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## I. Accreditation and institutional development

The interest in founding a private university is on a constantly high level since the formation of the ÖAR in 2000. A total of 41 institutional applications have been submitted since to the ÖAR. Just about one third of these were able to meet the quality standards of the ÖAR (see chart 1).

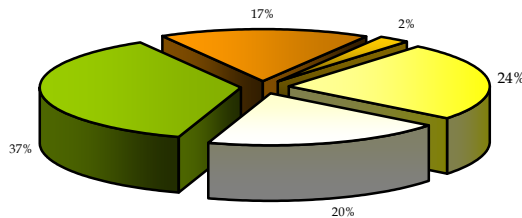


Chart 1: Institutional Applications 2000-2009 (September 2009)

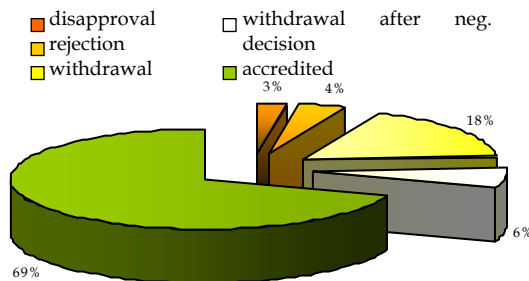


Chart 2: accreditation of additional study programmes 2000-2009 (September 2009)

For the 79 applications for accreditation of additional study programmes quite the opposite is true: More than two thirds of all applications have been approved of (see chart 2). This is an indication for the enhancement of institutional development through accreditation.

Further facts and figures about the ÖAR's work and about private universities can be found at: [http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/de/pu\\_date\\_nundfakten.aspx](http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/de/pu_date_nundfakten.aspx)

## II. Latest Decisions

In the meeting on 11 September 2009 the ÖAR decided on the following applications for accreditation:

### Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, Medizinische Informatik und Technik (UMIT)

The applications for accreditation of the study programmes

- Masterstudium Ernährungswissenschaften
- Bachelorstudium Mechatronik
- Doktoratsstudium Technische Wissenschaften

have been approved.

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

Furthermore the ÖAR decided positively on the application for accreditation of the "Bakkalaureats- und Magisterstudium Pflegewissenschaft" of the UMIT at the Vienna site. The decision is already legally binding.

## III. TCM: Accreditation expired

The accreditation of the "Verein Traditionelle Chinesische Medizin Akademie" as a private university expired on 10 August 2009 since they did not submit an application for extension of accreditation. All students were able to complete their studies by end of June 2009. Thus all teaching obligations have been met by TCM Privatuniversität

## IV. ÖAR Policy Paper

The ÖAR adopted a policy paper concerning "The restructuring of quality assurance in Austria". The text is available - in German only - as download at [http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/files/Positionspapier\\_OEAR\\_Juni2009.pdf](http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/files/Positionspapier_OEAR_Juni2009.pdf)

## V. Tip: Writing and Using Learning Outcomes



In the European higher education area the concept of learning outcomes grows more important. A practical guide for writing and using learning outcomes is available online at

<http://www.bologna.msmt.cz/files/learning-outcomes.pdf>. The extended print version can be ordered at <http://www.nairtl.ie>