

22. Policy on Information Provided to the U.S. Department of Education

It is DETC’s policy to submit the following information to the U.S. Department of Education:

- A copy of any annual report it prepares;
- A copy, updated annually, of DETC’s directory of accredited institutions;
- A summary of DETC’s major accrediting activities during the previous year (an annual data summary), if requested by the Secretary;
- Any proposed change in DETC’s policies, procedures, or accreditation standards that might alter its—
 - (1) Scope of recognition; or
 - (2) Compliance with the federal criteria for recognition;
- Any actions described in D.1.1. Actions Available to the Commission; *(10/11)*
- The name of any institution which DETC accredits that has been “certified” by DETC as being “Title IV Program Eligible” under DETC Policy C.15.
- The name of any institution DETC accredits that DETC has reason to believe is failing to meet its Title IV program responsibilities or is engaged in fraud or abuse, along with DETC’s reasons for concern about the institution; and
- If the Secretary requests, information that may bear upon an accredited institution’s compliance with its Title IV program responsibilities, including the eligibility of the institution to participate in Title IV programs or a significant or systematic non-compliance in the assignment of credit hours. The Secretary may ask for this information to assist the Department in resolving problems with the institution’s participation in the Title IV programs. *(10/11)*

DETC will review on a case-by-case basis its contact with or information or materials provided to the U.S. Department of Education and the circumstances surrounding them and will determine whether they should be considered confidential. *DETC will treat a contact or request from the U.S. Department of Education for information concerning an institution as being confidential, upon the specific request of the Department. (10/11)*

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