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Alabama	private IHEs: 1/2 of 1% of annual gross income from Alabama students, not less than \$2,500 and not to exceed \$15,000 (\$1,250 for non-degree granting) -- exemptions available for non-profit theological schools	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Alaska	\$100 for exemption	Few IHEs will need to apply
Arizona	private IHEs: \$800	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Arkansas	private and out-of-state IHEs: \$250 for Letter of Notification; Initial Certification Fee - \$500 per degree, \$100 for 1-3 courses; Recertification Fee - \$200 per degree, \$50 for 1-3 courses; Certification Fee for Planning and Development (New Institution) - \$1500-\$3000, Surety Bond - \$20,000 minimum - Career schools approved separately, fees vary widely	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
California	private IHEs with physical presence in state: \$5,000 for initial approval -- \$3,000 for new branch -- \$750 for approval to operate by means of accreditation -- approval is good for 5 years then must be renewed	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Colorado	private IHEs: \$6,000 if not yet accredited, \$3,000 if accredited -- IHEs that do not operate or solicit in state are exempt	Few IHEs will need to apply
Connecticut	private occupational IHEs: \$2,000 for new schools, \$200 for new branch - annual fee of \$200 per school and \$200 per branch - quarterly payments into student protection account of 0.005% of net quarterly tuition revenue - annual out-of-state fee of \$500	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Delaware	application fees unknown -- \$250 annual license for out-of-state schools	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
D.C.	all IHEs: \$15 for receipt of application, \$250 for processing -- annual fee of \$25-\$500 depending on number of students	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Florida	all private and out-of-state IHEs: ranges from \$500 for enrollments under 100 to \$5,000 for enrollments over 10,000, plus \$2,000-\$3,000 based on degree level, plus \$200 per degree program	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities

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Georgia	private IHEs: from \$1,000 (non-degree granting) to \$5,000 (doctoral degree granting), plus \$400 per program evaluation fee, plus \$600 evaluation committee fee -- annual fee: 2/10 of 1% of gross tuition, ranging from no less than either \$500 (non-degree-granting) or \$1,000 (degree-granting) to no more than \$25,000	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Hawaii	unknown	Few IHEs will need to apply
Idaho	private IHEs: overall percentage that ranges from \$100-\$5,000 (presumed annually) -- IHEs without physical presence in state are exempt, or can pay \$200 annually for "recruiting-only" status	Few IHEs will need to apply
Illinois	for-profit and out-of-state IHEs: 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 -- private business and vocational schools: \$500 for initial application plus \$150 for each course	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Indiana	for private proprietary IHEs: initial \$1,000 for in-state plus \$300 per in-state degrees and \$2,000 for out-of-state plus \$500 per out-of-state degrees -- \$500 annual accreditation renewals -- \$100 per degree renewals every 5 years	Few IHEs will need to apply
Iowa	\$4,000 application fee, \$4,000 annual renewal fee -- IHEs without physical presence in state are exempt	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Kansas	in-state: \$2,000 initial, \$1,600 annual renewal (degree-granting); \$1,700 initial, \$1,200 annual renewal (non-degree-granting) -- out-of-state: \$3,800 initial, \$2,800 annual renewal (degree-granting); \$3,400 initial, \$2,400 annual renewal (non-degree-granting)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Kentucky	all non-profit IHEs and proprietary baccalaureate IHEs: \$1,000 in-state application, \$5,000 out-of-state application, plus per program fees -- annual fees range from \$250-\$12,000 based on enrollment - proprietary associate and non-degree IHEs: \$150	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities

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Louisiana	license fees (not available) -- religious IHEs and IHEs without physical presence in state are exempt	Few IHEs will need to apply
Maine	proprietary IHEs: \$100 application	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Maryland	all degree-granting IHEs and private career schools: annual \$5,000 per site for up to 2 degree programs, \$1,000 each additional program	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Massachusetts	private IHEs: \$10,000 application plus \$2,000 per degree -- \$4,000 annual fee for first 5 years	Nearly every IHE will need to apply
Michigan	non-degree granting IHEs: \$1,305 application	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Minnesota	\$2,000-\$3,500 application depending on highest degree offered, plus \$500 each additional degree -- renewal (annual?) is \$1,200	Nearly every IHE will need to apply
Mississippi	\$3,000 application (IHEs without physical presence in state are exempt) -- proprietary IHEs must also register with separate agency, \$25 application	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Missouri	proprietary IHEs: application fee of \$0.001 per one dollar of net tuition and fees annually, with a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$2,500	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Montana	out-of-state IHEs: application fee varies	Varies based on type of IHE, as determined and collected by the Secretary of State
Nebraska	out-of-state IHEs with physical presence in state, one-time application fees: \$2,625 plus \$200 each additional program ("one-cohort programs"); \$2,900 plus \$100-\$200 each additional program ("on-going programs"); \$1,775 plus \$100 each additional course ("single course programs")	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Nevada	all IHEs: \$1,500 application	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
New Hampshire	out-of-state IHEs with physical presence in state: \$10,000 application; \$500 annual fee	Few IHEs will need to apply
New Jersey	IHEs with physical presence in state: reimbursement of Commission expenses for approval process; licenses for out-of-state IHEs offering distance education are good for 1-5 years	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities

