



State Authorization Disclosures

State Authorization for Online Education

Many U.S. states and territories require online education providers to seek authorization to enroll their residents. Current and prospective students should consult Academy of Art University's [State Authorization for Distance Education Status Table](#) to review the status of the state where they will be located while taking online courses.

Students who change their residency or location are responsible for updating their address with the university and determining whether the Academy's programs are approved by the state to which they move in order to avoid delays in their course of study. Relocating to a state that has not authorized the Academy to offer online programs may cause students to lose their federal financial aid or become ineligible for professional licensure or certification.

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) establishes national standards and a state-level reciprocity process that allows for the interstate offering of distance education. Membership in SARA is voluntary for states and institutions. Currently California is not a SARA state. For more information about SARA, please visit <http://nc-sara.org/about>.

Consumer Complaint Process

Students are strongly encouraged to complete Academy of Art University's appeal or grievance process before seeking outside resolution. This policy can be found in our [Catalog Addendum 1: Academic and Student Policies](#) under Student Policies (Student Appeals And Grievances).

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888) 370-7589 toll-free or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet web site <http://www.bppe.ca.gov/>.

Students may also choose to file a complaint with the state approval entity where they live or with an accrediting agency. Please see AAU's [Links to Student Complaint Websites](#) for more information.



Refund Policies

Academy of Art University's students have the right to receive a pro rata refund based on their weeks attended up to 60%. All refund policies for California and out-of-state students can be found in our [Catalog Addendum 1: Academic and Student Policies](#) under Financial Aid and Tuition (Refunds).

Adverse Actions

No state entity or accrediting body has initiated an adverse action against Academy of Art University related to postsecondary education programs offered through distance education.

Professional Licensure

Academy of Art University is not able to recommend our graduates for professional licensure outside of California. While our degrees may meet the educational prerequisites for licensure in other states, we have not made a determination for each state yet. As eligibility for licensure is often based on both education and experience, current and prospective students should contact the appropriate state boards for complete and current information on licensure requirements for the state where they plan to practice their profession. Below is a list of organizations that provide state-specific information.

National Association of State Boards of Education

[Educator Preparation and Licensure Database](#)

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

[Licensing Requirements Tool](#)

Interior Design Society

[State Laws and Boards](#)

American Society of Landscape Architects

[State Licensure Laws](#)