

# WYOMING

## FINAL GRADING ANALYSIS

OVERALL SCORE: **263.5/700 POINTS (37.6%)**  
 LETTER GRADE: **F**

### I. OVERSIGHT BODY: **20/100 POINTS**

#### A. IS THERE A STATUTORILY CREATED OVERSIGHT BODY THAT IS PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE? **20/60 POINTS**

Element	Points Available	Points Awarded
1. Oversight body is a multi-member board, commission, or panel created by statute	10	0
2. Oversight body was statutorily created specifically to oversee private postsecondary institutions	10	0
3. Multi-member board, commission, or panel is the ultimate decision maker (as opposed to a single person, like the head of a department or director)	10	0
4. Oversight body can engage in rulemaking	10	10
5. Oversight body's meetings must be open to the public	5	0
6. Oversight body's meetings must allow public comment	5	0
7. Oversight body can initiate investigations	5	5
8. Oversight body can impose penalties for violations	5	5
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>

**Explanation:**

Wyoming divides the private postsecondary educational institutions into two categories for purposes of regulation and oversight: degree-granting institutions (Type 1) and non-degree-granting proprietary schools (Type 2). Both are regulated by the Wyoming Department of Education, which is not a multi-member body; the Department head (the State Superintendent of Public Instruction) is the decision maker. (Wyo. Stat. § 21-2-201.) As such, there is not the same high level of transparency and accountability with regard to rulemaking, decision making, investigations and other functions as exists with a public board. (Wyo. Stat. § 21-2-401.)

**B. STATUTE-SPECIFIED MEMBERSHIP:**

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**1. TO WHAT EXTENT ARE LIMITATIONS PLACED ON FOR-PROFIT MEMBERSHIP ON THE OVERSIGHT BODY?**

**0/25 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	<b>Explicit prohibition on for-profit majority, plus no possibility of a majority of the quorum</b>	<b>Explicit prohibition on for-profit majority</b>	<b>Discouraged</b>	<b>No prohibition specified, but not discouraged</b>	<b>For-profit majority mandated</b>
<b>Type 1</b>	25 Points	20 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>	-5 points
<b>Type 2</b>	25 Points	20 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>	-5 Points

**Explanation:**

***Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.***

Wyoming has not appointed a public board to oversee degree-granting private postsecondary educational institutions in the state, and there are no laws or regulations that relate to the make-up of the department of education in this regard.

***Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.***

Wyoming has not appointed a public board to oversee degree-granting private postsecondary educational institutions in the state, and there are no laws or regulations that relate to the make-up of the department of education in this regard.

**2. IS THE OVERSIGHT BODY MANDATED TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE CONSUMER ADVOCATE?**

**0/10 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Type 1</b>	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

***Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.*** Wyoming does not have a multi-member board to oversee degree-granting private postsecondary educational institutions, and there are no relevant laws or regulations relating to the composition of the Department of Education.

***Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.*** Wyoming does not have a multi-member board to oversee non-degree-granting proprietary institutions, and there are no relevant laws or regulations relating to the composition of the Department of Education.

3. ARE THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY A PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE OFFICIAL OR ELECTED IN A GENERAL ELECTION?

**0/5 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	All	Majority	Half	Minority	None
<b>Type 1</b>	5 Points	3 Points	2.5 Points	1 Point	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	5 Points	3 Points	2.5 Points	1 Point	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Because Wyoming does not have a multi-member board overseeing degree-granting private postsecondary educational institutions, this element is inapplicable.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Because Wyoming does not have a multi-member board overseeing non-degree-granting proprietary institutions, this element is inapplicable.

**II. STATE OVERSIGHT—EFFICACY: 25/100 POINTS**

A. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE ONSITE REVIEW OF PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS?

**0/10 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Mandatory onsite reviews			Discretionary	None
	Every 2 years or less	Every 3-5 years	Over 5 years	Discretion to conduct onsite reviews	No review specified
<b>Type 1</b>	10 Points	8 Points	5 Points	3 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	10 Points	8 Points	5 Points	3 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law requires private degree-granting postsecondary educational institutions to register with the Department of Education annually. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 7. However, it does not require the Department to conduct onsite reviews of these institutions either as a requirement of registration or as a requirement of registration renewal. (WCWR 005-000-030.)