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New Mexico	private IHEs not regionally accredited: \$4,000 application for licensure -- \$500 initial exemption fee for all other IHEs with physical presence in state - \$1,000 registration fee for all other IHEs without a physical presence in state	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
New York	none	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
North Carolina	all degree-granting IHEs: \$4,000 for up to 4 degree programs at associate and baccalaureate level or up to 2 programs at master's level or 1 program at doctoral level, plus additional per program fees -- proprietary IHEs offering certificate/diploma programs: \$2,500 application plus \$1,250 for student protection fund; \$1,250 annual renewal plus \$50 per program plus formula for student protection fund (exempt if no physical presence in state)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
North Dakota	all IHEs: \$2,000 application; \$750 renewal	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Ohio	most IHEs: fees vary by degree level and for in-state and out-of-state -- proprietary IHEs must also pay fees to operate in Ohio, from \$150-\$800 depending on gross tuition income -- \$300 annual reauthorization if no accreditation issues, or \$7,500 for full reauthorization	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Oklahoma	public and non-profit IHE licensing: IHE must pay for cost of site visit; new fee structure for operating in state may be implemented (IHEs without a physical presence in the state are exempt)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Oregon	all IHEs with physical presence in state: \$2,815 application per associate degree, \$4,250 per bachelor's or master's degree, \$5635 per doctorate degree -- renewal required every 3 years (2-years for new programs)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Pennsylvania	unknown (IHEs without a physical presence are exempt)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities

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Puerto Rico	for IHEs A Fee of \$5,000.00 per application, for a License of initial Authorization and subsequent License Renewal applications . A Fee of \$1,000.00 - \$5,000.00 per application to be determined depending upon the nature of the substantive change(s) involved on each amendment. For other non degree granting and technical/vocational institutions: A Fee of \$250.00 for each application of License of initial Authorization, License Renewal and Amendments to a License	To all private non degree granting and technical/vocational institutions of postsecondary level , including nontraditional or distance learning institutions, Specific requirements and support documentation depends upon the nature of the license sought and the substantive change. Peer evaluation may be required.
Rhode Island	all IHEs: \$1,000 application; \$100 annual renewal fee	Nearly every IHE will need to apply
South Carolina	in-state IHEs and out-of-state IHEs that operate or solicit in South Carolina: initial fee of 1/2 of 1% of expected gross tuition income, ranging from \$150 minimum to \$5,500 maximum; annual fee of 1/2 of 1% of prior year's gross tuition income, ranging from \$115 minimum to \$2,750 maximum	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
South Dakota	none	Few IHEs will need to apply
Tennessee	all IHEs: \$3,000 application plus \$500 per each proposed program plus \$1,000-\$4,000 per each proposed degree program	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Texas	all IHEs: \$5,000 for certificate of authority to grant degrees in Texas -- IHEs offering distance education must also pay \$3,000 application to Texas Workforce Commission plus applicable staff approval fees	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Utah	proprietary IHEs that operate or solicit in Utah: 1/2 of 1% of gross tuition income per registered program, ranging from \$100 minimum to \$2,000 maximum annually	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Vermont	in-state IHEs not regionally accredited and out-of-state IHEs with physical presence in state: \$2,000-\$2,500 application	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Virginia	private in-state IHEs plus out-of-state IHEs with a physical presence in state: \$6,000 application (degree-granting) or \$2,500 (non-degree-granting); annual re-certification based on gross tuition, from \$500-\$2,500 per branch operating in state	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities

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Washington	all IHEs that offer degrees or academic credit and operate or solicit in state: \$2,000 application; authorized IHEs must submit a \$1,000 biennial renewal application when required by staff (not clear when this is required)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
West Virginia	private degree-granting IHEs and proprietary IHEs with physical presence in state: \$2,000 application (fee may be waived for online IHE located out of state) -- IHEs offering associate degrees or lower: \$2,000 application (fee may be waived for online IHE located out of state) -- renewal fee \$500 per campus	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Wisconsin	proprietary IHEs (except cosmetology and real estate), out-of-state non-profit IHEs, and in-state non-profit IHEs incorporated after 1992: \$1,000-\$4,000 depending on type of program; \$200 for authorization to solicit students in Wisconsin	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities
Wyoming	all private IHEs: \$100 (ostensibly annual)	Varies based on type of IHE and type of activities