

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Consent Item**

August 15, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to Rules 6N-1.003, Provisional Approval; 6N-1.004, Annual Renewal of Approval of in-State Institutions to Participate in Florida's Reciprocity agreement; and 6N-1.005, Annual Fees for In-State Institutions to Participate in Florida's Reciprocity Agreement

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1000.35(3)(i), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The changes reflect updates to the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) Manual that have recently been released. The proposed amendments will clarify the process for renewal applications, allow the Council authority to address institutions that do not meet SARA requirements between renewal periods, and clarifies fees for institutions that do not report to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rules 6N-1.003, 6N-1.004, and 6N-1.005, F.A.C.

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**6N-1.003 Provisional Approval**

(1) The Council shall, upon receipt of an in-State institution's complete application to participate in SARA, approve the institution to participate in SARA on a provisional status if the institution meets the requirements of this rule chapter, but:

(a) through (d) No change.

(2) Terms and Length of Provisional Status.

(a) An in-State institution approved to participate in SARA on provisional status shall meet any requirements the Council deems necessary, ~~including enrollment limits~~, to ensure state authorization standards are met regarding program quality, financial stability, and consumer protection.

(b) No change.

(3) Provisional status of an institution between renewal periods. The Council may place an institution on provisional status at any time if the institution is subject to any conditions set forth in subsection (1) of this rule or if the institution's financial composite score falls between a 1.0 and 1.5.

(4) Application for Removal of Provisional Status.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) If the Council determines that an in-State institution approved to participate in SARA on provisional status no longer meets the requirements of their provisional approval or fails to gain full approval by the deadline established by the Council, the Council shall direct that the institution cease enrollments of students under the reciprocity agreement and:

1. through 2. No change.

~~(5)~~(4) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 1000.35(10), FS. Law Implemented 1000.35(3), (6)-(7), FS. History—New 10-17-17.*

**6N-1.004 Annual Renewal of Approval of In-State Institutions to Participate in Florida's Reciprocity agreement**

(1) An in-State institution shall apply to the Council annually on Form 1001, Renewal Application for Institutional Participation in SARA (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08708>), effective October 2017. This form is incorporated by reference and may be obtained without cost from the Council's website

at [www.fl-sara.org](http://www.fl-sara.org) or by writing to the Commission for Independent Education at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(2) The Council shall approve the renewal application if the in-State institution continues to meet the requirements set forth in this rule chapter.

(3) If a private institution, audited financial statement shall accompany the renewal application. The financial statement must show the financial responsibility score in accordance with Rule 6N-1.002(2)(b), F.A.C.

(4) An in-State institution approved to participate in SARA on provisional status may not renew its provisional status.

*Rulemaking Authority 1000.35(10), FS. Law Implemented 1000.35(3), (6)-(7), FS. History--New 10-17-17.*

#### **6N-1.005 Annual Fees for In-State Institutions to Participate in Florida's Reciprocity Agreement**

(1) An in-State institution shall pay annually the application and renewal fees set forth in this rule including fees to the Council and fees to NC-SARA. The institution shall submit a FL-SARA Fee Transmittal Form to the Council on Form 1002 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08709>), effective October 2017. This form is incorporated by reference and may be obtained without cost from the Council's website at [www.fl-sara.org](http://www.fl-sara.org) or by writing to the Commission for Independent Education at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(2) Fees to the Council. Fees are based on the student data reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) annually. An Institution that does not report to IPEDS is authorized to utilize its most recent actual full-time equivalent enrollment to determine the appropriate fee.

(a) through (c) No change.

(3) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 1000.35(10), FS. Law Implemented 1000.35(3), (5)-(7), FS. History--New 10-17-17.*