

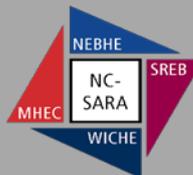


SARA Overview and Update

State Authorization
Reciprocity Agreements
for Distance Education

*History of State Authorization
and Federal Rules*

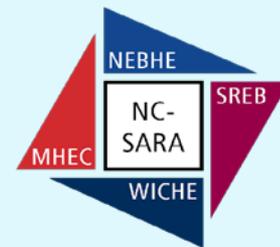
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National Council for
State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

A voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of distance education

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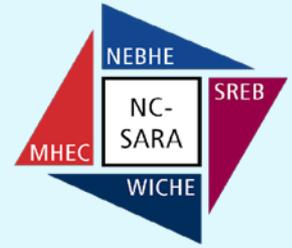
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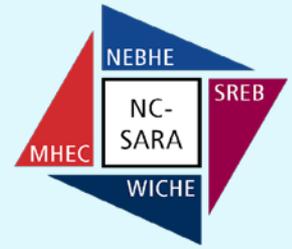
Agenda



- **State Authorization – Basic Principles**
- **State Authorization**
- **Federal Regulations: A Brief History**
- **Questions/Discussion**



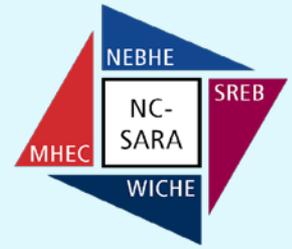
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Basic Principle 1:

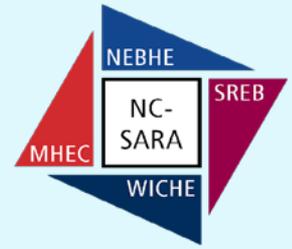
If your institution is in one state and you are serving a student residing in another state, then you should check authorization regulations.

State Authorization – Basic Principles



Basic Principle 2:
There are two types
of authorization in
each state:
Institutional—all
activities you do in a
state
Licensure—
professional programs

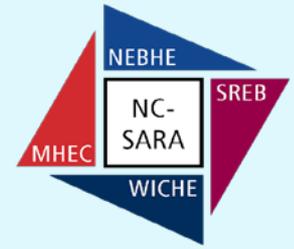
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**Basic
Principle 3:**
The answer to
nearly every
question is:

**IT
DEPENDS!!!!!!**

State Authorization



Oversight of education is a function of the State.

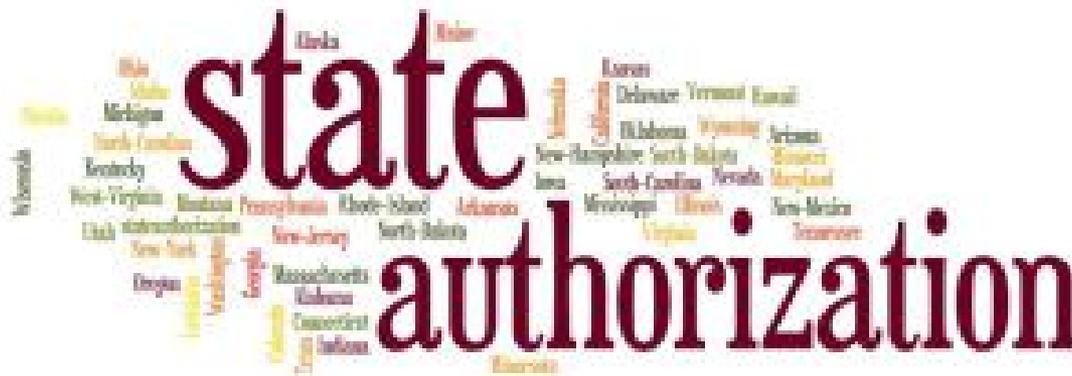
- States have the authority to regulate institutions offering education within the state's boundaries.
- The approval process is part of consumer protection for learners in the state.
- Regardless of modality.



State Authorization



Institutions must follow the state laws of the state where an institution's activity takes place.



State Authorization

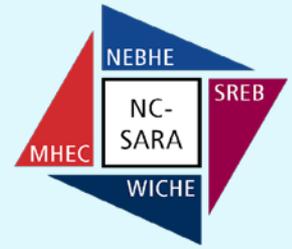


There is no list of “easy” or “hard” states in terms of state authorization:

- For profit / not-for profit / public / private
- Offering distance education vs. clinicals/internships vs. on the ground facilities
- Number of students (Maryland example)

This is why it is important for institutions to know where their students are and what they are doing...