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law requires non-degree-granting proprietary institutions to obtain a license from the state Department of Education and apply to renew the license annually. (WCWR 005-000-001, Section 8.) However, it does not require the Department to conduct onsite reviews of these institutions as a requirement of licensure. (WCWR 005-000-001.)

**B. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS FOR ONSITE REVIEWS?**

**0/5 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	<b>Required unannounced visits</b>	<b>Discretion to do unannounced visits</b>	<b>No indication</b>
<b>Type 1</b>	5 Points	3 Points	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	5 Points	3 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not require unannounced onsite reviews of private postsecondary degree-granting institutions, either as a condition of initial registration or renewal of registration.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming does not require unannounced onsite reviews of non-degree-granting proprietary schools, either as a condition of initial licensure or renewal of licensure.

**C. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE REGULAR REVIEWS OF PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY APPROVAL TO OPERATE?**

**20/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	<b>Mandatory</b>			<b>Discretionary</b>	<b>None</b>
	Every 2 years or less	Every 3-5 years	Over 5 years	Discretion to conduct reviews	No review specified
<b>Type 1</b>	<b>20 Points</b>	15 Points	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	<b>20 Points</b>	15 Points	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law requires private degree-granting institutions to renew registration annually. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 8.)

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law requires private non-degree-granting proprietary schools to apply for license renewal every year. The renewal process requires schools to resubmit updated versions of all forms initially submitted to obtain licensure. (WCWR 005-000-001, Section 8.)

**D. DO THE CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZATION MANDATE A REVIEW OF FACTORS ESSENTIAL TO ACADEMIC AND ETHICAL INTEGRITY?**

**2.5/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	8 of 8	7 of 8	6 of 8	5 of 8	4 of 8	3 of 8	2 of 8	1 of 8	0 of 8
<b>Type 1</b>	20 Points	17.5 Points	15 Points	12.5 Points	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	<b>2.5 Points</b>	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	20 Points	17.5 Points	15 Points	12.5 Points	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	<b>2.5 Points</b>	0 Points

Element	Type 1	Type 2
Admission requirements		
Graduation requirements		
Placement rate		
Completion rate (or graduation rate)		
Advertising practices		<b>M</b>
Cohort default rate		
Accreditation status	<b>M</b>	
Financial aid policies		

*M=Mandatory; D=Discretionary*

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming reviews only the accreditation status of degree-granting institutions applying for registration in the state. (WCWR 005-000-030, Sections 8 & 9.)

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming reviews advertising practices of non-degree-granting proprietary institutions applying for licensure and renewal of licensure in the state. (WCWR 005-000-001, Sections 7 & 8.)

**E. DOES THE STATE'S OVERSIGHT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FOR-PROFIT AND NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS?**

**2.5/15 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, strongly distinguished	Yes, moderately distinguished	Yes, slightly distinguished	Not distinguished
<b>Type 1</b>	15 Points	10 Points	<b>5 Points</b>	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	15 Points	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law exempts specified religious nonprofits from regulations governing private degree-granting institutions. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 14.)

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not distinguish between for-profit and nonprofit non-degree-granting proprietary schools for purposes of oversight and regulation.

F. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE INCREASED OVERSIGHT/SCRUTINY OF PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS BASED ON POOR PERFORMANCE?

**0/10 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, mandatory	Yes, mandatory but limited	Yes, discretionary	Yes, discretionary but limited	No
<b>Type 1</b>	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Although Wyoming has a process for “candidate institutions,” it involves accreditation, and does not provide any increased scrutiny or oversight of institutions based on poor performance (poor graduation rates, high cohort default rates, low exam passage rates, etc.).

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not require increased oversight/scrutiny of private non-degree-granting proprietary institutions based on poor performance.

G. DOES STATE LAW INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL PROTECTIONS FOR VETERANS WHO ATTEND PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS?

