



January 2, 2024

Pamela R. Durso
President
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
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Dear President Durso:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of Central Baptist Theological Seminary's biennial religious exemption report and academic catalog. Our review of the submitted materials indicates that the institution's mission, courses, degree programs, etc. appear to be exclusively devoted to religious and theological objectives and that the catalog represents the institution and its programs in a materially accurate manner.

Accordingly, the Washington Student Achievement Council renews Central Baptist Theological Seminary's religious exemption from Washington's Degree-Granting Institutions Act for the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree program, as offered at your facility in Des Moines, Washington, until January 3, 2026. This exemption is granted under the following condition:

Central Baptist Theological Seminary shall place the following statement in a prominent position in any catalog, general bulletin, course schedule, and website **in its entirety and exactly as worded below**:

The Washington Student Achievement Council has determined that Central Baptist Theological Seminary qualifies for religious exempt status from the Degree-Granting Institutions Act for the following program: Master of Divinity (M.Div.). The Council makes no evaluation of the administration, faculty, business practices, financial condition or quality of the offerings by this institution. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the Council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 or by email at degreeauthorization@wsac.wa.gov.

The exemption is programmatic and applies only to the program listed. The credit-bearing courses that comprise the Diploma in Theological Studies (Christian Formation) are also granted religious exemption from the degree authorization requirements of Chapter 28B.85 RCW. However, the diploma program itself is not to be included in the required statement.

A copy of any modified catalog is to be submitted to the Council prior to distribution to ensure continued compliance with statutory and rule requirements.

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Central Baptist Theological Seminary's religious exemption from degree authorization is conditioned on ongoing compliance with each criteria for exemption specified in WAC 250-61-060(8) and may be suspended or withdrawn at any time based on a finding of noncompliance. Should Central Baptist Theological Seminary wish to make any changes affecting its compliance with the criteria for exemption, it shall contact this office prior to enacting such changes.

Should the institution have any significant changes in its operations, such as new key administrative staff, it is to inform the Council at the time of the change.

If you wish to add or delete programs, make substantial curriculum changes, or change campus locations, please contact this office immediately for guidance on the appropriate materials to submit for such requests. The application form or request letter must be submitted to this office at least 90 days in advance of the intended begin date.

In the event your institution plans to discontinue operations in Washington, it shall contact this agency immediately and comply with the closure procedures outlined in WAC 250-61-160.

Please note that this exemption is not continuous in nature. Central Baptist Theological Seminary is required to submit a biennial report requesting renewal of its exemption from degree authorization. You will be notified at least 120 days in advance that your next biennial report is due.

This exemption does not represent an approval or endorsement by the Washington Student Achievement Council.

If you have any questions regarding the above matters, please contact us at (360) 485-1080. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SLOFTIN', written in a cursive style.

Sam Loftin, J.D.
Director of Consumer Protection