

154. *Notice to be filed before degree or diploma awarded.*

(a) *Institutions not in operation on June 1, 1961; contents of notice; amendments.*—Unless a degree-granting institution is in operation on June 1, 1961, it shall not award any degree or diploma or other certificate thereof until one year after it has filed a written notice with and until such notice has received the approval of the State Department of Education. The notice shall contain the name and address of the degree-granting institution; the names and addresses of the president or other administrative head and of each member of the board of trustees or other governing board; the names of members of the faculty, with the highest academic degree held by each; a full description of the degree or degrees to be awarded and the course or courses of study prerequisite thereto; and such additional information as the State Department of Education may prescribe. An amendment to the notice shall be filed with the State Department of Education prior to the award of any degree or diploma or other certificate therefor not contained in the original notice or prior amendments thereto. A degree or diploma or other certificate therefor authorized in an amendment shall not be awarded until one year after the filing of the amendment with and the approval of the State Department of Education.

(b) *Notice to be kept current.*—A degree-granting institution shall keep the notice which it shall have filed with the State Department of Education current at all times. For this purpose, it shall report, by appropriate amendment of the notice, any change in any fact reported therein within thirty days of its occurrence.

(c) *Institutions in operation on June 1, 1961.*—All degree-granting institutions in operation on June 1, 1961, shall file notices as required by this section within 180 days of said date and thereafter the provisions of this section shall be fully applicable to them, except that the one-year waiting period prescribed in subsection (a) hereof shall not be required for any type of degree being awarded by said institution during the academic year 1961-1962.

(d) *Conditions for approval of notice.*—The State Department of Education shall not approve any notice or amendment thereto filed pursuant to this section unless it finds the facts stated herein to be correct and further finds that such facts constitute compliance with the requirements of this subtitle for degree-granting institutions.

(e) *Evidence of accreditation in lieu of notice.*—By rule or regulation the State Department of Education may provide for recognition by it of national and regional education accrediting agencies. Any degree-granting institution or applicant for status as a degree-granting institution which offers resident instruction may offer annually in lieu of any notice or amendment thereto required by this section, evidence that it is accredited generally or in respect of its degree programs by an educational accrediting agency recognized by the State Superintendent of Schools. If the State Department of Education finds that the institution is so accredited, it shall not require the filing of any notice or amendment thereto by such institution pursuant to this section, nor shall Section 156 of this chapter apply to any such institution.

155. *Degrees by other than residence institutions.*

(a) *Any educational organization or entity which could not qualify as a degree-granting institution solely because it does not*