



## SARA Quick Start Guide

### Students Located in Other Countries: Military or Non-Military

**Are military students deployed in other countries covered by SARA?**  
**Are other non-military students located in other countries covered by SARA?**

#### Students located in other countries

SARA is an agreement between U.S. states, territories, and districts, and does not apply to other countries. If a student -- military or otherwise -- of a SARA-participating institution goes to another country and continues their education online through that SARA institution, the institution needs to abide by the applicable laws or regulations of that foreign country.

#### What does my institution need to do?

- Verify the location of students located in other countries.
- Work with the country's Ministry of Education (or equivalent) to determine the laws and regulations to provide distance education to students in that country.
- It is recommended that institutions have a system for regularly tracking student locations.

#### Still Have Questions?

1. SARA State Portal Entities have the responsibility and authority to hold institutions in compliance with SARA policy. This information is intended to be general guidance for institutions; institutions should be in regular contact with their [SARA State Portal Entity](#) for specific requirements, directions, and guidance.
2. Feel free to email NC-SARA: [info@nc-sara.org](mailto:info@nc-sara.org)

#### Resource:

- *SARA Quick Start Guide: Students Located on Military Bases*

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**About SARA Quick Start Guides:** When institutions participate in SARA, they agree to a set of compliance requirements as detailed in the [SARA Policy Manual](#). SARA Quick Start Guides are intended to help institution personnel understand a particular requirement to help them maintain compliance, communicate with colleagues regarding SARA requirements, and explain the requirement to students and other stakeholders. Institutions should always check for any state-specific requirements with their [SARA State Portal Entity](#).