

**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.

<i>State</i>	<i>Agency Name</i>	<i>Web Site for Fees</i>	<i>Fees for Authorization?</i>	<i>Basic Explanation of Fees (please see agency website for more details)</i>	<i>Exemption Allowed?</i>	<i>If Yes, is there a fee?</i>
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	<a href="http://www.accs.cc/pdfs/psl/Private_School_Licensure_Fee_Schedule.pdf">http://www.accs.cc/pdfs/psl/Private_School_Licensure_Fee_Schedule.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://akadventure.alaska.gov/About_Us/Programs_and_Services/Authorization.aspx">http://akadventure.alaska.gov/About_Us/Programs_and_Services/Authorization.aspx</a>	Yes	For initial authorization \$2,500.	Yes	Yes (\$100)
Arizona	Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education	<a href="http://azppse.state.az.us/UserFiles/PDF/Laws.pdf">http://azppse.state.az.us/UserFiles/PDF/Laws.pdf</a>	Yes	\$800 for private postsecondary education.	Yes	No
Arkansas	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board	<a href="http://www.adhe.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/AcademicAffairsDivision/Delores/APPENDIX%20F%20Fees%202011.pdf">http://www.adhe.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/AcademicAffairsDivision/Delores/APPENDIX%20F%20Fees%202011.pdf</a>	Yes	Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Yes	Yes (\$250)
	Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education	<a href="http://sbpce.arkansas.gov/Pages/regulations.aspx">http://sbpce.arkansas.gov/Pages/regulations.aspx</a>	Yes	Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Yes	No
California	California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education	<a href="http://www.bppe.ca.gov/applications/index.shtml">http://www.bppe.ca.gov/applications/index.shtml</a>	Yes	\$750 for accredited institutions and \$5,000 non-accredited.	Yes	Yes (\$250)
Colorado	Colorado Department of Higher Education, Division of Private Occupational Schools	<a href="http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-parti.pdf">http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-parti.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://highered.colorado.gov/DPOS/Schools/feeschedule.html">http://highered.colorado.gov/DPOS/Schools/feeschedule.html</a>	Yes	\$1,500.00	Yes	No
Connecticut	Connecticut Office of Higher Education		No		No	
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	<a href="http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/292.shtml#TopOfPage">http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/292.shtml#TopOfPage</a>	Yes	\$250 annually for those with a physical presence.	No	

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District of Columbia	District of Columbia Education Licensure Commission	<a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/education-licensure-commission">http://osse.dc.gov/service/education-licensure-commission</a>	Yes	The fee for a degree granting institution is \$250; the fee for a non-degree granting institution is \$225.	No	
Florida	Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/cie/pdf/chapter6E_rules.pdf">http://www.fldoe.org/cie/pdf/chapter6E_rules.pdf</a>	Yes	Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Yes	No
Georgia	Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission	<a href="http://www.gnpec.org/MainMenu.asp">http://www.gnpec.org/MainMenu.asp</a>	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	<a href="http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/priv_col_univ/faq.asp">http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/priv_col_univ/faq.asp</a>	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	<a href="http://www.ibhe.org/Academic%20Affairs/academicPrg/default.htm">http://www.ibhe.org/Academic%20Affairs/academicPrg/default.htm</a>	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	<a href="http://www.in.gov/cpe/files/2011_fee_schedule1.pdf">http://www.in.gov/cpe/files/2011_fee_schedule1.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/PostsecondaryRegistration/postsecondaryregistration.html">http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/PostsecondaryRegistration/postsecondaryregistration.html</a>	Yes	Effective July 1, 2012, our fees changed from \$4000 to \$2000 when our registration term changed from 4 years to 2 years. The new rate is \$2000 for a 2-year initial and renewal term.	Yes	No

