

SHEEO State Authorization Survey: Fee Summary by State and Agency						
The fees listed in this table are for initial authorization and do not represent the costs for renewal (if applicable) or other costs associated with the authorization process such as tuition recovery funds, surety bonds, site visits, etc. Please see individual agency web sites for more detailed fee structure.						
Please note: Whenever possible this report used language provided by the state agency through the SHEEO Survey. In some cases email correspondence and web site reviews were also incorporated.						
State	Agency Name	Web Site for Fees	Fees for Authorization?	Basic Explanation of Fees (please see agency website for more details)	Exemption Allowed?	If Yes, is there a fee?
Alabama	Alabama Commission on Higher Education - Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning		No		No	
	Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education - Office of Private School Licensing Division	http://www.accs.cc/pdfs/psl/Private_School_Licensure_Fee_Schedule.pdf	Yes	Two year: 1/2 of 1% of annual gross income from Alabama students, not less than \$2,500, not to exceed \$15,000. The application for a non-degree granting institution is a minimum of \$1,250.	Yes	No
Alaska	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education	http://akadvantage.alaska.gov/About_Us/Programs_and_Services/Authorization.aspx	Yes	For initial authorization \$2,500.	Yes	Yes (\$100)
Arizona	Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education	http://azppse.state.az.us/UserFiles/PDF/Laws.pdf	Yes	\$800 for private postsecondary education.	Yes	No
Arkansas	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board	http://www.adhe.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/AcademicAffairsDivision/Delores/APPENDIX%20F%20Fees%202011.pdf	Yes	Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Yes	Yes (\$250)
	Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education	http://sbpce.arkansas.gov/Pages/regulations.aspx	Yes	Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Yes	No
California	Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education	http://www.bppe.ca.gov/applications/index.shtml	Yes	\$750 for accredited institutions and \$5,000 non-accredited.	Yes	Yes (\$250)
Colorado	Division of Private Occupational Schools	http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partj.pdf	Yes	The fee is \$6,000 for institutions not yet accredited and \$3,000 for institutions already accredited.	Yes	No
	Colorado Department of Higher Education	http://highered.colorado.gov/DPOS/Schools/feeschedule.html	Yes	\$1,500.00	Yes	No
Connecticut	The Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education		No		No	
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/292.shtml#TopOfPage	Yes	\$250 annually for those with a physical presence.	No	

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District of Columbia	Education Licensure Commission	http://osse.dc.gov/service/education-licensure-commission	Yes	The fee for a degree granting institution is \$250; the fee for a non-degree granting institution is \$225.	No	
Florida	Commission for Independent Education, Florida Department of Education	http://www.fldoe.org/cie/pdf/chapter6E_rules.pdf	Yes	Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Yes	No
Georgia	Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission	http://www.gnpec.org/MainMenu.asp	Yes	\$500 minimum/\$25,000 maximum - see website for more details.	Yes	Yes (\$500 for religious only)
Hawaii	None Listed		No Information Available			
Idaho	Idaho Board of Education	http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/priv_col_univ/faq.asp	Yes	The annual registration fee is one-half of one-percent of Gross Idaho Tuition Revenue (.005 x GTR) for the previous registration year (\$100 minimum to \$5,000 maximum).	Yes	No
Illinois	Illinois Board of Higher Education	http://www.ibhe.org/Academic%20Affairs/academicPrg/default.htm	Yes	For-profit and out-of-state institutions only. One-time \$5,000 application fee, plus \$250 notice of intent, plus per degree charges that vary by degree type and institution size, including for new degrees. The fee varies by type and size of institution and program approval being sought. please see web site.	Yes	No
Indiana	Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education	http://www.in.gov/cpe/files/2011_fee_schedule1.pdf	Yes	\$2,000 for out-of-state and \$1,000 for in-state; for accreditation renewals \$500 annually; degree applications in-state \$300/degree and out-of-state \$500/degree; degree renewals \$100 in and out-of-state every 5 years; agent applications \$80; agent renewal \$50 annually; certificate fee \$50 annually.	Yes	No
Iowa	Iowa College Student Aid Commission	http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/PostsecondaryRegistration/postsecondaryregistration.html	Yes	Initial application \$4,000; Substantive changes or amendment \$1,000.	Yes	No

