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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended; Delay of Implementation Date

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Final regulations; delay of implementation date.

SUMMARY: The Department further delays, until July 1, 2015, the implementation date for certain State authorization regulations for institutions of postsecondary education whose State authorization does not meet the requirements of these regulations, so long as the State is establishing an acceptable authorization process that is to take effect by the delayed implementation date.

DATES: The implementation date is delayed to July 1, 2015, as discussed in the Supplementary Information section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department further delays, until July 1, 2015, the implementation date of the changes to 34 CFR 600.9(a) and (b) (State authorization regulations) published in the Federal Register on October 29, 2010 (75 FR 66832) for institutions of postsecondary education whose State authorization does not meet the requirements of these regulations by July 1, 2014, so long as the State is establishing an acceptable authorization process that is to take effect by the delayed implementation date. On May 21, 2013, the Department delayed this date from July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2014 (78 FR 29652). The Department provides this further extension for institutions in order to provide States with additional time to finalize processes for those institutions to be able to comply with the State authorization provisions in §600.9(a) and (b). Those provisions apply to an institution separately with respect to each State in which the institution has a main or additional location offering at least 50 percent of an eligible educational program.

In order for an institution that cannot meet the State authorization requirements to receive an extension until July 1, 2015, to implement §600.9(a) and (b), the institution must obtain from the State an explanation, such

as information on timeline and action steps to ensure compliance, of how an additional one-year extension will permit the State to finalize its procedures so that the institution is in compliance with amended §600.9. The explanation must be provided to Department staff upon request.

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