

Policy on the Consideration Given to The Decisions of Other Accrediting Agencies and State Agencies

The Commission will not continue the accreditation or candidacy status of an institution if it:

- (A) Is the subject of an interim action by a recognized institutional accrediting agency potentially leading to the suspension, revocation, withdrawal, or termination of accreditation or candidacy;
- (B) Is the subject of an interim action by a State agency potentially leading to the suspension, revocation, withdrawal, or termination of the institution's legal authority to provide postsecondary education;
- (C) Has been notified of a threatened loss of accreditation, and the due process procedures required by the action have not been completed; or
- (D) Has been notified of a threatened suspension, revocation, withdrawal, or termination by the State of the institution's legal authority to provide postsecondary education, and the due process procedures required by the action have not been completed.

In considering whether to grant initial accreditation or candidacy to an institution, the Commission takes into account actions by:

- (A) Recognized institutional accrediting agencies that have denied accreditation or candidacy to the institution, placed the institution on public probationary status, or revoked the accreditation or candidacy of the institution; and
- (B) A State agency that has suspended, revoked, withdrawn, or terminated the institution's legal authority to provide postsecondary education.

Should the Commission grant accreditation or candidacy to an institution notwithstanding the actions or circumstances described above, it will, within 30 days, provide the Secretary of Education a thorough explanation, consistent with *Standards for Accreditation* and *Criteria for Candidacy*, why the previous action by a recognized institutional accrediting agency or the State does not preclude the agency's grant of accreditation or candidacy.

Should a recognized institutional accrediting agency take an adverse action with respect to an institution also accredited by the Commission or places the institution on public probationary status, or if a recognized programmatic accrediting agency takes an adverse action against a program offered by an institution or places the program on public probation for reasons associated with the overall institution rather than the specific program, the Commission will promptly review its accreditation or candidacy of the institution to determine if it should also take adverse action against the institution.

Upon request, the Commission will share with other appropriate recognized accrediting agencies and recognized State approval agencies information about the accreditation or preaccreditation status of an institution or program and any adverse actions it has taken against an accredited or preaccredited institution or program.

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