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Kansas	Kansas Board of Regents	http://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/1346-88-28-6feeschangesTemp061311Finalclean.pdf	Yes	Initial application fees for a non-degree-granting institution \$2,000; for a degree-granting institution \$3,000. There are additional evaluation fees.	Yes	No
Kentucky	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education	http://cpe.ky.gov/policies/academicpolicies/licensure.htm	Yes	\$1,000 in-state application, \$5,000 out-of-state application, plus program fees -- annual fees range from \$250-\$12,000 based on enrollment.	No	
	Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education	http://www.bpe.ky.gov/Pages/applications.aspx	Yes	\$150 for initial application. Other fees may apply.		
Louisiana	Louisiana Board of Regents	http://www.regents.doa.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=21&pnid=0&nid=7	Yes	\$2,000 license fee for proprietary schools plus other fees as outlined on website.	Yes	No
Maine	Maine Department of Education, Office of Higher Education Services		No		Yes	No
Maryland	Maryland Higher Education Commission	http://www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/acadAff/OOS_Online/OOS_Online_Registration.asp	Yes	All institutions must be registered (cost is \$1,000 per year) and/or authorized (cost varies, please see web site).	No	
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Higher Education	http://www.mass.edu/forinstitutions/academic/independentnewdegrees.asp	Yes	For the initial licensure of a Massachusetts-based or out-of-state institution: \$10,000 plus \$2,000 for each degree requested at the same time if more than one. Annual fee each year for the first five years following initial licensure for institutions new to Massachusetts: \$4,000. (Please note that the institution is not required to submit this annual fee after the fifth year of operation). Other fees may apply, please see web site for more details.	No	
Michigan	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	http://www.michiganps.net/resources.aspx?function=NSF	Yes	Non-degree granting: \$1,315; fees may be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index. Degree granting: no fee.	No	

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Minnesota	Minnesota Office of Higher Education	http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=197	Yes	Degree granting institutions that offer one degree: Associate - \$2,000; Bachelor's - \$2,500; Master's - \$3,000; Doctoral - \$3,500. There are other associated fees; please see the Minnesota Statute 136A.69 on our web site for the additional information.	Yes	No
Mississippi	Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation	http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/	Yes	\$3,000	Yes	No
	Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration	http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/program/psDefault.aspx	Yes	\$25 application packet fee.	Yes	No
Missouri	Missouri Department of Higher Education	http://www.dhe.mo.gov/psc/	Yes	The initial certificate of approval fee is \$250.	Yes	No
Montana	Montana University System, Montana Board of Regents	http://sos.mt.gov/Business/Forms/index.asp	Yes	The fees will apply only to those foreign entities that must also register with the Montana Secretary of State; public institutions are exempt and will incur no direct costs. The application fee will vary depending on the nature of the business tax status, as determined by the IRS (i.e. private profit or not-for-profit).	No	
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education, Private Postsecondary Career Schools	http://www.education.ne.gov/PPCS/PPCS-Fees.html	Yes	Initial (Inaugural) application to operate is \$459.99 plus \$45.99 per program of study offered.	Yes	No
	Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	http://www.ccpe.state.ne.us/publicdoc/ccpe/Rules/pdf/Chapter7_Fees.pdf	Yes	To offer courses only (not a program) the fee per course is \$500 (\$100 per course after the fourth course); the fee to offer a single program with a new campus is \$2,900 plus additional fees and review; the fee to offer a single program without a new campus is \$1,200.	Yes	No
Nevada	Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education	http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-394.html#NRS394Sec540	Yes	\$1,500. For more information, please see web site.	Yes	No

