

## **State Authorizations**

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Education provided temporary flexibilities and approval regarding distance education. As such, Focus Personal Training Institute (FPTI) had been approved to provide distance education for the Personal Training Master Course with payment periods that included the last date of the COVID-19 national emergency.

During this previous interim period, FPTI had determined it met each student's state's requirements to legally offer distance or correspondence education in that state, as the previous temporary approval granted from the U.S. Department of Education had applied universally to all states.

As the COVID-19 national emergency has ended, the Personal Training Master Course is no longer approved for distance education by the U.S. Department of Education.

The 150-hour Personal Training Foundations - Online program and 50-hour Personal Training Elements - Online course are both approved for distance education indefinitely.

### Determination of a Student's Location

Institutions are required to determine in which state a student is located while enrolled in a distance education or correspondence course and make such determinations consistently and apply them to all students. FPTI has always collected this information and continues to do so during the enrollment process for each student.

All students are also directed to notify a School Director immediately upon moving at any point throughout their enrollment at FPTI.

### Reciprocity Agreement

If an institution offers postsecondary education through distance education or correspondence courses in a state that participates in a state authorization reciprocity agreement, and the institution is covered by that agreement, the institution is considered to meet state requirements for it to be legally offering postsecondary distance education or correspondence courses in that state. The institution is subject to any limitations in that agreement and any additional requirements of that state.

Due to the temporary approval granted from the Department of Education to conduct distance education, FPTI has not confirmed or documented its coverage under this agreement.