

Transitional regulation for agencies accredited according to previous law

Resolution of the Accreditation Council of 20.02.2018

(1) For accreditation procedures completed or started by 31.12.2017, article 16 of the Interstate Treaty on the organization of a joint accreditation system to ensure the quality of teaching and learning at German higher education institutions (Interstate study accreditation treaty) (hereinafter referred to as StAkkrStV) declares the law applicable until the entry into force of the StAkkrStV to continue to apply. Consequently, the agencies accredited under the Act on the Establishment of a Foundation "Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany" (hereinafter ASG) of 15 February 2005 (GV. NRW. p. 45), last amended by the Act of 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW. p. 547), have all rights and obligations arising from the ASG, the resolutions of the Accreditation Council as well as the agreements concluded with the agencies ("previous law"). In particular, they remain responsible for the implementation of accreditation procedures according to previous law including the associated accreditation decisions.

(2) For assessments commenced pursuant to article 3 (2) sentence 2 StAkkrStV as of 01.01.2018, the Accreditation Council hereby grants the agencies accredited in Germany as of 31.12.2017, subject to their application, the authorization pursuant to article 5 (3) no. 5 of the StAkkrStV until the expiry of their EQAR registration. Fees shall not be charged pursuant to Article 6 GebG NRW.

(3) After expiry of the EQAR listing according to (2), a new authorization of the agencies by the Accreditation Council is required in accordance with the resolution of the Accreditation Council "Authorization of Agencies in the German System" of 20.02.2018.

(4) An accreditation procedure or an assessment has begun within the meaning of (1) sentence 1 and (2) sentence 1 as soon as the higher education institution has concluded a corresponding contract with the agency.

(5) Pursuant to section 24 (1) sentence 2 of the specimen decree, the Accreditation Council authorizes the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Canonical Study Programmes in Germany (AKAST) until the end of its accreditation period. Thus, the agency is also authorized to carry out accreditation procedures according to previous law.