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November 13, 2020

Dr. Sally Holt  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc.  
1008 19th Avenue South  
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Re: Optional Expedited Authorization of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc.  
Institution Code: 1595

Dear Dr. Holt:

This communication is official notification that by affirmative vote of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) on November 6, 2020, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-7-2022, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc. was granted Optional Expedited Authorization (OEA) as a postsecondary educational institution in Tennessee. This OEA is valid for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

This OEA is only applicable to the institution associated with the provided institution code. The code for your institution is 1595. When submitting any documents to THEC in the future, please include the full name of the institution and the institution code.

In order to maintain OEA, your institution must operate in compliance with the statutes and rules pertaining to OEA. For example, Rule 1540-01-10-.04, requires OEA institutions to notify Commission Staff within five (5) business days of any of the following: action by your accrediting agency in regard to the institution's status, notice of legal action involving your institution or its parent company and Tennessee students, a required letter of credit or a cash management agreement with the USDOE, and public announcement of investigation by any governmental agency. Additionally, this rule requires OEA institutions to submit an OEA New Program Notification Form on the quarterly Committee meeting due date for any program implemented since the last due date.

Lastly, in accordance with Rule 1540-01-10-.03, institutions must annually apply for OEA by the due date immediately preceding the expiration date of the institution's current OEA. At that time your institution will be required to provide documentation of all requisite program approvals from subject matter state licensing agencies, boards or commissions. On October 15, 2021, your institution will be required to provide student-level statistical data.

Please feel free to contact DPSA with any questions that you may have. Visit <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/thec/bureaus/student-aid-and-compliance/postsecondary-state-authorization.html> to review the statutes and rules or to find forms and due dates. We look forward to working with your institution.

Sincerely,

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