



Many students rely on federal student loans and grants to pursue their dreams of attaining a higher education. Only schools that have been approved by an “accrediting agency” recognized by U.S. Department of Education (“Department”) are authorized to accept these funds. These accrediting agencies have a duty to act as gatekeepers to federal funds and to safeguard the accrediting process. When a school is accredited by an agency that is recognized by the Department, it is a strong indication to prospective and current students that the school offers a quality education and is worthy of a student’s commitment. Accrediting agencies are responsible for ensuring that the schools it grants accredited status to meet the highest standards and have passed a rigorous and thorough accreditation process. In addition, the accrediting agencies themselves are subject to scrutiny by the Department to maintain their own status as an accreditor.

Currently, Miami Regional University (the “University”) is accredited by Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (“ACICS”). On December, 12, 2016, the Department decided that ACICS should no longer be recognized as an agency that is authorized to accredit schools as eligible to offer federal financial aid to its students. The University has 18 months (until June 12, 2018) to get approval from a different recognized accreditor to maintain eligibility to receive Title IV, HEA funds. If the University does not obtain accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized by the Department, it will no longer be eligible to receive funds under Title IV, HEA programs.

Fortunately, Miami Regional University is already in the transition process and has applied to a new recognized accrediting agency. The University expects to complete the transition to a new recognized accrediting agency prior to the June 12, 2018, deadline. As the University goes through this process of securing alternative accreditation, students’ federal student aid will not be impacted.

If any student has a complaint relating to University’s Title IV eligibility, administration of Title IV programs, the quality of education received at the University, or otherwise relating to the accreditation standards of ACICS they can submit that complaint to:

Miami Regional University
Attention: Richard A. Grillo
700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Suite 100
Miami Springs, FL 33166
Email: rgrillo@mru.edu
Phone Number: (305) 442-9223

Or any of the following entities:

Commission for Independent Education
325 W. Gaines St. Suite 1414
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
Email: Joey.Smith@fldoe.org
Phone Number: 888-224-6684

Office of Attorney General Pam Bondi

State of Florida

PL-101, The Capital

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

Website: <http://myfloridalegal.com>

Phone Number: 850-414-3300

Florida Board of Nursing

4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-02

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252

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