

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROGRAM INTEGRITY RULES

OVERVIEW – INSTITUTIONAL STATUS

| <u>RULE</u> | <u>STATUS</u> |
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| 1. High School Diploma | In compliance. |
| 2. Ability to Benefit | Not applicable to MSU. |
| 3. Misrepresentation | In compliance. |
| 4. Incentive Compensation | In compliance. |
| 5. State Authorization | |

As an institution that participates in federal financial aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Michigan State University is required to comply with recently published regulations regarding distance education. On December 19, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education published regulations, with an effective date of July 1, 2018, clarifying the state authorization requirements an institution must follow and added sections on required institutional disclosures for distance education and correspondence courses. The regulations require institutions of higher education to obtain approval from the states in which they provide postsecondary education programs. The regulations allow authorization to come directly from a state or through a “state authorization reciprocity agreement.”

MSU participates in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which is an agreement among states that establishes national standards for the interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. Through SARA, MSU may provide distance education to residents of any other SARA member state without seeking authorization from each SARA member state. All states other than California, Florida, and Massachusetts participate in SARA, and MSU has received approval or exemptions from those three states.

Approved Through Reciprocity Agreement:

Alabama¹, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Approved or Exempt:

California and Massachusetts.

¹**Alabama** - *State authorization to provide a program related to the preparation of teachers or other P-12 school/system personnel does not indicate eligibility for an Alabama certificate. Applicants for an Alabama certificate based on reciprocity must meet Alabama’s test requirements and submit a valid, renewable professional educator certificate/license issued by another state at the degree level, grade level, and in the teaching field or area of instructional support for which an Alabama certificate is sought and for which Alabama issues a certificate. Applicants for Alabama certification in an area of administration must also document at least three years of full-time employment as an administrator in a P-12 school system(s). www.alsde.edu*

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| 6. Gainful Employment | In compliance. |
| 7. Definition of a Credit Hour | In compliance. |
| 8. Agreements Between Institutions | Not applicable to MSU. |

RULE**STATUS**

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| 9. Verification | In compliance. |
| 10. Satisfactory Academic Progress | In compliance. |
| 11. Enrollment Status & Repeat Coursework | In compliance. |
| 12. Return of Funds, Term-based Modules | In compliance. |
| 13. Return of Funds, Taking Attendance | In compliance. |
| 14. Timely Disbursements | In compliance. |