

Call for Comments – August 2018 PROPOSED CHANGES

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Policy on Reinstatement (Institutional Accreditation Only)

~~ABHE procedures require that~~ Termination or voluntary withdrawal (~~voluntary or involuntary~~) from applicant, candidate, or accredited status; or denial of candidate status, ~~or~~ initial accreditation, or reinstatement of accreditation results in the severance of an institution's formal relationship to the ABHE Commission on Accreditation (COA) for a period of a minimum of one year. The one-year period begins after all appeals, if pursued, have been exhausted. After the one-year period, an institution may reapply for status with the COA by the following means. If an institution does not request reinstatement within three years of the removal of status, it must reapply as though it never had a relationship with the COA.

A. One year after applicant status was terminated or voluntarily withdrawn

Request for	The institution must
1. Reinstatement of applicant status with a new maximum five-year timeline for achieving candidate status	Submit an official letter of request and a progress report documenting compliance with the 22 Conditions of Eligibility
2. Reinstatement of applicant status and authorization of an evaluation team visit for consideration of candidate status	Submit an official letter of request and a new self-study materials (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan, statistical abstract , documentation exhibits)

B. One year after candidate ~~or accredited~~ status was terminated or voluntarily withdrawn

Request for	The institution must

1. Reinstatement of applicant status with a new maximum five-year timeline for achieving candidate status	Submit an official letter of request and a progress report documenting compliance with the 22 Conditions of Eligibility
2. Reinstatement of candidate status and with adherence to the original maximum five-year timeline for achieving accredited status (only possible if two of the original five years for achievement of candidate status remains available)	Submit an official letter of request, and a progress report documenting compliance with the 22 Conditions of Eligibility, and a progress report evidencing satisfactory progress toward achieving accredited status within five years of the initial-granting of original date candidate status was granted
3. Reinstatement of candidate applicant status with a new maximum five-year timeline for achieving accredited status and authorization of an evaluation team visit for consideration of candidate status	Submit-an official letter of request, submit and a new self-study materials (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan, statistical abstract, documentation exhibits), host an evaluation team visit, and appear before the COA
Evaluation team visit for accredited status	Submit an official letter of request and new self-study materials (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan)
4. Reinstatement of applicant status and authorization of an evaluation team visit for consideration of accredited status	Submit an official letter of request and a new self-study (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan, statistical abstract, documentation exhibits)

C. One year after accredited status was terminated or voluntarily withdrawn

Request for	The institution must
Reinstatement of accredited status	Submit an official letter of request, submit new self-study materials (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan), host an evaluation team visit, and appear before the COA
1. Reinstatement of applicant status with a new maximum	Submit an official letter of request and a report documenting compliance with the

five-year timeline for achieving candidate status	Conditions of Eligibility
2. Reinstatement of applicant status and authorization of an evaluation team visit for consideration of candidate status	Submit an official letter of request and a new self-study (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan, statistical abstract, documentation exhibits)
3. Reinstatement of applicant status and authorization of an evaluation team visit for consideration of accredited status	Submit an official letter of request and a new self-study (compliance document, planning document, assessment plan, statistical abstract, documentation exhibits)

Reinstatement to candidate or accredited status cannot be achieved until the institution has submitted a new self-study, hosted a comprehensive evaluation team visit, and received a favorable decision from the COA.

An institution terminated or withdrawn from candidate or accredited status may elect to submit a request for reinstatement with an evaluation team visit for “either candidate or accredited status.” In such cases, the status appropriate will be determined by the COA after review of the evaluation team report and interview of institutional representatives at the February COA meeting. An institution seeking “either candidate or accredited status” and granted candidate status has not been denied accredited status, and therefore, cannot appeal the COA decision.

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