



Council for Lifelong Learning
**Commission for Independent
Education**

**Fact
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<p>1. What is the Commission for Independent Education?</p>	<p>The Commission for Independent Education (Commission) was created by the 2001 Legislature as a result of combining and transferring to a single board the powers and duties of the State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities and the State Board of Nonpublic Career Education. The Commission will be responsible for all independent postsecondary education institutions with the exception of those independent nonprofit colleges or universities eligible to participate in the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) program.</p>
<p>2. Who are members of the Commission?</p>	<p>The Commission is comprised of the following six members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one member from an independent college or university that enrolls students who receive state or federal financial aid• one member from an independent college or university that does not enroll students who receive state or federal financial aid excluding veteran's benefits• one member from an independent nondegree granting school that enrolls students who receive state or federal financial aid• one member from a public school district or community college who is an administrator of vocational-technical education• two lay members who are not affiliated with an independent postsecondary education institution <p>The members are appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.</p>
<p>3. What are the general responsibilities of the Commission?</p>	<p>For the independent postsecondary institutions under its jurisdiction, the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sets licensure standards;• reviews applications for and issues: licenses; authorizations; registrations; and certificates of exemption;• monitors the consumer practices of these institutions; and• serves as a central agency for collecting and distributing information regarding these institutions. <p>The Commission is authorized to appoint ad hoc committees as necessary to assist it in the performance of its duties.</p>

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4. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Section 229.0074, F.S. -- Division of Independent Education Ch. 246, F.S. -- Nonpublic Postsecondary Institutions Rule 6E-1.0032, F.A.C. -- Fair Consumer Practices
5. Where can I get additional information?	Florida Department of Education Division of Independent Education www.firn.edu/doe/cie/ The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges & Universities (850) 488-3711