

# STATE AUTHORIZATION

## WHAT IS STATE AUTHORIZATION?

State authorization allows The Ohio State University to legally offer education to students receiving instruction outside Ohio. Each state has unique authorization requirements, and the Office of Distance Education and eLearning prioritizes and achieves university approvals for Ohio State's programs and activities. State authorization impacts on-ground and online education, as well as advertising, marketing, and recruitment efforts.

Achieving state authorization in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and internationally is a collective, institutional goal, and requires participation from all academic and many support units. Proactive and transparent partnerships across the University are necessary to reduce labor, resources, and fees, as well as to mitigate the institutional risk of being out of compliance with other states' laws.

## WHAT IS SARA?

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, also known as SARA, establishes uniform standards for interstate offerings of postsecondary distance education. Ohio State was approved as a SARA institution on September 22, 2015. This means Ohio State can offer online courses and program activities in other SARA member states. Membership greatly reduces cost and risk for Ohio State's programs.

SARA does not cover programs that lead to licensure- separate approval is still required from state professional licensing boards for those programs. Additional approval is also required if a program wishes to place more than 10 students at one clinical or practicum site in a SARA state. SARA membership also requires annual reporting from all programs placing students outside Ohio.

## WHY IT MATTERS

	LAWSUIT PROTECTION
	LOSS OF REPUTATION
	IT'S THE LAW
	MORE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

## NEXT STEPS FOR STATE AUTHORIZATION

1. Implement the out-of-state educational activities policy
2. Develop infrastructure to track institutional authorization requirements and share authorization status
3. Identify gaps and prioritize alignment of existing institutional activities with authorization status
4. Make future decisions based upon authorization status

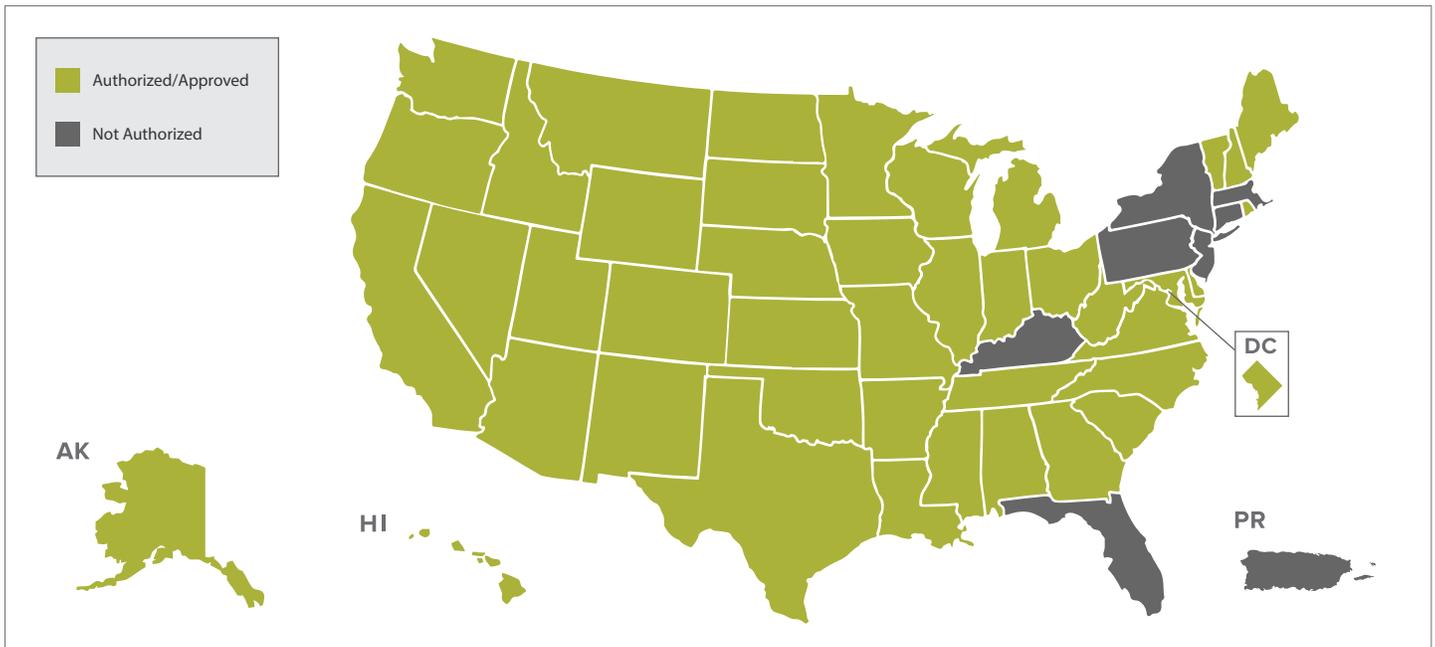
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# OHIO STATE AUTHORIZATIONS - TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. If placing students outside of Ohio, no more than 10 students can be placed at the same site per program due to SARA requirements.
2. Annual reporting is required for all out-of-state placements.
3. All programs leading to licensure must obtain state professional licensing board approval prior to placing students in that state.



## STATUS OF AUTHORIZATION

# STATES	STATUS	STATES
44	Authorized states	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
7	Not authorized, but pursuing authorization*	CT, FL, KY, MA, NJ, NY, PA

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\* If you wish to conduct activities in these states, please contact [ODEE-stateauth@osu.edu](mailto:ODEE-stateauth@osu.edu)