

# State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)



Texas Higher Education  
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# Overview

- SARA is an agreement among member states, districts, and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education
- Participation is voluntary for states and institutions
- Participation allows institutions to offer distance education courses and programs to out-of-state students without seeking authorization from the state in which the student is located

# Overview (continued)

## National:

- 49 states, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico
- California does not participate

## Texas:

- 112 Coordinating Board approved institutions
- Next state renewal October 2019

# THECB and Participation

- Maintain state-level participation in SARA
  - Annual membership fees
  - Biennial renewal application
- Manage SARA activities in Texas
  - Initial applications, renewals, and fees from Texas institutions
  - Student complaints
  - Questions regarding SARA policies and procedures

# Institutions and Participation

## SARA institutional contacts:

- Receive all SARA related communication
- Maintain institution-level participation in SARA
  - Submit annual renewal application to THECB
  - Timely payment of Texas and NC-SARA fees
  - Annual enrollment reporting
  - Ensure institutional compliance with SARA policies

# SARA Resources

- NC-SARA Website: [NC-SARA website](#)
- Texas SARA Website: [Texas SARA website](#)

# Contact Information

Questions regarding SARA policies and procedures, SARA status, changes to institutional contacts, state-level fees

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