
Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany

Accreditation Council

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The Accreditation System in Germany I

1. Programme Accreditation

subject matter: single study programme

Accreditation period: 7 years (first accreditation 5 years)

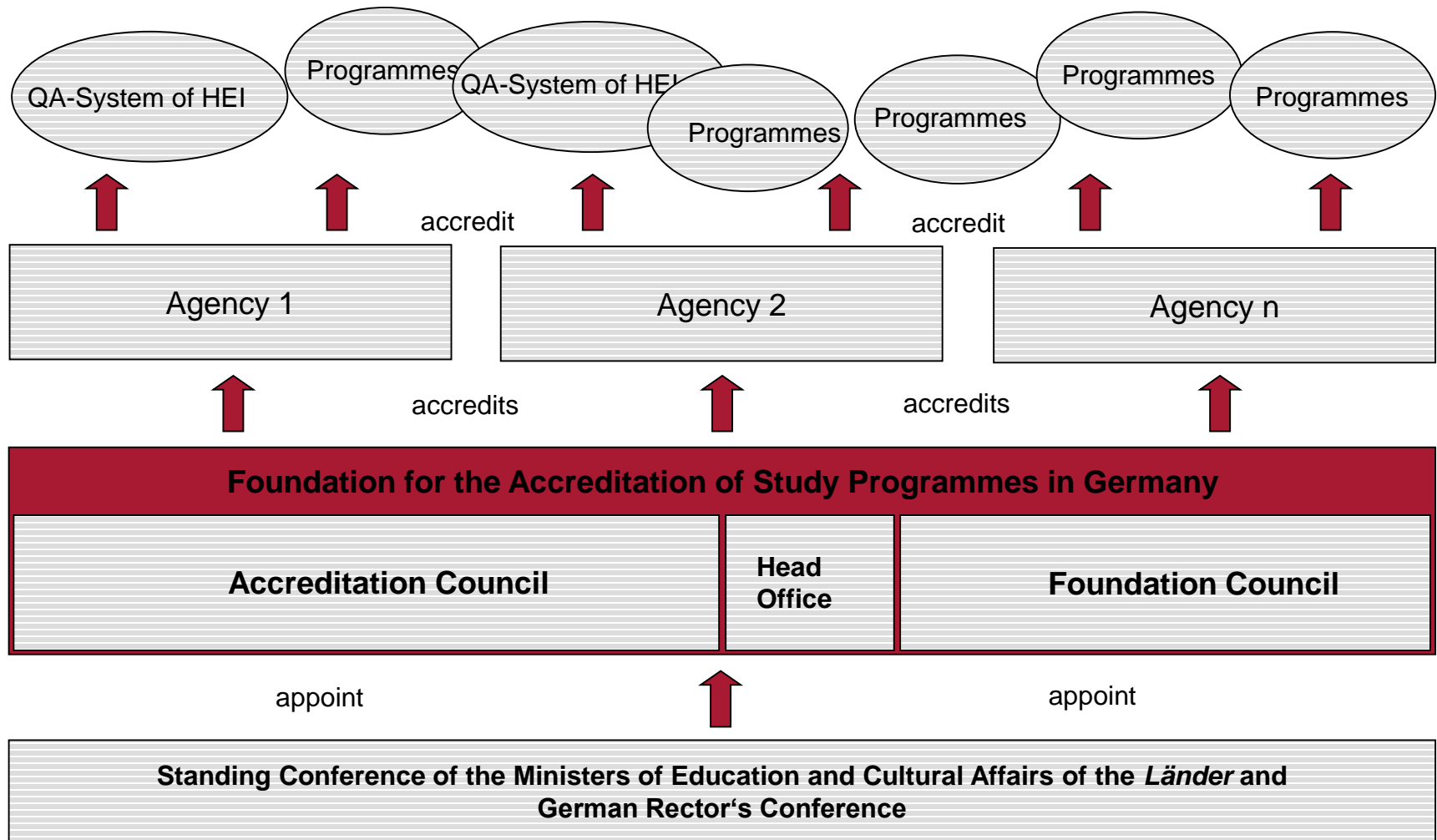
2. System Accreditation

subject matter: internal quality assurance system of HEI;

effects of decision: all study programmes of HEI are accredited

Accreditation period: 8 years (first accreditation 6 years)

The Accreditation System in Germany II



Discipline-oriented Accreditation Agencies in Germany

- AHPGS** Accreditation Agency for Study Programmes in Special Education, Care, Health Sciences and Social Work
- AKAST** Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Canonical courses of Studies in Germany (accredited only for programme accreditation)
- ASIIN** Accreditation Agency specialised in accrediting Degree Programs from the fields of Engineering, Informatics/Computer Science, the Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
- FIBAA** Foundation for Business Administration Accreditation
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Multidisciplinary Accreditation Agencies in Germany

AAQ	Swiss Agency of Accreditation and Quality Assurance
ACQUIN	Accreditation-, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute
AQAS	Agency for Quality Assurance in the course of the Accreditation of Study Programmes
AQ Austria	Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria
evalag	Evaluation Agency Baden-Württemberg
ZEVA	Central Evaluations- and Accreditation Agency Hannover

Criteria for the Accreditation of Study Programmes

Resolution of the Accreditation Council (20.02.2013)

- 2.1: Qualification Objectives of the Study Programme Concept
 - 2.2: Conceptional Integration of the Study Programme in the System of Studies
 - 2.3: Study Programme Concept
 - 2.4: Academic Feasibility
 - 2.5: Examination System
 - 2.6: Programme-related Co-operations
 - 2.7: Facilities
 - 2.8: Transparency and Documentation
 - 2.9: Quality Assurance and Further Development
 - 2.10: Study Programmes with a Special Profile Demand
 - 2.10: Gender Justice and Equal Opportunities
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Criteria for System Accreditation

Resolution of the Accreditation Council (08.10.2007, amended on 20.02.2013)

- 4.1: Definition of the subject matter
 - 4.2 and 4.3: Prerequisites for admittance
 - 6.1: Qualification objectives
 - 6.2: Internal Management in Teaching and Learning
 - 6.3: Internal Quality Assurance
 - 6.4: Reporting system and Data Collection
 - 6.5: Responsibilities
 - 6.6: Documentation
 - 6.7: Cooperation
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Procedure of System Accreditation (main issues)

I. Application:

- 1) Preparatory conversation (Agency and Higher Education Institution HEI)
- 2) Application (brief descriptions of the institution and QMS)
- 3) Preliminary evaluation (prerequisites of HEI for the admittance)

II. Evaluation Procedure:

- 1) Appointment of an expert group for the system accreditation (done by the agency)
- 2) 1st on-site visit (collecting information, checking completeness of documents)
- 3) 2nd on-site visit (critical analysis, conversations with HEI, samples)

III. Decision:

1. Preparation of a final report (taking into account samples)
 2. Yes-No-Decision of the commission of the agency
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Thank you for your attention!

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