

Distance Education Accrediting Commission

Public Notice: Withdrawal of Accreditation

August 30, 2021*

The DEAC Accrediting Commission will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies and accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution of the decision to withdraw accreditation. In addition, DEAC will provide written notice to the public on its website of the decision within one business day of the decision and provide a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the decision. (Section XV., Processes and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*). At its August 25, 2021 meeting, the Commission voted to withdraw accreditation from the following school:

**New Learning Resources Online
1417 Lelia Drive
Jackson, MS 39216**

NLRO had the opportunity to appeal this decision and submit its notice of appeal by September 9, 2021 in accordance with Part Two, Section XII, Appealing a Commission's Adverse Decision, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*. NLRO did not submit a notice of appeal, therefore the decision is final as of September 9, 2021.

The reasons for the Commission's adverse decision are set forth below.

1. NLRO did not fulfill either its 2019 or its 2020 annual requirement to deliver audited or reviewed comparative financial statements for fiscal years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, respectively. The school therefore failed to demonstrate compliance with DEAC Accreditation Standards XI.A., XI.D.2., and XI.D.3.
2. NLRO did not demonstrate that it is properly licensed, authorized, exempted, or approved as a stand-alone institution by the Mississippi Department of Education as required to (A) demonstrate its ongoing compliance with DEAC accreditation under DEAC Accreditation Standard XII.E.1. and (B) demonstrate its eligibility for consideration for a Renewal of its Accreditation under Section III.B. in DEAC's Application for Accreditation or Renewal of Accreditation.
3. NLRO did not certify, in writing, the truth and accuracy of the information and documentation provided in connection with NLRO's April 30, 2020 Application for Renewal of Accreditation and subsequent submissions as required by Section 8: Certification Statement of DEAC's Application for Accreditation.
4. NLRO did not submit, as required by Section XVI.A.2., Part Two: Processes and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*: (A) copies of the required notices to be sent to NLRO enrolled and prospective students and written confirmation that such notices were sent to students and prospective students by the deadline and (B) screen shots showing that the public notice of show cause has been posted to the institution's website consistent with the requirements of Section XVI, Process and Procedures, DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*.
5. NLRO did not submit a teach-out agreement compliant with the terms of Part Two, Section XXI, of the DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*.

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