

Summary of Negative Action: June 15, 2023

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Place on Warning

Northpoint Bible College (Haverhill, MA) until February 2024

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed Northpoint Bible College (MA) on warning for weakness in meeting the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards/Condition of Eligibility:

- COE 21, Standard 6b: EE 1; Standard 3: EE 7 (timely submission of annual audits)

By September 15, 2023, the institution is required to submit its 2022 audit and a progress report, detailing steps already taken, and to be taken, to adjust the auditing schedule and procedures to ensure delivery of timely audited financial statements to the Commission Office no later than December 15 each year. The Commission notes that the institution's fiscal year end is April 30.

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The Meaning of Warning

Warning is a negative, public action indicating that the Commission on Accreditation (COA) has determined that an institution is in substantial compliance with ABHE standards, but meets one or more standards with sufficient weakness that, if the current trend is not altered, the institution is in jeopardy of being found out of compliance with a standard in the near future and placed on probation. The institution retains accredited or candidate status with ABHE during a period of warning, and will be subject to periodic monitoring, which may include progress reports and/or focused visits by COA staff or evaluation teams. If weaknesses are not resolved within the time specified (usually one year), the COA may (1) extend the warning for a second year, (2) place the institution on probation, (3) order the institution to show cause why its accreditation or candidate status should be continued, or (4) withdraw accreditation or candidate status.

Warning is rarely extended beyond two years. Rather, an institution that fails to strengthen specified weaknesses by a stated COA deadline is placed on probation. Warning is not an appealable action.