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Kansas	Kansas Board of Regents	<a href="http://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/1346-88-28-6feeschangesTemp061311Finalclean.pdf">http://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/1346-88-28-6feeschangesTemp061311Finalclean.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://cpe.ky.gov/policies/academicpolicies/licensure.htm">http://cpe.ky.gov/policies/academicpolicies/licensure.htm</a>	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	<a href="http://www.bpe.ky.gov/Pages/applications.aspx">http://www.bpe.ky.gov/Pages/applications.aspx</a>	Yes	\$150 for initial application. Other fees may apply.		
Louisiana	Louisiana Board of Regents	<a href="http://www.regents.doa.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&amp;tmp=home&amp;pid=21&amp;pnid=0&amp;nid=7">http://www.regents.doa.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&amp;tmp=home&amp;pid=21&amp;pnid=0&amp;nid=7</a>	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	<a href="http://www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/acadAff/OOS_Online/OOS_Online_Registration.asp">http://www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/acadAff/OOS_Online/OOS_Online_Registration.asp</a>	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	<a href="http://www.mass.edu/forinstitutions/academic/independentnewdegrees.asp">http://www.mass.edu/forinstitutions/academic/independentnewdegrees.asp</a>	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	<a href="http://www.michiganps.net/resources.aspx?function=NSF">http://www.michiganps.net/resources.aspx?function=NSF</a>	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	<a href="http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=197">http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=197</a>	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	<a href="http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/">http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/</a>	Yes	\$3,000	Yes	No
	Mississippi Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration	<a href="http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/program/psDefault.aspx">http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/program/psDefault.aspx</a>	Yes	\$25 application packet fee.	Yes	No
Missouri	Missouri Department of Higher Education	<a href="http://www.dhe.mo.gov/psc/">http://www.dhe.mo.gov/psc/</a>	Yes	The initial certificate of approval fee is \$250.	Yes	No
Montana	Montana University System, Montana Board of Regents	<a href="http://sos.mt.gov/Business/Forms/index.asp">http://sos.mt.gov/Business/Forms/index.asp</a>	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	<a href="http://www.education.ne.gov/PPCS/PPCS-Fees.html">http://www.education.ne.gov/PPCS/PPCS-Fees.html</a>	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	<a href="http://www.ccpe.state.ne.us/publicdoc/ccpe/Rules/pdf/Chapter7_Fees.pdf">http://www.ccpe.state.ne.us/publicdoc/ccpe/Rules/pdf/Chapter7_Fees.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-394.html#NRS394Sec540">http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-394.html#NRS394Sec540</a>	Yes	\$1,500. For more information, please see web site.	Yes	No

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New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, Higher Education Commission	<a href="http://www.education.nh.gov/highered/colleges/approval_procedures.htm#fees">http://www.education.nh.gov/highered/colleges/approval_procedures.htm#fees</a>	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			
	New Jersey Commission on Higher Education		No Information Available			
New Mexico	New Mexico Higher Education Department	<a href="http://www.hed.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/d205a4a0fbf94c47933b274573c36c85/Fee%20Schedule%2007-2009.pdf">http://www.hed.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/d205a4a0fbf94c47933b274573c36c85/Fee%20Schedule%2007-2009.pdf</a>	Yes	Degree granting \$4,000; non degree granting \$1,000.	Yes	Yes (\$500)
New York	New York Office of College and University Evaluation		No Information Available			
	New York Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision, New York State Education Department	<a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/bpss/">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/bpss/</a>	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	<a href="http://www.northcarolina.edu/aa_planning/licensure/Rules_Standards_Master_Updated_108.pdf">http://www.northcarolina.edu/aa_planning/licensure/Rules_Standards_Master_Updated_108.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/PROPRIETARY_SCHOOLS/ownersAndPotentialOwners.htm">http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/PROPRIETARY_SCHOOLS/ownersAndPotentialOwners.htm</a>	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	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/cte/private-post-inst/docs/DegreeGrantingApplication2006.pdf">http://www.nd.gov/cte/private-post-inst/docs/DegreeGrantingApplication2006.pdf</a>	Yes	Initial authorization fee is \$2,000.	Yes	No

