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## NC-SARA Quarterly July 2025; Announcements, Updates, News and More for SARA-Participating Institutions

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### **SARA Policy Modification Process 2025**

The 2025 cycle is coming to a close with the Regional Steering Committees (RSCs) via their Regional Compacts reviewing and submitting final votes on all remaining proposals. You can view all proposals in their final form on the NC-SARA website. The final votes of the Regional Steering Committees (RSCs) via their Regional Compacts will be posted on the [NC-SARA website](#) by Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

Only proposals receiving votes of approval by all four regions will move forward for a final vote by the NC-SARA Board at their annual meeting in October. You can view the full calendar for the 2025 cycle on the [NC-SARA website](#). Please look for further updates on the final votes of the four regions, as well as an invitation to watch a live stream of the NC-SARA Board vote. All approved proposals will be presented in a webinar by the end of 2025 to review substance, impact, and effective dates in SARA policy.

### **Institution Application Update**

A new version of the application and approval form for institution participation in SARA is available July 1, 2025. The new application reflects [PMP24-0630 Aligning Professional Licensure Disclosure Requirements](#) approved during the 2024 SARA Policy Modification Process, language for which can be found in the [SARA Policy Manual](#)(Section 5.2). An email to all institution contacts was sent in the middle of May to inform you that the new application is available on the [NC-SARA website](#).

**Please note**, an institution only needs to complete the application once a year at the point of your annual renewal for SARA participation.

## State Legislation with potential SARA impact

### Washington HB-1279

- [Bill Text - Providing postsecondary education consumer protections.](#)
- Introduced by Representatives Pollet, Leavitt, Doglio, Reed, and Simmons
- Passed the House on March 7, 2025; Passed the Senate on April 11, 2025
- The governor signed on April 21, 2025
- Note: the state will assess its SARA membership in 2026 and again in 2028, with the ability to take steps to leave SARA in 2028.

### California SB-790

- [Bill Text - SB-790 Postsecondary education: postsecondary education coordinating entity: interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education: out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions](#)
- Introduced by Senator Cabaldon on February 21, 2025
- This bill has been through several amendments, please refer to the California website for the bill's current status through various committees: <http://go.pardot.com/e/1034723/t-xhtml-bill-id-202520260SB790/2yh8r/518810362/h/CF6dRm4sejCFV9ZdiWsqd7EB9x247hgRzTHtReiZx-E>
- Note: at this point, there are areas that are not aligned with SARA Policy - work would need to be done for California to join SARA.

### SARA Policy Manual Updated (July 1, 2025)

Version 25.1 of the SARA Policy Manual, effective July 1, 2025, is now available on NC-SARA's [SARA Policy Manual](#) webpage. Policy that is no longer effective due to incorporated changes based on SARA policy modification proposals that were approved by the regional compacts through their regional steering committees (RSCs) and voted on by the NC-SARA Board in October 2024 has been removed in version 25.1. NC-SARA no longer posts a redline version of updates to the SARA Policy Manual. However, a history of changes are described in section 9 (Revisions to SARA Documents) of the SARA Policy Manual, and revisions resulting from approved SARA policy modification proposals are available in redline within those proposals in the [SARA Policy Portal](#).

### State & Federal Developments

NC-SARA will continue to monitor policies impacting state authorization at the state and federal level, communicating with states and institutions via emails and webinars. If you have any questions, please contact your [SARA State Portal Entity staff](#).

### Missed a previous newsletter?

NC-SARA will be posting previous versions of this quarterly newsletter on the [SARA Learning Station](#) webpage (scroll to the bottom of the page for past issues).

### SARA Learning Station

The [SARA Learning Station](#) is your one-stop shop to access NC-SARA's resources for learning about SARA, including quick-start guides, SARA 101, and other online courses for those who are new and experienced with SARA. Learning resources for institutions have been developed in collaboration with our regional compact partners and [SARA SPEs](#). Institutions should always check with their SPE for any state-specific requirements.

### NC-SARA Webinars

While we would love for you to join our webinars live, if your schedule doesn't allow it or if you want to revisit any portion of these programs, please look for the recording and slides to be posted on our [Webinars webpage](#) soon after each program date.

### **SARA State Portal Entity (SPE)**

You can find the current contact information for your state's SPE(s) on our [SPE Contacts webpage](#).

### **SARA-Participating Institutions**

You can find all actively-participating SARA institutions in each state and territory at any given time in the [SARA-Participating Institution Directory](#).

### **Distance Education News and Research**

[Online Education Booms in an Era of Lifelong Learning | WorkingNation](#)

[Why One University Connects Online Learners to a Powerful Locale | University Business](#)

[Belonging to Succeed: Creating Community in the Online Classroom | Inside Higher Ed \(webinar recording\)](#)

[Using Modern Students' Voices to Inform Your Online Ecosystem | WCET \(webinar recording\)](#)

***We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and questions.  
Thank you for reading!***



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