



How NCAA Institutions Conduct Student-athlete Eligibility Certification

This article summarizes the results of questions asked of NCAA institutions in a survey that was conducted in July 2007 for the Georgia Institute of Technology's Office of the Registrar and Athletic Association by AACRAO Consulting. We thank these two offices for their permission to publish this report.

One of two reports on the survey, this one summarizes the results of questions asked of only the NCAA institutions that responded to the survey. Of the 509 responses, 226, or 44%, indicated they were from NCAA-member institutions.

Of these 226 respondents from NCAA institutions, 95 (42%) were in Division I, 45 (20%) were in Division II, and 86 (38%) were in Division III.

I. USE OF DEGREE AUDIT AS PART OF VERIFYING ELIBILIGY FOR NCAA

Fifty-two institutions (23%) use their degree audit as part of verifying eligibility for NCAA.

Use of Degree Audit as Part of Verifying Eligibility for NCAA, by Type of Institution

Type of Institution	Number (%) that Use Degree Audit for Verifying NCAA Eligibility (Total = 226)
Private, for-profit, 2-yr	0
Private, for-profit, 4-yr+	0
Private, not-for-profit, 2-yr	0
Private, not-for-profit, 4-yr+	16 (7.1%)
Public 2-yr	2 (0.9%)
Public 4-yr	34 (15%)

Use of Degree Audit as Part of Verifying Eligibility for NCAA, by Size of Institution

Size of Institution	Number (%) that Use Degree Audit for Eligibility (Total = 226)
Under 1,000	1 (0.4%)
1,000-4,999	11 (4.8%)
5,000-9,999	10 (4.4%)
10,000-19,999	15 (6.6%)
20,000+	15 (6.6%)

II. NCAA REPORTING

1. Certifying agent office for student-athlete academic eligibility on campus

When asked what office houses the certifying agent for student-athlete academic eligibility on their campus, the majority selected the following choices:

- The largest group of respondents (131, or 58%) indicated the certifying agent is in the Registrar's Office;
- 66 schools (29%) indicated the Athletic Compliance Office;
- 17 schools (7.5%) indicated the Faculty Athletic Representative; and
- 2 schools (0.9%) indicated the President's Office.

Fifteen (15) schools marked that their certifying agents are at other various offices, which they wrote in as follows:

- ”Director of Athletics”: 2 institutions
- ”Registrar and Athletic Compliance Office”: 2
- ”Academic Advising”: 1 institution
- ”Athletic Department”: 1
- ”Combination of top 3”
- ”Agent coming soon to Registrar's Office”
- ”Cooperative Teams with 2 other Div. III Colleges”
- ”Dean's Office”
- ”Director of Athletics with assistance from Registrar's Office”
- ”Institutional Research”
- ”Student Activities”
- ”Three offices: registrar, athletics office, faculty athletic rep”
- ”VP for Academic Affairs”

2. Use of the NCAA’s Compliance Assistant interactive (CAi) Application

When asked if their institution uses the NCAA’s Compliance Assistant interactive (CAi) application:

- The largest group, 109 (48%), answered ‘no’; followed by
- 62 schools (27%) with ‘yes, partially’; and
- 46 schools (20%) with ‘yes, fully’.

Use of the NCAA’s Compliance Assistant interactive (CAi) application, by Size of Institution

Size of Institution	No	Partially	Fully
Under 1,000 (16)	13 (81.3%)	3 (18.8%)	
1,000-4,999 (93)	58 (62.4%)	19 (20.4%)	16 (17.2%)
5,000-9,999 (34)	15 (44.1%)	10 (29.4%)	9 (26.5%)
10,000-19,999 (38)	13 (34.2%)	18 (47.4%)	7 (18.4%)
20,000+ (36)	10 (27.8%)	12 (33.3%)	14 (38.9%)

3. Implementation of a Means for Electronically Transferring Student Data to and/or from the NCAA’s CAi Application

- 30 schools (13%) have implemented a means for electronically transferring student data to and/or from the NCAA’s CAi application. All of these schools’ processes require a staff person to initiate it, rather than it being automatic.
- 180 schools (80%)* have not implemented a means for electronically transferring student data to and/or from the NCAA’s CAi application.

*Percentages do not equal 100 because not all institutions responded.

4. Number of Full-time Employees from the Registrar’s Office Supporting Student-athlete Eligibility Certification on Campus

When asked how many full-time employees from the Registrar’s office supporting student-athlete eligibility certification are on their campus:

- 138 institutions (27%) answered ‘1’;
- 26 institutions (5.1%) answered ‘2’;
- 5 institutions (1%) answered ‘3’; and
- 1 institution (0.2%) answered ‘4’.

Full-time employees from the Registrar’s Office supporting student-athlete eligibility certification, by Size of Institution

Size of Institution	“1”	“2”	“3”	4”	Average
Under 1,000 (5)	4 (80%)	1 (20%)			1.2
1,000-4,999 (66)	56 (84.8%)	9 (13.6%)	1 (1.5%)		1.2
5,000-9,999 (30)	26 (86.7%)	4 (13.3%)			1.1
10,000-19,999 (36)	31 (86.1%)	3 (8.3%)	1 (2.8%)	1 (2.8%)	1.2
20,000+ (33)	21 (63.6%)	9 (27.3%)	3 (9.1%)		1.5

**Next week we will publish the results of the questions on this survey that were asked of all 509 institutions, whether NCAA or not, about what student information systems they use; whether they use an electronic process to collect grade changes, major and minor changes, applications for degree; and how they conduct degree audits—whether they are automated, systems used, and staff support.