

136A.821 DEFINITIONS.

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

Subd. 2. **Office of Higher Education or office.** "Office of Higher Education" or "office" means the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

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 private career school, other than only providing public information at the invitation or permission of a private career 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. **Private career school.** "Private career school" means a person who maintains, advertises, administers, solicits for, or conducts any program at less than an associate degree level; is not registered as a private institution under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71; and is not specifically exempted by section 136A.833.

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

Subd. 7. **Multiple location.** "Multiple location" means any site where classes or administrative services are provided to students and that has a street address that is different than the street address found on the private career school's license.

Subd. 8. **Placement service.** "Placement service" means a service offered or advertised by a private career school for the purpose of assisting the student in obtaining employment.

Subd. 9. **Program.** "Program" means any course or grouping of courses that is advertised or listed in a private career school's catalog, brochures, electronic display, or other publications, or for which the private career school grants a formal recognition.

Subd. 10. **Distance education private career school.** "Distance education private career school" means a private career school that establishes, keeps, or maintains a facility or location where a program is offered through distance instruction.

Subd. 11. **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. 12. **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 18,28; 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; 2015 c 69 art 2 s 20-22,46