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Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

# NEWSLETTER

## Important Notices

### Payment Portal Update:

Access to the online payment portal outside of business hours has been restored. However, the ACH/Check is no longer functioning in the online system until further notice. The credit card payment option is the only function available at this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but be sure to plan accordingly as to not accrue late fees.

## Reminders for Renewals

### Timely Renewal of Authorization:

Please be reminded that a complete Renewal of Authorization application and applicable fees are due at least 60 days prior to your institution's authorization expiration date.

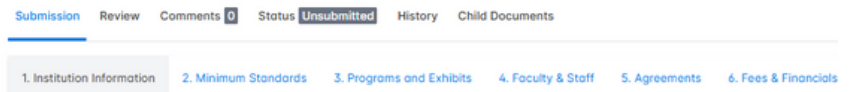
Submission of application and fee(s) after the due date but prior to 30 days before expiration will be assessed a 25% late fee on the Authorization and TGTF Fees, if applicable.

## EDvera Makeover

Many of you have probably noticed that there have been some changes to EDvera's appearance! Please take a few minutes to explore and familiarize yourselves with EDvera's updated appearance. Please note that the format of Renewal Applications has not changed.

If you are experiencing any issues with the new format, please take a screenshot and email it to your RS.

### Renewal of Authorization Application



## Upcoming Changes in EDvera

### Program Application Updates:

GNPEC is creating separate New Program Applications and Program Change Applications for unaccredited and accredited institutions. For unaccredited institutions, new program applications will be limited to a single modality for the delivery of instruction (in-person, online, or hybrid). For each NEW program application submitted, the Program Evaluation Fee will be required per modality. These new applications will be live in November (date TBD). However, this update will only impact authorized institutions if the institution seeks to add NEW programming. Already approved programs will not be required to complete separate modality program change applications. As usual, non-substantive changes will not require a fee payment, but other substantive changes to a program will require the payment of the Program Evaluation Fee.

## Upcoming Events

Renewal Applicant Training (Virtual) \_\_\_\_\_ November 12 at 10 AM

Commission Meeting (Virtual) \_\_\_\_\_ November 18 at 1 PM

Submission of application and fee(s) within 30 days of the expiration will be assessed a 50% late fee on the Authorization and TGTF Fees, if applicable.

Automatic revocation of authorization will result if renewal application is submitted after the expiration date. Should the institution seek to regain authorization, it must apply as a new institution (Initial Authorization Application) including being subject to all appropriate fees and bonding requirements.

## **Minimum Standard of the Month**

The Minimum Standards provide specific criteria for compliance with the standards set forth in Georgia law. These standards are applied equally to all institutions authorized by GNPEC or seeking to get authorized by GNPEC.

Minimum Standard 5 contains guidelines for credentials. This includes items that must be included on diplomas and transcripts. Please reach out to your Regulatory Specialist with any questions about this Minimum Standard.

### **Standard 5: Credential**

**Statutory Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 20-3-250.5(b)(2); 20-3-250.6(a)(5)**

1. Upon completion of program, each student must be issued a certificate or diploma that, at a minimum, must include the following:
  - Name of institution;
  - City and state of institution;
  - Level of credential awarded;
  - Name of program;
  - Full name of student;
  - Date of issuance; and
  - Signature from authorized institutional representative.
2. Upon request, each student must be able to request a transcript that, at a minimum, must include the following:
  - Name and address of institution;
  - Full name of student;
  - Program enrolled;
  - Enrollment dates;
  - Student status; and
  - Grades (by course and, if applicable, overall Grade Point Average).