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### I. Latest decisions

In the plenary meeting on 25/26 February 2008 the ÖAR decided on the following applications for accreditation:

#### UMIT Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, medizinische Technik und Informatik

- The application for accreditation of the academic programme "Orthopädische Physiotherapie" has been approved.
- The application for accreditation of the doctoral study programme "Wirtschaftsingenieurwissenschaften" has not been approved.

The decisions are not yet legally binding since they still need the approval of the Federal Ministry of Science and Research.

### II. Information on the doctoral study programmes of the UMIT

Concerning consumer protection the ÖAR calls attention to the newly established doctoral study programmes (High Potentials Program, Executive Program, European Program): These are not accredited and therefore have no legal foundation whatsoever.

Students who are already enrolled in these programmes cannot assume to obtain an approved academic degree after graduation.

The already accredited doctoral study programmes "Biomedizinische Informatik, Gesundheitswissenschaften and Pflegewissenschaft" however are not affected by the above mentioned constraints.

### III. Principles for writing guidelines

The ÖAR acted on a suggestion the private universities uttered during the last round-table discussion. Now private universities have the possibility to comment on the composition of guidelines. Thus it should be guaranteed that the respective issues can be comprised completely and the private universities' points of view regarding the implementation of the guidelines can be considered.

The principles for writing guidelines are available on the website of the ÖAR:

[http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/files/downloads\\_engl\\_08/principles\\_for\\_writing\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/files/downloads_engl_08/principles_for_writing_guidelines.pdf)

### IV. Statistics of procedures

The total number of applications for accreditation shows that the ÖAR acts as a significant gatekeeper: only 15% of all applications for accreditation as a private university have been approved (figure 1).

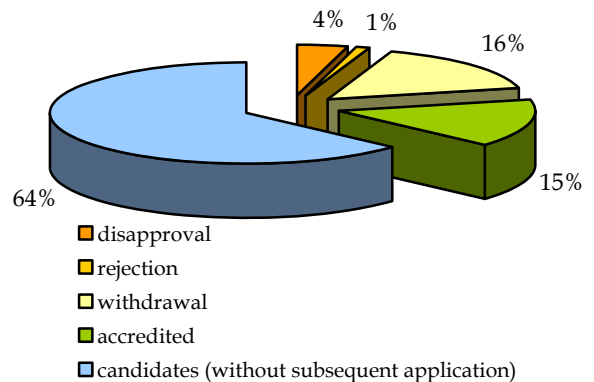


Figure 1: Applications (First accreditation) and candidates (Latest update: March 2008)

The pass rate of new study programmes submitted by institutions which have already been accredited is significantly higher (figure 2). Almost three out of four submitted applications pass. This is an indication for the enhancement of institutional development through accreditation.

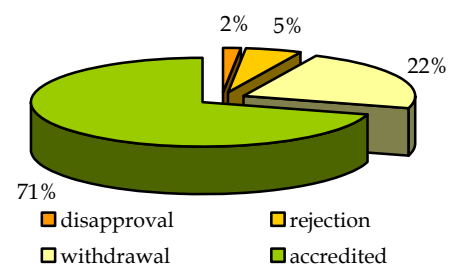


Figure 2: Applications (Study programmes, University courses) (Latest update: March 2008)