

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**  
**Larry Tremblay**  
**Acting Deputy Commissioner**

**SECTION:**

Planning, Research & Performance

**TITLE OF INITIATIVE:**

Licensure of Academic Degree-Granting Institutions

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

R.S. 17:1808 requires that all academic degree-granting institutions operating in Louisiana must register with the Board of Regents. Unless exempt under the law (religious institutions), all institutions must also be licensed by the Board of Regents. The only institutions not subject to the law are Louisiana's public colleges and universities and members of LAICU.

The licensure law requires that the Board of Regents establish minimum standards of quality which institutions must meet to be licensed to operate. In the early 1990s, the Board of Regents established recognized accreditation as the minimum standard to be licensed. Therefore, institutions from outside of Louisiana wishing to operate in the state must bring recognized accreditation with them. New institutions established in Louisiana must demonstrate a high probability of gaining recognized accreditation within a reasonable time period.

Currently there are 40 institutions from outside of Louisiana licensed to operate in the state and 2 licensed institutions domiciled in Louisiana.

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