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New Hampshire	Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, Higher Education Commission	http://www.education.nh.gov/highered/colleges/approval_procedures.htm#fees	Yes	New in-state institution fee is \$10,000; out-of-state branch campus fee is \$10,000; out-of-state new program/degree in-state fee is \$2,000; new program/degree out-of-state fee is \$3,000.	No	
New Jersey	New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Center for Occupational Employment Information		No Information Available			
	Secretary of Higher Education		No Information Available			
New Mexico	New Mexico Higher Education Department	http://www.hed.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/d205a4a0fbf94c47933b274573c36c85/Fee%20Schedule%2007-2009.pdf	Yes	Degree granting \$4,000; non degree granting \$1,000.	Yes	Yes (\$500)
New York	Office of College and University Evaluation		No Information Available			
	Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision, New York State Education Department	http://www.acces.nysed.gov/bpss/	Yes	Currently \$250 application fee + fees for agents, teachers, directors and curriculum approvals. Pending legislation will increase the new school application fee to \$5000 and will increase other fees slightly.	Yes	No
North Carolina	The University of North Carolina Board of Governors	http://www.northcarolina.edu/aa_planning/licensure/Rules_Standards_Master_Updated_1-08.pdf	Yes	Initial fee of \$5,000 includes up to four degree programs at the associate's or bachelor's level or two degree programs at the master's level or one degree program at the doctoral or first professional level if reviewed at the time of initial application. Additional fees per degree programs may be applied.	Yes	No
	North Carolina Community College System, Office of Proprietary School Services	http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/PROPRIETARY_SCHOOLS/ownersAndPotentialOwners.htm	Yes	To be licensed, proprietary schools must pay an initial licensing fee of \$2,500, a renewal fee of \$1250 plus \$50 per program each year thereafter.	Unknown	
North Dakota	North Dakota State Board for Career and Technical Education	http://www.nd.gov/cte/private-post-inst/docs/DegreeGrantingApplication2006.pdf	Yes	Initial authorization fee is \$2,000.	Yes	No

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Ohio	The Ohio Board of Regents	http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3333-1-13	Yes	Initial program fees for in-state institution and out-of-state institution are as follows: Associate \$3,000; Baccalaureate \$3,000; Master's \$5,000; Doctoral/Professional \$5,000.	Yes	No
	Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools	http://scr.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=jgs1%2blvbHN4%3d&tabid=73	Yes	School Fees for operating range from \$150-\$800 and are based on Gross Tuition Income. There are also fees charged for individual programs.	Yes	No
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education		No		No	
	Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education		No Information Available			
	The Oklahoma Board of Private Schools	web page is under development - http://www.ok.gov/agency.php?agency_id=130	Yes	\$25 for a hard-copy application packet. \$1,200.00 for initial license application.	Yes	No
Oregon	Office of Degree Authorization	http://www.osac.state.or.us/ODA/Application-Forms.html	Yes	Fees are assessed based on complexity of the review. There are maximum fees set in statute, however when there are extenuating circumstances that require additional review or ongoing evaluation in the case of unresolved deficits, additional fees may be charged as determined necessary by the ODA Administrator to cover the excessive costs.	Yes	Yes (\$250)
	Department of Education - Private and Career Schools Office	http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=83	Yes	The initial licensing fee is \$1050. Additionally, a deposit to the Tuition Protection Fund must be made, based on the projected amount of annual gross tuition. The minimum deposit is \$250.00. The TPF schedule is included in our rules, which are posted on our website.	Yes	No
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Higher Education	http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/private_licensed_schools/8993	Yes	For non-degree-granting institutions, \$200 seminar fee, \$1500 application fee, \$500 site visit fee, \$700 additional program application fee.	Yes	No

