

Reaccreditation

Application

An extension after the initial accreditation period is not an automatic process but must be separately applied for by the private university in order to avoid a lapse of the accreditation. Therefore, an application for reaccreditation should in the interest of continued legal validity be submitted no later than one year before the expiry of the accreditation. As with an initial accreditation, the procedural costs are to be borne by the applicant.

Procedures and areas of examination

Generally, the same procedural rules and areas of examination as in regard to initial accreditation procedures also apply to reaccreditations. The purpose of the application is to prove that all the requirements for accreditation, in particular the fundamental criteria, are fulfilled. As compared to initial accreditation procedures, which focus on the examination of the capacity of development plans, reviews in reaccreditation proceedings increasingly rely on verifiable results as quality indicators.

Other important basic elements of the evaluation procedure include the following:

- annual reports of the private university (see Format - Annual Reports)
- implementation of the development plan submitted with the initial accreditation;
- a clear profile structure and a development plan for the institution
- results and follow-up measures of external evaluations carried out by the private university;
- a well-developed quality assurance system comprising teaching and research.

The private university shall draft a plan, based upon the report, on how to implement the evaluation report's recommendations in terms of content and timeframe.