

**WAC 250-61-200 Suspension or withdrawal of authorization. (1)**

The executive director may suspend or withdraw an institution's authorization based on a finding that:

(a) Any information contained in the application for authorization is untrue; or

(b) The institution has failed to maintain the standards for authorization as detailed in the act and this chapter; or

(c) Advertising or representations made on behalf of, and sanctioned by, the institution is deceptive or misleading; or

(d) The institution has violated any provision of this chapter; or

(e) The institution has violated any applicable federal or state law.

(2) In the case of an adverse finding the executive director shall provide the institution a notice of violation that includes details of the legal basis of the finding and the facts used to make the determination.

(3) The institution will have an opportunity to respond to the notice of violation and address deficiencies within a reasonable time period specified by the council.

(4) The executive director may designate an institution as at-risk.

(5) The executive director may suspend the institution's authorization for a period of time if, in the executive director's judgment, the deficiencies can be corrected within the given time period. Upon suspension, the institution must immediately cease the recruitment and/or enrollment of new students. The institution may continue serving currently enrolled students for the remainder of the term. Authorization may be reinstated after any deficiencies have been resolved to the satisfaction of the council.

(6) The executive director may withdraw the institution's authorization if, in the executive director's judgment, the deficiencies cannot be corrected within the given time period. Upon withdrawal, the institution must immediately cease all degree-granting operations. To seek reinstatement of authorization, the institution must apply for initial authorization.

(7) The executive director's action to suspend or withdraw authorization is subject to the hearing procedures specified in WAC 250-61-210.

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