

Council on Postsecondary Education
State of Rhode Island

Adoption of Policies and Regulations

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The Council on Postsecondary Education will, from time to time, express its philosophical beliefs and general principles or purposes by which it will be guided in fulfillment of the requirements of the Education Act of 1981. The formulation and adoption of these statements shall constitute the policies of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The Council on Postsecondary Education will also establish, from time to time, rules, regulations and standards to implement Council legal requirements, Council policy, and/or recommendations of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. These rules, regulations and standards must be consistent in every respect with law and with policies adopted by the Council on Postsecondary Education. They are binding on all affected parties unless otherwise specified.

Proposed Council on Postsecondary Education's policies or amendments or repeal thereto will be listed in the agendas as "Adoption of Policy," or "Amendment to Policy," or "Repeal of Policy."

The Council's proposed regulations or amendment or repeal of regulations will be listed in the agendas as "Adoption of Regulations," or "Amendment to Regulations," or "Repeal of Regulations."

Proposals of policies and/or regulations will be developed through review and recommendation of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education with referral to the Council's applicable committee for review and recommendation to the Council for adoption. All proposals shall be first reviewed at a regular meeting of the applicable Council committee and then considered for action at the next regular meeting of the Council. Proposals that do not come under a Council committee's authority shall be first reviewed at a regular meeting of the Council and then considered for action at the next regular meeting of the council. Only those policies and/or regulations so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official Council policy and mandates.

New or amended policies/regulations shall be effective on date of adoption unless otherwise specified. These will be filed in the Council on Postsecondary Education's Policy/Regulation Manual and disseminated to appropriate agencies.

The Commissioner of Postsecondary Education shall, from time to time, make regulations when specific state law requires the establishment of such regulations by that office.

The Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner shall keep a permanent register of the policies open to public inspection. Compilations adopted by the Council shall be supplemented or revised as often as is necessary.