Title IV Compliance Policy

RESPONSE TO SECRETARY REGARDING TITLE IV COMPLIANCE

Upon request of the Secretary of Education for the purpose of assisting the Secretary in addressing issues with the institution’s participation in Title IV programs, the Commission will provide information it has available germane to an accredited or candidate institution’s program responsibilities or eligibility to participate under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

NOTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY OF FRAUD OR ABUSE

The Commission will provide the Secretary of Education notice of the name of any institution it has reason to believe is engaged in fraud or abuse or is failing to meet its responsibilities under Title IV of the HEA, and the reasons for such concern. The Commission shall notify the institution if its name is submitted to the Secretary under this provision.

DEFAULT RATES

Institutions participating in Title IV programs under the HEA and designating WSCUC as their gate-keeping agency shall be able to demonstrate diligence in keeping loan default rates at an acceptably low level and must also comply with program responsibilities defined by the Department of Education. Institutions that have a default rate requiring a default reduction plan will provide a copy of their plan to the Commission. Commission staff will review the plan to determine its appropriateness, and to determine if any follow-up action is needed. Excessive default rates in the student loan program may be cause for a special report or evaluation.

COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE IV

On an annual basis, there will be a review of cohort loan default rates, composite scores, and negative actions taken by the Department of Education regarding compliance of the institution with the requirements of Title IV. In addition, the Commission will review information provided by the Secretary of Education when notified of negative action taken by the Department regarding responsibilities under Title IV. The Commission will determine if the information calls into question compliance with Commission Standards and whether any follow-up action by the Commission is needed. Excessive default rates in the student loan program may be cause for a special report or other Commission Action.

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