

Press Release

AI and Accreditation

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On September 18, 2026, the Executive Board of the Accreditation Council Foundation issued a statement on the impact of AI on higher education and accreditation procedures, which is published [here](#).

The Chair of the Accreditation Council, Professor Dr.-Ing. Bargstädt, explains: “External quality assurance of academic programs and teaching in Germany supports—rather than hinders—higher education institutions as they continue to develop their programs in light of AI-driven disruption. The fundamental principles of accreditation, as well as its applicable criteria and procedural rules, are very well suited to addressing the issues that now arise for degree programs. Higher education institutions can make any changes they deem necessary. I urge all stakeholders to take the necessary steps and not hide behind the—unfounded—excuse that something cannot be done ‘because of accreditation.’”

The Accreditation Council is the central decision-making body of the Accreditation Council Foundation (formerly the Foundation for the Accreditation of Degree Programs in Germany). The foundation, based in Bonn, was established by the 16 federal states and tasked with organizing the German accreditation system. Since the State Treaty came into effect on January 1, 2018, its main task has been to make decisions regarding program and system accreditations as well as alternative procedures.

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