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Ohio	Ohio Board of Regents	<a href="http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3333-1-13">http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3333-1-13</a>	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	<a href="http://scr.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=jgs1%2blvbHN4%3d&amp;tabid=73">http://scr.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=jgs1%2blvbHN4%3d&amp;tabid=73</a>	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			
	Oklahoma Board of Private Schools	web page is under development - <a href="http://www.ok.gov/agency.php?agency_id=130">http://www.ok.gov/agency.php?agency_id=130</a>	Yes	\$25 for a hard-copy application packet. \$1,200.00 for initial license application.	Yes	No
Oregon	Oregon Office of Degree Authorization	<a href="http://www.osac.state.or.us/ODA/Application-Forms.html">http://www.osac.state.or.us/ODA/Application-Forms.html</a>	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)
	Oregon Department of Education - Private and Career Schools Office	<a href="http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=83">http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=83</a>	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	<a href="http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/private_licensed_schools/8993">http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/private_licensed_schools/8993</a>	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	<a href="http://www.ribghe.org/regulations.htm">http://www.ribghe.org/regulations.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.ribghe.org/hiedinst.pdf">http://www.ribghe.org/hiedinst.pdf</a>	Yes	\$1,000. There may be other fees associated with authorization.	Yes	No
South Carolina	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education	<a href="http://www.che.sc.gov/AcademicAffairs/License/Regulations.pdf">http://www.che.sc.gov/AcademicAffairs/License/Regulations.pdf</a>	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	South Dakota Secretary of State	<a href="http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/StateApproval.htm">http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/StateApproval.htm</a>	No		Yes	No
Tennessee	Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Division of Postsecondary School Authorization	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/sos/rules/1540/1540-01-02.20111115.pdf">http://www.tn.gov/sos/rules/1540/1540-01-02.20111115.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/propschools/p5186.pdf">http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/propschools/p5186.pdf</a>	Yes	\$3,000 for "large" schools plus applicable staff approval fees.	Yes	No

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	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	<a href="http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectId=3F07A3D3-B85F-9158-C8B168AEF8AA5904">http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectId=3F07A3D3-B85F-9158-C8B168AEF8AA5904</a>	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	<a href="http://www.consumerprotection.utah.gov/registrations/schools.html">http://www.consumerprotection.utah.gov/registrations/schools.html</a>	Yes	The Accredited Institution Certificate of Exemption is an annual filing with a flat registration fee of \$1,500 or a sliding school which is calculated as 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. The Private Non-Profit Registration is a one time filing and fee of \$1,500. The Request for Exemption, which does not address Utah's response to state authorization, is a one time filing with no fee.	Yes	No
Vermont	Vermont State Board of Education, Vermont Department of Education	<a href="http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainboard.html">http://www.education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainboard.html</a>	Yes	\$4000 credit-bearing, \$5000 degree-granting, \$7500 simultaneous.	Yes	No
Virginia	Virginia State Council of Higher Education, Private & Out-of-State Postsecondary Education	<a href="http://www.schev.edu/highered/pope/NewSchool.asp">http://www.schev.edu/highered/pope/NewSchool.asp</a>	Yes	Degree-granting, \$6,000; Non-degree granting, \$2,500.	Yes	Yes (\$300 for religious only)
Washington	Washington Student Achievement Council	<a href="http://www.wsac.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/InstitutionalAuthorization">http://www.wsac.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/InstitutionalAuthorization</a> and <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=250-61-170">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=250-61-170</a>	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	<a href="http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Documents/FeeSchedule_000.doc">http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Documents/FeeSchedule_000.doc</a>	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	<a href="http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=35&amp;Itemid=0">http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=35&amp;Itemid=0</a>	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	<a href="http://wvctcs.org/">http://wvctcs.org/</a>	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. <b>Business, Occupational or Trade School:</b> 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	<a href="http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/applicationfees.pdf">http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/applicationfees.pdf</a>	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	<a href="http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/schools/private_school_licensing.aspx">http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/schools/private_school_licensing.aspx</a>	Yes	\$100	Yes	No

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