



## STATE AUTHORIZATION

Trident University International (TUI) is operating in most U.S. states (either through licensure, registration, or exemption) and continues its efforts to seek and maintain approval or exemptions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and territories. In this regard, the Institution is committed to ensuring that its academic programs, business practices, and operational activities remain in compliance with applicable regulations specific to each state's jurisdiction.

**Alabama:** TUI maintains a Certificate of Approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and has been licensed pursuant to the Alabama Private License Law, Code of Alabama, Title 16-46-1 through 10 (Certificate number 13-1480-I).

**Alaska:** TUI and its programs have been determined to meet the criteria for exemption from the authorization provisions of AS 14.48 per regulation 20 AAC 17.015 (a)(8) because Trident University is online, and distance delivered and does not have a physical presence in the state.

**Arizona:** The State Board for Private Postsecondary Education granted Trident University a Regular Degree-Granting license.

**Arkansas:** TUI has been granted certification by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This authorization covers the following programs: BSBA, BSCS, BSHS, BSHRM, BSITM, BSL, MSL, MBA, MSHS, MSHA, MSHRM. TUI is also seeking authorization for the following new programs: Computerized Accounting Certificate, Computerized Accounting Diploma, Medical Billing Certificate, SAS Joint Certificate in Business Analytics, Associate of Science in Professional Studies, and Doctor of Business Administration.

*Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution, course, or degree program. Such certification merely indicates that certain minimum standards have been met under the rules and regulations of institutional certification as defined in [Arkansas Code §6-61-301](#). Transfer of Course/ Degree Credit to Other Institutions: The student should be aware that these degree programs may not transfer. The transfer of course/degree credit is determined by receiving institution.*

**California:** This institution is a private institution approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Approval to operate means the institution is compliant with the minimum standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.



A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (1-888-370-7589) or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's Internet Web site ([www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)).

**Colorado:** TUI does not meet the state's requirement for physical presence. Under current policy, institutions must have a physical presence in the state to qualify for state authorization. The definition of physical presence under this policy is a main campus or headquarters, a branch campus, or a place of business as determined by the Department (CCHE policy, Section I, Part J). The University is not required to and cannot be authorized to operate in Colorado. This does not limit the University from enrolling students who live in Colorado.

**Connecticut:** TUI is registered with the Office of Higher Education as an Out-of-State distance education provider.

**Delaware:** Delaware Department of Education granted TUI approval to operate with degree-granting authority in the State of Delaware. Trident is in the process of renewing its approval.

**District of Columbia:** TUI has initiated the process required for authorization with the Higher Education Licensure Commission.

**Florida:** TUI has obtained confirmation from the Commission for Independent Education that Trident does not trigger a physical presence in Florida and will not be required to seek licensure at this time.

**Georgia:** Currently TUI has restrictions for enrolling some students from Georgia. Please contact our admissions department for information about your eligibility to enroll at TUI [866-404-7325](tel:866-404-7325). Georgia residents may file a complaint about this institution with Georgia's Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission by visiting the following link: <http://gnpec.org/consumer-resources/gnpec-authorized-school-complainant-form/>

**Hawaii:** TUI is exempt from licensure because accredited, degree-granting institutions that offer courses exclusively through online and distance education are not required to obtain approval from Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program.

**Idaho:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.



**Illinois:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Indiana:** TUI is in the process of completing the application and compiling required documentation for submission with the Commission for Higher Education/Board for Proprietary Education.

**Iowa:** TUI is registered to offer distance education program in Iowa. For additional information please contact:

Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Phone: (877) 272-4456

Online Student Complaint Form: <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/sdrf-start>

**Kansas:** TUI has obtained a "Certificate of Approval" from the Kansas Board of Regents, allowing it to legally operate a postsecondary educational institution in the state of Kansas

**Kentucky:** Based on 13 KAR 1:020 Section 1, (9) (a-e), TUI is not required to seek private college licensing because Trident University is online, distance delivered, and does not have active recruiters in Kentucky.

**Louisiana:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Maine:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Maryland:** TUI is in compliance with The Maryland Higher Education Commission with the requirements of the Education Article, Title 11, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 13 B.05.01. Complaints should be directed to:

Maryland Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
200 St. Paul St.

