



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Under Secretary

FROM: Michelle Cooper
Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education

SUBJECT: *Redelegation of Authority to Make Determinations Regarding the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies or Associations under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), Title IV, Part H, Subpart 2 (20 U.S.C. § 1099b)*

I. REDELEGATION

Under the authority vested in me through the Secretary by delegation, EA/EP/357, dated April 25, 2012, I redelegate to you, your successor in function, and anyone serving for you in an acting capacity or delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of your position, the authority to make decisions under the HEA, Title IV, Part H, Subpart 2 (20 U.S.C. § 1099b). Pursuant to this redelegation, you are delegated the authority to act as the Senior Department Official, as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 602.3. Unless otherwise cancelled or superseded, this redelegation to act as Senior Department Official will remain in effect.

II. RESERVATIONS

Unless otherwise noted in existing or future delegations of authority, the following are not delegated:

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The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global Competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

- A. the authority to sign documents for publication in the Federal Register other than those documents designated in the blanket delegation of authority to sign Federal Register documents to Principal Officers;
- B. the authority to appoint members of advisory councils and fix compensation; and,
- C. unless otherwise provided by law, the authority to submit reports to Congress or the President.

III. REDELEGATION

This authority may not be redelegated.

IV. CERTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This redelegation is effective upon concurrence of the Secretary, pursuant to Departmental Directive OM: 1-102 and certification by the Departmental Delegations Control Officer. I hereby ratify actions within the scope of this

relegation taken by you prior to the date of certification. This redelegation supersedes all previous redelegations of this authority, including but not limited to EP/EA/174, certified on 4/3/2017, EP/EE/45, certified on 8/10/2020 and EP/EA/181, also certified on 8/10/2020.

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Michelle Cooper

Acting Assistant Secretary

OGC Concurrence and Date: Debbie Friendly; 3/1/2021

Certification Date: 3/1/2021

Control Number: EP/EE/47

Delegations Control Officer: Jim Clemmens