

**141.21 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Words, terms and phrases.** The following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

Subd. 1a. **Office of Higher Education or office.** "Office of Higher Education" or "office" means the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1992 c 513 art 1 s 28]

Subd. 3. **Solicitor.** "Solicitor" means a person who for a salary or for commission, acts as an agent, independent contractor, salesperson, or counselor in recruiting students for a program using any method, at any place except on the actual business premises of the school, other than only providing public information at the invitation or permission of a school or educational organization.

Subd. 4. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, firm, society, trust, association, or corporation or any combination thereof.

Subd. 5. **School.** "School" means any person, within or outside the state, who maintains, advertises, administers, solicits for, or conducts any program at less than an associate degree level and is not registered as a private institution under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71 and is not specifically exempted by section 141.35 or 141.37. School also means any person, within or outside the state, who maintains, advertises, administers, solicits for, or conducts any program at less than an associate degree level, is not registered as a private institution pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71, and uses the term, "college," "institute," "academy," or "university" in its name.

Subd. 6. **Course.** "Course" means any classroom or distance instruction; any subunit of a program; or any combination thereof.

Subd. 6a. **Multiple location.** "Multiple location" means any site where classes or administrative services are provided to students and which has a street address that is different than the street address found on the school's private career school license.

Subd. 7. **Placement service.** "Placement service" means a service offered or advertised by a school for the purpose of assisting the student in obtaining employment.

Subd. 8. **Program.** "Program" means any course or grouping of courses that is advertised or listed in a school's catalog, brochures, electronic display, or other publications, or for which the school grants a formal recognition.

Subd. 9. **Distance education school.** "Distance education school" means a school that establishes, keeps, or maintains a facility or location where a program is offered through distance instruction.

Subd. 10. **Distance instruction.** "Distance instruction" means any method of instruction outside the traditional in-classroom instruction, including, but not limited to, the use of the United States mail and other correspondence; Internet and other online computer-based education; or CD-ROM self-instruction.

Subd. 11. **Electronic display.** "Electronic display" means text, images, or sound rendered via any electronic device designed to present information, whether generated by the device or transmitted from another source.

**History:** *1969 c 866 s 1; 1973 c 714 s 1,2; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 513 art 1 s 18; 1995 c 212 art 3 s 59; 1999 c 214 art 3 s 2-8; 2005 c 107 art 2 s 60; art 3 s 1; 2007 c 144 art 3 s 16,17*