's, or doctoral degree levels.

American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of professional schools of law.

American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation (1972/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions and programs awarding diplomas, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees in funeral service or mortuary science.

American College of Nurse-Midwives, Division of Accreditation (1982/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of basic certificate and graduate nurse-midwifery education programs for registered nurses, as well as the accreditation and preaccreditation of pre-certification nurse-midwifery education programs.

American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (1952/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Precandidate" and "Candidate" statuses) of professional degree programs in pharmacy leading to the degrees of Baccalaureate in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy.

American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (1952/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of predoctoral dental education programs (programs leading to the DDS or DMD degree); dental auxiliary education programs (dental assisting, dental hygiene and dental laboratory technology); and advanced dental educational programs (general practices residency, advanced general dentistry, and the specialties of dental public health, endodontics, oral pathology, orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pedodontics, periodontics, and prosthodontics).

The American Dietetic Association, Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetic Education (1974/1996/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of Coordinated Programs in Dietetics at both the undergraduate and graduate level, postbaccalaureate Dietetic Internships, and Dietetic Technician Programs at the associate degree level.

American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (1952/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of entry-level professional occupational therapy educational programs awarding baccalaureate degrees, post-baccalaureate certificates, professional master's degrees, and combined baccalaureate/master's degrees, and also for the accreditation of occupational therapy assistant programs leading to an associate degree or certificate.

American Optometric Association, Council on Optometric Education (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Reasonable Assurance Preliminary Approval" {for professional degree programs} and "Candidacy Pending" {for optometric residency programs in facilities of Veterans' Administration}) of professional optometric degree programs, optometric residency programs, and optometric technician programs.

American Osteopathic Association, Bureau of Professional Education (1952/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Provisional Accreditation") of freestanding institutions of osteopathic medicine and programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Education (1977/1996/2001). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation" status) of programs for the preparation of physical

therapists and physical therapist assistants.

American Podiatric Medical Association, Council on Podiatric Medical Education (1952/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate Status") of freestanding colleges of podiatric medicine and programs of podiatric medicine, including first professional programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine.

American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation (1970/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, school and combined professional-scientific psychology, and predoctoral internship programs in professional psychology.

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (1967/1991/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of Master's degree programs in speech-language pathology and audiology.

American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of colleges of veterinary medicine offering programs leading to a professional degree (D.V.M. or D.M.V.) in veterinary medicine.

Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission (1969/1991/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy for Accredited Membership") of basic, advanced, and supervisory clinical pastoral education programs.

Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission (1974/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Correspondent" and "Candidate") of advanced rabbinical and Talmudic schools.

Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, Commission on Accrediting (1952/1995/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accredited Membership") of freestanding schools, as well as schools affiliated with larger institutions, that offer graduate professional education for ministry and graduate study of theology.

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (1952/1996/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy" status) of educational programs for the allied health occupations of cytotechnologist, diagnostic medical sonographer, electroneurodiagnostic technologist, emergency medical technician-

paramedic, perfusionist, physician assistant, and surgical technologist.

Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (1985/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of two-year programs for the ophthalmic dispenser and one-year programs for the ophthalmic laboratory technician.

The Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation (1974/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of programs and freestanding institutions that award the Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (1987/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of institutions and graduate programs in Naturopathy that lead to the degree of Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.M.D.).

Council on Education for Public Health (1974/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of graduate schools of public health and graduate programs offered outside schools of public health in community health education and in community health/preventive medicine.

Council on Occupational Education (1969/1995/1997). Scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation of non-degree granting postsecondary occupational/vocational institutions and also the accreditation and preaccreditation of those postsecondary occupational/vocational education institutions currently accredited by the Council that either have state authorization to grant the applied associate degree in specific vocational/occupational fields or that receive such authorization during the Council's current recognition period.

Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission (1959/1996/2000). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of private and non-private distance education institutions offering non-degree and associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs primarily through the distance learning method.

Foundation for Interior Design Education Research, Committee on Accreditation (1976/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of two-year preprofessional assistant level programs (certificate and associate degree), first professional degree level programs (master's and baccalaureate degree and three-year certificate) and post-professional master's degree programs in interior design.

Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear

Medicine Technology (1974/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of higher education programs for the nuclear medicine technologist.

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (1957/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of educational programs for radiographers and radiation therapists.

Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the American Medical Colleges (1952/1991/1996). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Reasonable Assurance" and "Provisional Accreditation") of programs leading to the M.D. degree.

Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, Commission on Accreditation (1995/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of Montessori teacher education programs and institutions evaluated by the following review committees: the American Montessori Society, the International Association of Progressive Montessorians, the Independent Montessori Consortia (1, 2, and 3), the Montessori Institute of America, and the National Center for Montessori Education.

National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (1988/1995/2000). Scope of recognition: The accreditation of first-professional master's degree and professional master's level certificate and diploma programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (1974/1996/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of programs in Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology, Clinical Laboratory Technician/Medical Laboratory Technician-Associate Degree, Clinical Laboratory Technician/Medical Laboratory Technician-Certificate, Histologic Technician/Histotechnologist, and Pathologists' Assistant.

National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (1970/1995/1996). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary schools and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences.

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health, Council on Accreditation (1996/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of women's health nurse practitioner programs.

National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation (1966/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions and units within institutions offering degree-granting and non-degree-granting programs in art, design, or art/design-related disciplines.

National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation (1983/1991/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions and units within institutions offering degree-granting and non-degree-granting programs in dance and dance-related disciplines.

National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation, Commission on Non-Degree-Granting Accreditation, and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation (1952/1992/1997). Scope of recognition: The accreditation of institutions and units within institutions offering degree-granting and non-degree-granting programs in music and music-related disciplines, including community/junior colleges and independent degree-granting and non-degree-granting institutions.

National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation (1982/1991/1997). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of institutions and units within institutions offering degree-granting and non-degree-granting programs in theatre and theatre-related disciplines.

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (1952/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation of professional education units providing baccalaureate and graduate degree programs for the preparation of teachers and other professional personnel for elementary and secondary schools.

National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (1995/1996/1998). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of baccalaureate programs in environmental health science and protection.

National League for Nursing, Inc., National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (1952/1996/1997). Scope of recognition: The accreditation of programs in practical nursing, and diploma, associate, baccalaureate and higher degree nurse education programs.

New York State Board of Regents (1952/1995/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation (registration) of collegiate degree-granting programs or curricula offered by institutions of higher education in the state of New York and of credit-bearing certificate

and diploma programs offered by degree-granting institutions of higher education in the state of New York.

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accrediting Commission (1991/1996/1999). Scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate" status) of postsecondary institutions that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees.

### III. State Approval Agencies for Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Arkansas State Board of Vocational Education (1975/1994/1998).

Kansas State Board of Education (1975/1994/1998).

Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (1974/1995/1999).

Missouri State Board of Education (1974/1995/1999).

New York State Board of Regents (1974/1995/1998).

Oklahoma State Board of Vocational Technical Education (1976/1996/2000). Scope of recognition: the approval of all non-collegiate public postsecondary vocational education offered at institutions in the State of Oklahoma that are not under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (1976/1994/1998). Scope of recognition: the approval of public postsecondary education in the state of Oklahoma for which credit earned is applied toward a degree, diploma, or other postsecondary academic or collegiate award given at State institutions comprising the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Puerto Rico Human Resources and Occupational Development Council (1983/1996/2000).

Utah State Board for Vocational Education (1976/1994/1998).

### IV. State Approval Agencies for Nurse Education

Colorado Board of Nursing (1990/1995/1999).

Iowa Board of Nursing (1969/1994/1998).

Maryland Board of Nursing (1985/1994/1998).

Missouri State Board of Nursing (1970/1995/1999).

Montana Board of Nursing (1969/1996/2000).

New Hampshire Board of Nursing (1969/1995/1999).

New York State Board of Regents, Nursing Education Unit (1969/1995/1998).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Proposed Subsequent Arrangements

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Subsequent arrangements.

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy between the Government of the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following retransfer: RTD/BR(EU)-9, for the transfer from France to Brazil of 26,000 grams of uranium containing 5,187 grams of the isotope uranium-235 (19.95 percent enrichment) for use in fuel element production.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that these subsequent arrangements will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.