



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
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Alaska Commission on  
Postsecondary Education

INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORIZATION

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Dr. Lynita Cooksey, Provost  
Arkansas State University  
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Dear Provost Cooksey:

Your Application for Exemption from Authorization to Operate a Postsecondary Educational Institution was received by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) on May 20, 2013. Upon review, the institution and its identified 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 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.*

This determination is predicated on the information provided by Arkansas State University in the Application for Exemption from Authorization. Should a change occur in the organization or program from what has been approved for exemption it will be necessary to notify the commission at which time the institution's exempt status may be re-evaluated.

Institutions determined to be exempt from authorization provisions under 20 AAC 17.015 (a) (8) are required to **recertify biennially** that the educational program and institution continue to qualify for exemption. Arkansas State University will be required to recertify prior to **May 24, 2015**.

Finally, it is an institution's responsibility to ensure it is fully aware of all applicable Alaska statutes and regulations and any associated compliance requirements relative to exemption from authorization. If you have any questions, please contact me either by phone at (907) 465-6741 or e-mail at [kierke.kussart@alaska.gov](mailto:kierke.kussart@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kierke A. Kussart".

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