



# New England Board of Higher Education State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement

*A voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of distance education*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

To finance expenses related to the establishment and ongoing activities related to SARA, NC-SARA is given authority to set and collect fees from institutions in participating states and that have been authorized by the appropriate home-state entity.

**These fees will be managed and distributed by NC-SARA based on the following principles:**

- Participating institutions will pay an annual fee directly to NC-SARA;
- The SARA fee will be standardized across all regions;
- SARA fees must be adequate to fund operational expenses associated with this Agreement—including NC-SARA, the SARA-related work of the regional compacts and their Regional Steering Committees;
- Fee should be low enough to encourage institutional participation;
- With input from regional compacts and participating states and institutions, NC-SARA will annually approve and publish a SARA fee schedule for institutions;
- Fees will be assessed on a graduated scale, based on institutional enrollment; and
- The fee scale, schedule and any formulas to determine enrollment will be authorized by NC-SARA.

**Fees for an institution to participate in SARA potentially consist of two parts:**

- A required SARA fee paid to the SARA National Council. This annual fee is based on an institution's total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment as shown in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and is assessed as follows:

Enrolled FTE
under 2,500 - \$2,000
2,500-9,999 - \$4,000
10,000 or more - \$6,000

- States have the option of charging SARA participant institutions a fee to cover the state's costs in administering SARA.

Institutional fees shall be due within 30 days of the institution being notified by their state of their approval to operate under SARA. Renewals will be scheduled monthly.

Institutions joining SARA prior to September 1, 2014 will receive 18 months' SARA membership for their initial fee payment. Renewals will be at the regular 12 month rate.

Non-affiliated states must pay a \$50,000 annual fee to participate with one of the regional compacts in the reciprocity agreement.