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes	No
<b>Type 1</b>	20 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	20 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not provide any special protections for veterans who attend degree-granting private postsecondary institutions.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not provide any special protections for veterans who attend non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.

**III. STATE OVERSIGHT—SCOPE AND INCLUSION:**

**100/100 POINTS**

A. ARE EXEMPTIONS TO STATE OVERSIGHT COVERAGE LIMITED?

**100/100 POINTS\***

	No exemptions	Few exemptions	Moderate exemptions	Broad exemptions
<b>Type 1</b>	<b>100 Points</b>	75 Points	50 Points	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	<b>100 Points</b>	75 Points	50 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law has very few narrowly tailored exemptions, none of which are substantial. The state exempts specified religious schools, home-based schools, flight training schools and specified non-degree-granting schools are exempt. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 14.)

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law has very few narrowly tailored exemptions, none of which are substantial. The state exempts specified religious schools, home-based schools, flight training schools and specified non-degree-granting schools are exempt. (WCWR 005-000-001, Section 3.)

**IV. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS: 0/100 POINTS**

**A. ARE INSTITUTIONS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO POTENTIAL STUDENTS?**

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	<b>Yes, mandatory</b>	<b>Yes, discretionary</b>	<b>None</b>
	Fact sheet or equivalent required to be given to students:	Fact sheet or equivalent given to students upon request:	No fact sheet required
<b>Type 1</b>	20 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	20 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not require private postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions to disclose any institutional performance standards to potential students.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not require non-degree-granting proprietary schools to disclose any institutional performance standards to potential students.

**B. WHICH INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES ARE REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT?**

**0/60 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions**

<b>Disclosures</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Discretionary</b>	<b>Not specified</b>
<b>Cohort default rate (CDR)</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Graduation / completion rates</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Placement rates</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Wage information</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>License exam passage rates</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Methods &amp; sources used to calculate</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

Wyoming law does not require private postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions to disclose any institutional performance standards to students prior to enrollment.

*Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions*

Disclosures	Mandatory	Discretionary	Not specified
Cohort default rate (CDR)	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
Graduation / completion rates	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
Placement rates	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
Wage information	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
License exam passage rates	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
Methods & sources used to calculate	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

Wyoming law does not require non-degree-granting proprietary institutions to disclose any institutional performance standards to students prior to enrollment.

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C. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO DISCLOSE ELEMENTS  
ESSENTIAL TO STUDENT PROTECTION PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT OR  
IN THE ENROLLMENT CONTRACT?

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

*Type 1: Degree-granting institutions*

Element description	Mandatory	Discretionary	Not specified
Total cost of program	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Refund information	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Transferability of credits	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Length of program	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

Wyoming law does not require private postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions to disclose any of the above information to students prior to enrollment.

*Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions*

Element description	Mandatory	Discretionary	Not specified
Total cost of program	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Refund information	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Transferability of credits	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Length of program	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

Though Wyoming reviews many of the above elements as part of licensure and licensure renewal



(WCWR 005-000-001, Sections 7 & 9), it does not require non-degree-granting proprietary schools to disclose any of the above information to students prior to enrollment.

**V. REGULATION OF RECRUITING PRACTICES:**  
**56.25/100 POINTS**

**A. HAS THE STATE PUT INTO LAW A LIST OF PROHIBITED ACTS  
REGARDING ADVERTISING AND RECRUITING?**  
**62.5/100 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, strong regulation	Yes, moderate regulation	Yes, weak regulation	No list of prohibited acts
<b>Type 1</b>	100 Points	75 Points	<b>50 Points</b>	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	100 Points	<b>75 Points</b>	50 Points	0 Points

PROHIBITED ACTS

Included in list of prohibited acts	Type 1	Type 2
Misleading representations using the word “college” or “university”		
Misleading institution affiliations (e.g., military, public institution, businesses)		/
Promise of employment		
Compensation for enrollment		
Compensation or “bounty” to recruiters		
Deception (broad prohibition)		X
Misrepresentation (broad prohibition)		X
Misleading representations re: accreditation	X	X

*1-3=Weak; 3.5-6=Moderate; 6.5-8=Strong*

**Explanation:**

***Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.*** Wyoming law prohibits private postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions from claiming or advertising to prospective or enrolled students that it is accredited in the U.S. unless the named accrediting association, commission or other entity is approved by the U.S. Department of Education and the institution is registered by the Department in accordance with rule, regulation and statute. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 13(f).)

***Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.*** Wyoming law prohibits non-degree-granting proprietary schools from utilizing advertising which tends to mislead students or falsify information regarding job placement or accreditation by the state. The state specifies that if a school wishes to refer to the fact that it is licensed in the “State of Wyoming,” it shall refer to that fact only in the following phraseology: “Licensed by the State of Wyoming as a post-secondary proprietary school under W.S. 21-11-101 through 21-11-107.” (WCWR 005-000-001, Section 9(h).)

## VI. COMPLAINT PROCESS AND RELIEF FOR STUDENTS:

**36/100 POINTS**

A. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE A BOND OR FUND  
AS A CONDITION OF AUTHORIZATION?

**17.5/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes	No
<b>Type 1</b>	<b>20 15 Points</b>	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	<b>20 Points</b>	0 Points

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law requires private postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions to post a performance bond or a letter of credit as a condition of registration. (Wyo. Stat. § 21-2-405; WCWR 005-000-030, Section 9(b).) Because institutions have the option to post a letter of credit instead of a bond, partial credit has been awarded.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law requires non-degree-granting proprietary schools to post a performance bond as a condition of licensure. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 7(a).)

B. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE A REFUND OF TUITION IF A STUDENT  
ENROLLS AS THE RESULT OF MISREPRESENTATION?

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, full refund	Yes, partial refund	No refund required
<b>Type 1</b>	20 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	20 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not explicitly require private postsecondary degree-granting institutions to provide a refund to students who enroll as the result of misrepresentation.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not explicitly require non-degree-granting proprietary schools to provide a refund to students who enroll as the result of misrepresentation.

C. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS TO REFUND  
TUITION IN THE EVENT OF CLOSURE?

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, full refund	Yes, partial refund	Yes, refund in limited circumstances	No refund required
<b>Type 1</b>	20 Points	15 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	20 Points	15 Points	10 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

*Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.* Wyoming law does not explicitly require private postsecondary degree-granting institutions to provide a refund to impacted students in the event of school closure.

*Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.* Wyoming law does not explicitly require non-degree-granting proprietary schools to provide a refund to impacted students in the event of school closure.

**D. DOES THE STATE ALLOW STUDENTS AMPLE TIME TO MAKE A COMPLAINT?**

**10/10 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	2 years or more (or no deadline)	1-2 years	Under 1 year	Not Applicable
<b>Type 1</b>	<b>10 Points</b>	5 Points	1 Points	0 Points
<b>Type 2</b>	<b>10 Points</b>	5 Points	1 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

*Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.* Wyoming law does not specify a deadline or timeframe by which students must file complaints against private postsecondary degree-granting institutions.

*Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.* Wyoming law does not specify a deadline or timeframe by which students must file complaints against non-degree-granting proprietary schools.

**E. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE STATE OVERSIGHT BODY?**

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

***Type 1: Degree-granting institutions***

Medium	Mandatory	Discretionary	Not specified
<b>Catalog</b>	10 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Website</b>	5 Points	2.5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Enrollment contract</b>	5 Points	2.5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

Wyoming law does not explicitly require private postsecondary degree-granting institutions to disclose information about filing a complaint with the state board through any of the above publications.

*Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions*

Medium	Mandatory	Discretionary	Not specified
Catalog	10 Points	5 Points	0 Points
Website	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points
Enrollment contract	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

Wyoming law does not explicitly require non-degree-granting proprietary schools to disclose information about filing a complaint with the state board through any of the above publications.

F. IS THE COMPLAINT PROCESS READILY ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE ON THE STATE OVERSIGHT BODY'S WEBSITE?

