

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, MAY ADMINISTER OATHS TO WITNESSES IN ANY MATTER PENDING BEFORE THE BOARD.

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(A) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" MEANS A SCHOOL OR OTHER INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BUT IS NOT AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 77A, §32A(A).

(B) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PRESCRIBE, WITH [[AND ON]] THE ADVICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND ACCREDITATION OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS [[UNDER THIS SUBTITLE]].

[[(B)]] (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL, WITH [[AND ON]] THE ADVICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, PRESCRIBE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUING CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS BY THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND.

(C) EVERY NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SHALL OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD IN ORDER TO COMMENCE OR CONTINUE TO OPERATE OR FUNCTION IN THIS STATE. THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO AN APPLICANT IF IT FINDS THAT THE FACILITIES, CONDITIONS OF ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP, AND EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS ARE ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTION, THE PROGRAMS, TRAINING, AND COURSES TO BE TAUGHT BY THE INSTITUTION, AND THE CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS TO BE ISSUED BY IT. HOWEVER, THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO AN INSTITUTION THAT PRACTICES DISCRIMINATION BASED UPON RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INSTITUTION OPERATED BY A BONA FIDE CHURCH ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE AMISH AND MENNONITE CHURCH PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS; HOWEVER, SUCH AN INSTITUTION THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

[[(D)]] (E) IF THE BOARD HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OR STANDARDS UPON WHICH ITS CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL WAS BASED, IT SHALL GIVE THE INSTITUTION WRITTEN NOTICE OF ITS BELIEF. THE NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY THE ALLEGED DEFICIENCIES, AND REQUIRE THE INSTITUTION TO CORRECT THEM WITHIN 30 DAYS OR OTHER PERIOD DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. UPON APPLICATION OF THE INSTITUTION FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS, THE BOARD SHALL HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MATTER. THE ORDER TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES SHALL BE STAYED PENDING A DETERMINATION MADE FOLLOWING THE HEARING.

[[(E)]] (F) IF A HEARING IS NOT REQUESTED, OR IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE INSTITUTION IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OR