



TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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Amendment to Criteria for Programme Accreditation

Private post-secondary educational institutions are hereby informed that Part 4 of the Criteria for Programme Accreditation have been amended as follows:

4. Accreditation Decision

Following an accreditation exercise, subject to the programme meeting the criteria stated above, the programme is granted provisional accreditation for the duration of the programme. The accredited status is valid for the specified period and thereafter it is subject to review on a periodic basis. With this provisional accreditation the applicant has the approval to offer the programme, but is subject to quality assurance procedures during the entire period of the programme which will be undertaken by the TEC.

Consequently, if the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Division of TEC is not satisfied that the organisation is able to deliver the programme in a satisfactory manner, it will recommend to the TEC Board for the institution to be disallowed to enrol new students during the provisionally accredited period.

If the accreditation panel is not convinced that the programme meets all the criteria, but is of the opinion that it is of a standard which warrants further attention, then it is referred back to the applicant with recommendations. The applicant then has to resubmit the revised and consolidated programme within a period of three months for further consideration.

If the panel is not convinced that the programme meets the criteria to a significant extent then it is rejected outright.

The recommendations of the panel are communicated to the TEC Board for approval and the outcome is communicated to the applicant.

Six months prior to the lapse of the provisional accreditation of the programme, the institution may apply for the grant of full accreditation for the duration of the programme. Subsequently six months prior to the lapse of full accreditation the institution must reapply for the programme to be granted full accreditation.

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