State Authorization

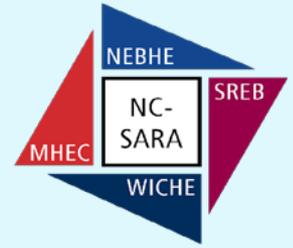


What does it cost?

- The fee for authorization varies widely among agencies, from \$0 to \$10,000+ per agency.
- Some agencies require a fee for a waiver/exemption.
- There can be other fees involved:
 - Site visit
 - Tuition recovery fund
- Some agencies require a fee for renewal.



State Authorization

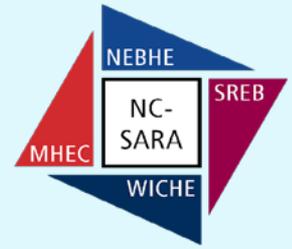


What to do:

- Determine whether the activity is regulated in the states in which the institutions wishes to participate.
- Seek authorization from the state (exemptions).
- Keep on top of state changes, renewals, and data reporting.



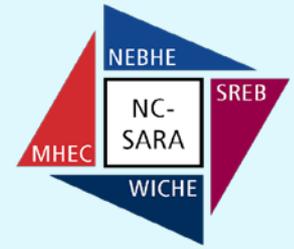
Federal Regulations: A Brief History



What will happen to the
Federal Regulations?



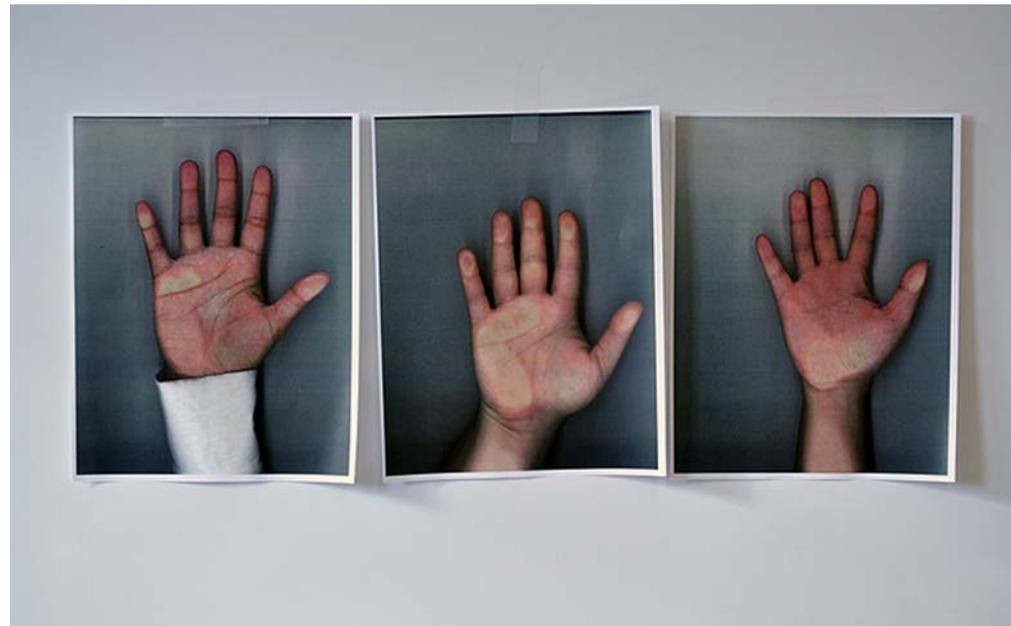
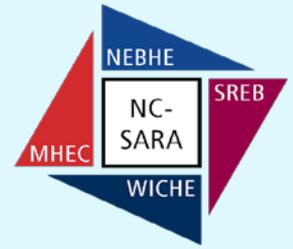
But wait... There is more!



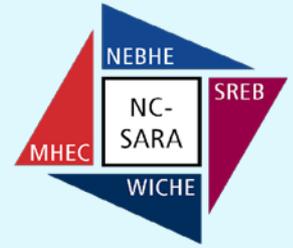
- Pieces of Federal Regulation still exist
 - From 2010 and 2016
- Licensure Programs
- Misrepresentation-34 CFR 668.71
- Accreditation
- Department of Defense
- Title IV



Questions?



Resources



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