

mandate any particular approach to serving LEP consumers.⁷³

II. Signing Authority

The Director of the Bureau, Kathleen L. Kraninger, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to Grace Feola, a Bureau Federal Register Liaison, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Grace Feola,

Federal Register Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of the Senior Department Official's (SDO) decisions.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a link to the SDO's decision letters associated with recommendations from NACIQI's July 29 & 30, 2020 meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Function: NACIQI is established under section 114 of the HEA. NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2, part H, Title IV of the HEA, as amended.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA and part C, subchapter I, chapter 34, Title 42, together with recommendations for improvement in such process.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

⁷³ This Statement does not impose any legal requirements on external parties, nor does it create or confer any substantive rights on external parties that could be enforceable in any administrative or civil proceeding.

- Any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

Link to the Senior Department Official's Decision Letters: After NACIQI made its recognition recommendations to the SDO, pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations CFR 602.34(g), each agency and the Department staff had the opportunity to submit comments on NACIQI's recommendations to the SDO pursuant to 34 CFR 602.35. There was a separate SDO for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The SDO for HLC issued his decision on October 26, 2020. The SDO for all other agencies issued her decisions on October 28, 2020. A link to all the SDO decision letters, as well as a list of all the agencies reviewed at the July 29–30, 2020 NACIQI meeting, are provided below. None of the agencies reviewed chose to appeal the SDO Decisions to the Secretary pursuant to 34 CFR 602.37(a). <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/PublicDocuments>.

Application for Renewal of Recognition (State Agency for the Approval of Vocational Education)

Puerto Rico State Agency for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational, Technical Institutions and Programs.

Applications for Renewal of Recognition (State Agency for the Approval of Nurse Education)

1. New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions (Nursing Education).
2. Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Application for Granting of Academic (Masters and Doctoral) Degrees by Federal Agencies and Institutions

1. National Intelligence University: Undergoing Substantive Change (Reorganization/Command Change).
2. U.S. Army Command and General Staff College: Undergoing Substantive Change (Curriculum Change).

Agency Under Review and Evaluation during its period of recognition by the Department's Office of Postsecondary Education Accreditation Group, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 34 CFR 602.33.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC). *Access to Records of the Meeting:* The official report of the July 29 & 30, 2020 meeting is posted on the NACIQI website. In addition, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), at 5 U.S.C. App. 10(b), the public may request to inspect records of the meeting at 400 Maryland Avenue

SW, Washington, DC, by emailing aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov or by calling (202) 453-7415 to schedule an appointment.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Example Application for the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct an emergency review of a new information collection.

DATES: The Department has requested emergency processing from OMB for this information collection request by January 14, 2021; and therefore, the