



## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

May 17, 2019

Steve Guinn  
Associate Dean of Instructional Support and Student Success  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
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Dear Mr. Guinn,

I am writing in response to your May 14, 2019 email request for confirmation that Central Baptist Theological Seminary is lawfully operating in Kansas and is not required to obtain state authorization from the Kansas Board of Regents.

In 1978, the legislative responsibility for authorizing non-public educational institutions to confer degrees in Kansas resided with the State Board of Education. At that time, Central Baptist Theological Seminary was exempted from the scope of the legislation that requires most private postsecondary educational institutions to obtain a certificate of authority to operate in Kansas. Pursuant to 1999 SB 345, this responsibility was legislatively transferred from the State Board of Education to the Kansas Board of Regents. The Board of Regents has taken no action to withdraw the 1978 exemption.

This “grandfather” provision is codified at K.S.A. 74-32,164(j). Pursuant to this statute, those institutions listed in a 1978 letter from the State Department of Education are lawfully operating in Kansas, and are not subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-32,162 *et seq.* Central Baptist Theological Seminary is on this list, and thus exempt from regulation by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Central Baptist Theological Seminary remains exempt and is not under the authority of the Kansas Board of Regents. Central Baptist Theological Seminary is lawfully operating in Kansas and is not required to obtain state authorization from the Kansas Board of Regents.

Respectfully,

Crystal Puderbaugh  
Director, Academic Affairs

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