**8.5/10 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, with address	Yes, with phone #	Yes, with email address	Yes, with electronic form	No
Type 1	2 Points	2 Points	3 Points	<del>3</del> 1.5 Points	0 Points
Type 2	2 Points	2 Points	3 Points	<del>3</del> 1.5 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

*Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.* The Department of Education maintains a webpage which explains an explanation of the student complaint process, the Department address, phone number, email address, and a link to an online form that students can complete and mail to the Department (however, only partial credit is awarded because the form cannot be completed and submitted online).

*Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.* The Department of Education maintains a webpage which explains an explanation of the student complaint process, the Department address, phone number, email address, and a link to an online form that students can complete and mail to the Department (however, only partial credit is awarded because the form cannot be completed and submitted online).

**VII. ENFORCEMENT: 20/100 POINTS**

A. IS THERE LOSS OF STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS THAT REPEATEDLY PRODUCE SUBSTANDARD GRADUATION RATES, JOB PLACEMENT RATES, AND/OR COHORT DEFAULT RATES?

**0/30 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes, required	Yes, required but limited	Yes, discretionary	Yes, discretionary but limited	No
<b>Type 1</b>	30 Points	20 Points	15 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	30 Points	20 Points	15 Points	5 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not require loss of state aid to private postsecondary degree-granting institutions that repeatedly produce substandard graduation rates, job placement rates, and/or cohort default rates

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not require loss of state aid to non-degree-granting proprietary schools that repeatedly produce substandard graduation rates, job placement rates, and/or cohort default rates

**B. DOES STATE LAW EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR STUDENTS AGAINST INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE VIOLATED THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN PLACE TO GOVERN THEM?**

**0/30 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes	Limited circumstances	No
<b>Type 1</b>	30 Points	15 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	30 Points	15 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not explicitly authorize a private right of action for students against private postsecondary degree-granting institutions that have violated the laws and regulations in place to govern them.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not explicitly authorize a private right of action for students against non-degree-granting schools that have violated the laws and regulations in place to govern them.

**C. DOES STATE LAW EXPLICITLY ALLOW ATTORNEY FEE AWARDS FOR STUDENTS WHO PREVAIL IN LITIGATION AGAINST PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS?**

**0/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes	Limited	No
<b>Type 1</b>	20 Points	15 Points	<b>0 Points</b>
<b>Type 2</b>	20 Points	15 Points	<b>0 Points</b>

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law does not explicitly allow attorney fee awards for

students who prevail in litigation against private postsecondary degree-granting institutions that have violated the laws and regulations in place to govern them.

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law does not explicitly allow attorney fee awards for students who prevail in litigation against non-degree-granting proprietary schools that have violated the laws and regulations in place to govern them.

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D. DOES STATE LAW EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL INVOLVEMENT?

**20/20 POINTS\***

*\*points for Type 1 and Type 2 schools have been averaged to calculate the above score*

	Yes	Limited circumstances	No
Type 1	20 Points	10 Points	0 Points
Type 2	20 Points	10 Points	0 Points

**Explanation:**

**Type 1: Degree-granting institutions.** Wyoming law authorizes attorney general involvement in enforcing the law and regulations governing private postsecondary degree-granting institutions. (WCWR 005-000-030, Section 13(c).)

**Type 2: Non-degree-granting proprietary institutions.** Wyoming law authorizes attorney general involvement in enforcing the law and regulations governing private postsecondary degree-granting institutions. (Wyo. Stat. § 21-2-407.)

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BONUS POINTS:

Wyoming does not receive any bonus points.



ILLUMINATING INFORMATION



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RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS

Wyoming is a member of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA).

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LITIGATION, INVESTIGATIONS, AND ACTIONS INVOLVING PRIVATE  
FOR-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN WYOMING

For information about pending and recent federal and state government investigations and actions regarding for-profit colleges see David Halperin's compilation at <http://www.republicreport.org/2014/law-enforcement-for-profit-colleges/#sthash.1vc4HmPw.dpuf>.