

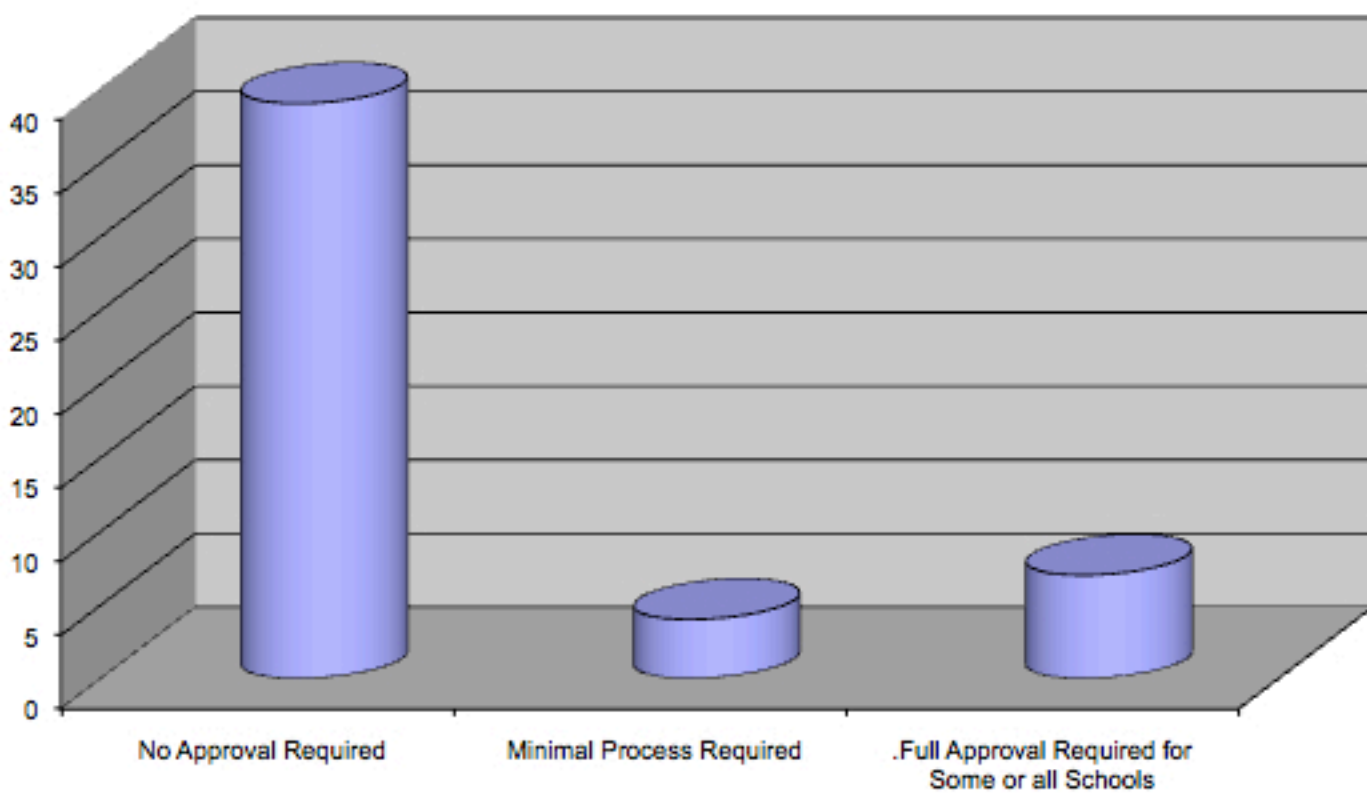
Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges
Survey Concerning Higher Education Regulations by State
Independent College Associations' Data

State	Are Independent Colleges Regulated by a Board of Higher Education/Education?	Does this Board have Responsibility for Approving New Programs for Independent Colleges?	Does this Board have Responsibility for Approving Modifications of Existing Programs?	Does this Board look at Program Quality and Whether Implementing Program Causes Unnecessary Duplication	If there is no such Approving Authority, Must your Institutions Submit Program Information to any State Agency on an Informational Basis Only?
Alabama	No	No	No	No	No
Alaska	No	No	No	No	No
Arizona	No	No	Yes	No	No
Arkansas	No	No	Yes	No	No
California	No	No	No	No	No
Colorado	No	No	No	No	No
Delaware	No	No	No	No	No
Florida	baccalaureate-degree granting, not-for-	Review only, not approval	No	No	requirements, e.g. crime and
Georgia	No	No	No	No- Board insures	No
Hawaii	No	No	No	No	No
Idaho	No	No	No	No	No
Indiana	No	No	No	No	No
Iowa	No, Voluntary Coordinating Brd. Iowa	No	No	No	No
Kansas	No	No	No	No	No
Louisiana	No	No	No	No	Yes, for teacher ed the Board of
Maine	No	No	No	No	No
Michigan	No	No	No	No	Charter approval &
Minnesota	No	No	No	No	No
Mississippi	No	No	No	No	No
Missouri	No	No	No	No	Yes
Montana	No	No	No	No	No
Nebraska	No	No	No	No	No
Nevada	No	No	No	No	No
New Mexico	No	No	No	No	No
North Carolina	No	No	No	No	No
North Dakota	No	No	No	No	No
Oklahoma	No	No	No	No	No
Oregon	No, but Oregon Office of Degree	No, only for institutions in	No, only for institutions in	No, all publically-	No

Rhode Island	No, new colleges only.	No	No	No	No
South Carolina	No	No	No	No	No
South Dakota	No	No	No	No	No
Tennessee	No	No	No	Programs at Indep.	No
Texas	No	No	No	No	No
Utah	No	No	No	No	No
Virginia*	No	No	No	No	No
Washington	No	No	No	No	No
West Virginia	No	No	No	No	No
Wisconsin	No	No	No	No	No
Wyoming	No	No	No	No	No

*VA private colleges are exempt from program approval requirements if they have been in existence for 10 years under the same ownership and are accredited by a DOE approved ac

Academic Program Approval by State Authority for Private College Programs



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Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes	No - once a program is approved it applies to entire geographic area not solely to institution's address.	No
Kentucky	Yes	Technically the state has program approval authority. Practically, the state only require campuses to report their intention to begin a new program.	No, Independents are expected to report their intent to modify an existing program.	No
Maryland	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Massachusetts	Yes but only one-third are regulated, based on when the schools were chartered.	Yes, licensure	Yes, depends on extent	No
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	Independents colleges are licensed by the NJ Commission on Higher Education.	Yes, but the process is limited. 6 independent institutions, (chartered) are exempt from the program approval process.	same as prior	There are clear guidelines for approval and "unnecessary duplication" is one.
New York	Yes, the New York State Board of Regents and its State Education Department.	Yes, and in the same manner and using the same criteria as it does for public institutions of higher education in our state.	Yes.	Yes. All programs must meet overall NYS standards for quality. The Regents and State Education Department use the criteria of: 1) need for the program; and 2) avoiding duplication of existing resources in evaluating new program proposals under the master plan amendment process.
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes depends on extent	Quality Only
Pennsylvania	There is a State Board of Education that regulates some aspects of higher education.	Yes, the State Department of Education does have authority over certain schools with newer charters.	Yes, the State Department of Education does have authority over certain schools with newer charters.	The Department looks at program quality and loosely looks at the duplication.
Vermont	Yes	The VT Department of Education reviews applications to start colleges in the state. Once the colleges are accredited the Department has no further review.	No	No