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-528-8662 or 888/743/0823 (toll free)

**Massachusetts:** TUI has been deemed exempt from authorization at present. The state of Massachusetts is in the process of reorganizing their state authorization process. Upon completion of the process, scheduled for Fall 2018, TUI will take the steps necessary for authorization.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.mass.edu/foradmin/academic/independentprogramapproval.asp>

**Michigan:** TUI is in the process of completing the application and compiling required documentation for submission.

**Minnesota:** Registration is limited for currently enrolled students as TUI is not authorized to enroll any new or prospective students in Minnesota.

**Mississippi:** TUI submitted a No Activity Letter to the Mississippi Commission on College of Accreditation; TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Missouri:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Montana:** TUI has satisfied the requirements of Montana Code annotated § 20-25-107 and Board of Regents Policy §320.1, which regulate the award of degrees by educational institutions.

**Nebraska:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Nevada:** Pursuant to the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education (CPE), TUI is not required to be licensed in Nevada by the CPE.

**New Hampshire:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**New Jersey:** Licensure is not required for institutions with recognized regional accreditation offering purely distance education programs to residents of New Jersey. TUI being accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WSCUC), a recognized accrediting body, and offering programs entirely on line is exempt from licensure.

**New Mexico:** TUI has contacted the state regarding possible exemption and is in the process of completing the necessary application and documentation for submission for authorization.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.hed.state.nm.us/institutions/applications.aspx>

**New York:** Registration is limited for currently enrolled students as TUI is not currently authorized to enroll any new or prospective students in New York.



**North Carolina:** TUI is exempt from regulation in North Carolina, as it does not currently satisfy the physical presence criteria requiring application for approval.

**North Dakota:** TUI has met the requirements for ND Century Code 15-18. 1-02.8.

**Ohio:** TUI is authorized by the Ohio Department of Higher Education to solicit Ohio residents for programs through December 31, 2018.

**Oklahoma:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state

**Oregon:** Registration is limited to currently enrolled students. At present TUI cannot enroll any new or prospective students residing in Oregon.

**Pennsylvania:** TUI has registered in Pennsylvania as an out-of-state distance education provider to enroll residents of Pennsylvania in its distance education programs.

**Rhode Island:** TUI was previously exempt from authorization based on its lack of physical presence. TUI is currently in the process of determining the requirements of the RI legislature for approval in the state.

**South Carolina:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**South Dakota:** TUI filed with the Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota and is on the active list of Post-Secondary Education Institutions.

**Tennessee:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Texas:** TUI has demonstrated that it meets the standards set forth in the rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and qualifies for an exemption pursuant to Subchapter G, Chapter 61, Texas Education Code and, as defined in Chapter 7.3 of Board rules. Trident University International is authorized to conduct courses, grant degrees, grant credit toward degrees, and to use certain protected academic terms in the State of Texas. Authority for this exemption will continue as long as the institution maintains its accreditation status with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and standards acceptable to the Coordinating Board. This notwithstanding, pursuant to the Texas Education Code (Chapter 61, Subchapter G, Section 61.315 and the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 7, Section 7.80).

**Utah:** TUI is registered with Utah Division of Consumer Protection until November 2018.

**Vermont:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**Virginia:** TUI does not meet the state's requirement for physical presence. Under current policy, institutions must have a physical presence in the state to qualify for state authorization. The Commonwealth of Virginia defines physical presence as operating a facility in Virginia and/or the mechanism by which instruction is initiated (server) is located in Virginia. This ineligibility would not prevent or prohibit an out-of-state institution from offering postsecondary instruction via distance learning to residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Those students, however, would not benefit from protections available to students attending institutions that are certified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). These protections are listed on the SCHEV website: <http://www.schev.edu/highered/pope/Students.asp>.

**Washington:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within the state.

**West Virginia:** The original authorization of TUI was based on the interpretation that employing part-time instructors in the state constituted physical presence. West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the Community and Technical College System have altered their interpretation. Under current policy, if the instructor has no direct contact with students in the state, physical presence is not triggered. Based on this new interpretation, TUI is not required to obtain authorization for online offerings.

**Wisconsin:** TUI has been approved to do business in Wisconsin as a private school, subject to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes 38.50 and all administrative rules adopted pursuant to the statutes. Approval includes only those courses of instruction and those teaching locations which are specifically approved by the Board. The approval expires December 31, 2018.

**Wyoming:** TUI maintains a Private School Registration from the Wyoming Department of Education (Certificate number 14-135.30). Trident meets the minimum standards for registration pursuant to the Private Schools Licensing Act, WYO. STAT. 21-2-401 et. Seq.