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RENEWAL LOGIN INFORMATION – «SCHOOLSTATUS»IVE SCHOOLS

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EAB-Approved School Compliance Officer:

This letter contains important information about the Educational Approval Board's (EAB) school renewal process for calendar year 2017. In accordance with EAB 4.01(4), all EAB-approved schools must apply for renewal of their approval by September 1, 2016. As the compliance officer for your school, you are the designated person responsible for receiving this information and for overseeing the renewal process. **If your school has been authorized as a participant of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) and is therefore exempt from approval in other member states, please read the section below about how the renewal process will be used to verify SARA participation.**

RENEWAL LOGIN

The EAB's school renewal process is completed using an online application. **Beginning on Tuesday, July 12 at 12:00 p.m. CDT, your school will be able to start the renewal process by logging into the EAB's renewal website using the User ID and Password provided above.** The renewal website may be accessed directly at <<http://eab.state.wi.us/apps/renewal/login.asp>>, or by visiting the EAB's homepage and using one of the two renewal links. If you experience problems with the login process or completing the online renewal application, please contact your assigned school administration consultant using the above listed contact information.

RENEWAL FEES

The annual renewal fee consists of two separate payments: a **\$500 first payment due September 1, 2016**, and a second payment, based on a percentage of the school's adjusted gross annual school revenue (AGASR), due by March 1, 2017. **Checks should be made payable to the Educational Approval Board and submitted to the address contained in the letterhead via U.S. Mail or courier.** *In accordance with EAB 4.10 (2)(f), schools who submit their renewal materials and/or make payment after the deadline will be assessed a late fee the greater of \$50 or 1.5% of the outstanding balance per month.*

ELECTRONIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CERTIFICATION & SUBMISSION CONFIRMATION

Schools will electronically sign the renewal application in the *Acknowledgement Certification* section. After your school has successfully completed the annual renewal process, it will receive an automatically-generated email confirming submission of the renewal. By default this email will be sent to the school compliance officer on record with the EAB. Prior to submission, there is an option to add the email address of another school official who should also receive confirmation of the submission.

REPORTING STUDENT OUTCOMES

During the renewal for the 2014 calendar year, schools were for the first time required to report cohort specific data for the 2012 cohort. As part of this year's renewal, schools are required to continue reporting data for those students that continued into Year 4 for the 2012 Cohort. Additionally, schools will report Year 3 data for the 2013 Cohort, Year 2 data for the 2014 Cohort, as well as Year 1 data for students who began or transferred into a program during the 2015 Cohort year.

A cohort consists of all students who started in a 12-month period, as defined by the school. The standard cohort year runs from July 1 through June 30. However, schools may elect to use an alternative 12-month period, such as a calendar year or business fiscal year (sample cohort chart below).

Cohort Year	Standard	Calendar	Other
2012	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	1/1/12 - 12/31/12	Any 12-month period starting in 2012
2013	7/1/13 - 6/30/14	1/1/13 - 12/31/13	Any 12-month period starting in 2013
2014	7/1/14 - 6/30/15	1/1/14 - 12/31/14	Any 12-month period starting in 2014
2015	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	1/1/15 - 12/31/15	Any 12-month period starting in 2015

REQUIRED REPORTING

The renewal application contains a question about whether any adverse action against the school has been taken by a state, federal or accrediting agency. While this information must be reported as part of the renewal process, it is important to understand that under EAB Chapter 4.01 (3), institutions “must inform the EAB of such adverse actions when they arise.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

In past years, schools have had the option to either upload electronic copies of required documents, such as financial statements, institutional plans, and employment verification data, or submit physical copies of these documents by mail. While mailing will remain an option this year, schools are strongly encouraged to submit these documents electronically via the online application. Not only will this simplify the renewal process, but also will allow the documents to be more easily accessible for EAB staff, as well as schools. Although file size limits will still apply, they have been greatly increased and should be large enough for most documents.

Institutional Plan

As part of the renewal process, schools are required to provide an institutional plan **update** that contains information about the progress the school has made on achieving the specific goals identified in Sections D & E of the previously submitted plan. Each school is asked to “build” upon the institutional plan that is on file with the EAB and add progress information. If significant changes have been made during the past year substantially affecting the stated goals in your school's plan, a new institutional plan should be submitted.

Employment Verification Detail

Beginning this year, schools will not be asked to report the number of students whose employment has been verified on the outcomes reporting page. Schools that verify employment will instead use the checkbox in Section 15B to indicate whether or not this information is collected. Only those schools that collect this information will be prompted to upload employment verification detail as part of the document submission step later in the renewal process. The employment verification detail form can be found on the EAB website's renewal page¹ or by clicking on the blue highlighted link in Section 21C. Schools are not required to use the EAB's employment verification form, as long as what is submitted includes the same data elements.

School Catalog and Enrollment Agreement

Beginning this year, schools are required to provide a current school catalog, and enrollment agreement if one is used. These documents contain important information about the school and it is important that the EAB has the most recent versions in the school's file. These documents will *not* be reviewed as part the renewal process, but may undergo a review over the next 12 months.

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

This section only applies to schools located in a state other than Wisconsin that only offer online programs and are participants in SARA.

Earlier this year, Wisconsin enacted legislation that allows the state of Wisconsin to join SARA². Specifically, the legislation created the Distance Learning Authorization Board (DLAB), which has recently submitted an application to become a member of SARA. It is anticipated that Wisconsin will be approved as a SARA member by August 1, 2016.

Those out-of-state schools that only offer online programs will be directed to a special SARA page after logging into the renewal application, where they will have the opportunity to indicate participation. If your school is participating in SARA, it will be required to upload documents providing evidence of participation. After this information has been reviewed and SARA participation is verified, the school will receive an email confirming it is exempt from EAB approval.

Out-of-state schools that only offer online programs who are not participating in SARA will be directed to the renewal application introduction page. If you believe your institution is a SARA participant, but is not directed to the SARA page, please contact your School Administrative Consultant.

EAB MAILING ADDRESS AND STAFF CHANGES

As you may recall, the EAB had several staffing changes and moved its offices during the past year. However, it continues to receive a significant amount of mail with the old address and/or directed to persons who no longer work at the EAB. If your school has not already done so, please inform your school's surety bond company and/or other individuals at your school (accounts payable, compliance, etc.) of the EAB's new mailing address and staff.

Should you have questions regarding the renewal process, please do not hesitate to contact your school administration consultant.

Sincerely,



David C. Dies
Executive Secretary

c: EAB Staff

¹ The employment verification form and institutional plan form are available by contacting the EAB or visiting the renewal page of the EAB's website <<http://eab.state.wi.us/renewal/renewal.asp>>.

² Under SARA, institutions domiciled in SARA-member states that have and approved participants will no longer require EAB's approval to offer distance-learning programs to Wisconsin residents. SARA is limited to degree-granting, accredited institutions.