

20:75:02:12. Recognized colleges and universities. For the purpose of evaluating the education qualifications of applicants for certificates under SDCL 36-20B-15, the board shall recognize those junior colleges, colleges, and universities accredited at the time the applicant's degree was received by virtue of membership in one of the following regional accrediting agencies:

- (1) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
- (2) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;
- (3) New England Association of Colleges and Schools;
- (4) Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities;
- (5) Western Association of Colleges and Schools;
- (6) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

If an applicant's degree was received at an accredited college or university, but the education program used to qualify the applicant included courses taken at either a two-year or a four-year non-accredited institution either before or after graduation, such courses will be deemed to have been taken at the accredited institution from which the applicant's baccalaureate degree was received, if the courses were accepted by virtue of inclusion in an official transcript of the accredited college or university.

A listing of accredited colleges and universities recognized by the board is available on the board website. However, an applicant whose degree was received from a non-accredited college or university may qualify under the provisions of § 20:75:02:13.

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