

## 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 and the District of Columbia. 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:** Trident University International 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).

*20 AAC 17.015. Exemptions. (a) Upon receipt of the written application, fee, and specimen copies of each certificate or diploma the institution issues that document that the applicant qualifies under this subsection, the commission staff shall exempt from the authorization provisions of AS 14.48 and this chapter the following educational programs and the institutions providing only the following educational programs:*

*(8) an on-line or distance delivered program that does not have a physical presence within 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.

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

**Delaware:** Delaware Department of Education granted Trident University approval to operate with degree-granting authority in the State of Delaware.

**District of Columbia:** TUI submitted a formal request to the Education Licensure Commission (ELC) in order to provide postsecondary education in the District of Columbia. Upon review of the documentation, the ELC determined licensure is not required at this time.

**Florida:** The Florida Commission for Independent Education does not regulate postsecondary educational institutions that do not have a physical presence in Florida.



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**Georgia:** 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 schools that offer courses exclusively through online and distance education are not required to obtain approval from Hawaii Postsecondary 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 exempt from licensure since it does not represent physical presence in the State of Indiana.

**Iowa:** TUI applied for registration 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:** Application Pending

**Kentucky:** Application Pending

**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. TUI is registered with the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

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

**Michigan:** Application Pending

**Minnesota:** Registration is limited for currently enrolled students as Trident 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:** Trident 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:** TUI submitted to the Commission on Postsecondary Education an Online Education Certification. Upon receipt of the Certification, the Commission on Postsecondary Education confirmed that TUI is not required to be licensed by the Commission.

**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 (WASC), a recognized accrediting body, and offering programs entirely on line is exempt from licensure.

**New Mexico:** Application Pending

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

**North Carolina:** Application Pending

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

**Ohio:** Trident 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 Trident cannot enroll any new or prospective students residing in Oregon.

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

**Rhode Island:** TUI is exempt from licensure since it does not maintain physical facilities or offer instructional programs on the ground within 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 2016.

**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 Trident University International 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, 2016.

**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

### **Complaints:**

Students may file complaints with the appropriate state agency in their respective state of residence.

In California, complaints may be filed with the State Attorney General by contacting the Public Inquiry Unit of the California State Department of Justice using on-line forms available at:

[http://ag.ca.gov/contact/complaint\\_form.php?cmplt=PL](http://ag.ca.gov/contact/complaint_form.php?cmplt=PL),

or by telephone/fax: (916) 322-3360 [Toll-free in California (800) 952-5225]; Fax: (916) 323-5341

Students may access specific contact information for the various states using the following:

[http://sheeo.org/sheeo\\_surveys/](http://sheeo.org/sheeo_surveys/)