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### Regents Charters and Regents Certificates of Incorporation for Education Corporations

[Education Law §216](#) gives the Board of Regents broad authority to incorporate educational institutions by issuing them either a Regents charter or a Regents certificate of incorporation. Institutions issued a Regents charter or Regents certificate of incorporation are incorporated as education corporations, and are generally subject to the [Not-for-Profit Corporation Law](#) as provided in [Education Law §216-a](#).

In general, the following institutions must be chartered by the Board of Regents: (1) a college, university or other institution of higher education; (2) a nursery, elementary, secondary or charter school; (3) a library, archives, museum or historical society with collections; and (4) a public television or public radio station.

The following institutions must be incorporated by issuance of a Regents certificate of incorporation: (1) a historical society that does not hold collections; and (2) a cultural agency.

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