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Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Council on Education	No web site available at this time.	Yes	For degree: there is a basic fee of \$5,000.00 per application for License of initial Authorization and of \$5,000.00 plus \$1,000 per institutional unit for subsequent License Renewal applications. For non-degree, voc/tech and K-12: a fee of \$250.00 for each application of License of initial Authorization, License Renewal and Amendments to a License.	Yes	Yes (\$500)
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education	http://www.ribghe.org/regulations.htm and http://www.ribghe.org/hiedinst.pdf	Yes	\$1,000. There may be other fees associated with authorization.	Yes	No
South Carolina	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education	http://www.che.sc.gov/AcademicAffairs/License/Regulations.pdf	Yes	Initial license fee is one-half of one percent of expected gross tuition income with a minimum of \$150 and maximum of \$5,500. Annual license fee is one-half of one percent of last year's gross tuition income with a minimum of \$115 and maximum of \$2,750.	Yes	No
South Dakota	Secretary of State	http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/StateApproval.htm	No		Yes	No
Tennessee	Tennessee Higher Education Commission	http://www.tn.gov/sos/rules/1540/1540-01-02.20111115.pdf	Yes	The initial application fee is \$3,000, plus \$500 for each proposed program. Institutions wishing to offer degrees must pay between \$1,000 to \$4,000 for the highest degree program level being offered (associates to doctorate). Unaccredited institutions must pay \$1,000 for authority to grant degrees.	Yes	No
Texas	Texas Workforce Commission	http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/propschools/p186.pdf	Yes	\$3,000 for "large" schools plus applicable staff approval fees.	Yes	No

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	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectId=3F07A3D3-B85F-9158-C8B168AEF8AA5904	Yes	Certificate of Authority application fee: \$5,000; Initial branch campus application fee: \$5,000; Branch campus application fee for subsequent sites/partial programs: \$2,500; Branch campus site visit fee: \$2,500; Registration of an agent fee: \$100; Amendment to a Certificate of Authority fee: \$500; There are no fees associated with Certificate of Authorizations.	Yes	No
Utah	Utah Division of Consumer Protection	http://www.consumerprotection.utah.gov/registrations/schools.html	Yes	For Proprietary Schools the initial registration fee is \$100 and the renewal registration fee is a percentage of the gross tuition income of the registered program(s) during the previous year, but not less than \$100 or more than \$2,000. For Private Non-Profit Schools the registration is a one-time fee of \$1,500. For Accredited Schools a flat registration fee of \$1,500 or a sliding scale which is calculated by one percent (1%) of the gross tuition income of the registered program(s) during the previous year, but not less than \$1,500 or more than \$2,500.	Yes	No
Vermont	Vermont State Board of Education	http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainboard.html	Yes	\$4000 credit-bearing, \$5000 degree-granting, \$7500 simultaneous.	Yes	No
Virginia	Private & Out-of-State Postsecondary Education, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	http://www.schev.edu/highered/pope/NewSchool.asp	Yes	Degree-granting, \$6,000; Non-degree granting, \$2,500.	Yes	Yes (\$300 for religious only)
Washington	Washington Student Achievement Council	http://www.wsac.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/InstitutionalAuthorization and http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=250-61-170	Yes	For institutions seeking to have a physical presence and/or advertise or recruit in the state, the initial fee is \$5,000. For those institutions seeking to offer field placements in the state, the initial fee is \$2,000. This fee may be subject to change, pending a revision to the regulations.	Yes	No
	Washington Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board	http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Documents/FeeSchedule_000.doc	Yes	There is an annual license fee (\$250 to \$2,500) and a required Tuition Recover Trust Fund Contribution.	Yes	No

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West Virginia	West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission	http://wwhepcnew.wvnet.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=35&Itemid=0	Yes	If actually located in the state there is an application fee of \$6,000. However, the fee may be waived for an online institution located elsewhere.	Yes	No
	West Virginia Council for Community & Technical College Education	http://wvctcs.org/	Yes	If actually located in the state the application fee for a degree granting institution is \$2,000. However, the fee may be waived for an online institution located elsewhere. Business, Occupational or Trade School: Any person applying for a permit to solicit students or operate a school shall submit an initial application fee of \$2,000.	Yes	No
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Educational Approval Board	http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/applicationfees.pdf	Yes	The application fee is determined by the number and types of programs being approved; \$2,000 - \$5,100 depending on the education level.	Yes	No
Wyoming	Wyoming Department of Education	http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/schools/private_school_licensing.aspx	Yes	\$100	Yes	No

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