

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE AND
ACCREDITATION COUNCIL
QAA DIVISION, SANOTHIMI, BHAKTAPUR, NEPAL
MAJOR POLICIES OF THE HEQAAC/UGC REGARDING QAA

Nepali QAA System is governed by the following Operational Policies:

- a) Accreditation process is open to all the HEIs fulfilling the minimum eligible criteria. Participation in the process is generally a voluntary process, yet, UGC has publicly notified that all the eligible HEIs in the country shall participate in the process and complete Self-Assessment by the end of year 2022.
- b) All the Nepali HEIs affiliated to foreign university should also undergo with the process of QAA as prescribed by the National Accreditation Agency – UGC/HEQAAC
- c) The HEQAAC is the implementing institution for the Institutional Accreditation. It shall go for program accreditation on the basis of demand. The program accreditation shall be limited only to accredited HEIs
- d) The authorized accreditation body (UGC) assures the operation of all the HEIs eligible for accreditation are under the National Quality Framework (NQF) for QAA
- e) Institutional accreditation is awarded to the Central Department/School of University, Central Campus, Constituent Campus, and Affiliated Community and Private Campus/Colleges; as well as to the colleges operating in Nepal under the affiliation of foreign universities.
- f) Assurance of the internal quality is the primary responsibility of the HEIs so, they show the determination for that and is evident through institutions' IQA Policy and IQA mechanisms, as well as their effective implementation
- g) The review and assessment for accreditation is conducted by a team of free and independent assessors while the progress documentation shall be the responsibility of respective accredited HEI. The HEQAAC Secretariat shall monitor the progress made by accredited HEIs in a regular basis
- h) The HEQAAC ensures the credibility of the assessment process and steps for accreditation. The review panels must avoid institutional as well as circumstantial conflict of interest, and all stakeholders must follow the respective Code of Conducts

- i) Different professional councils shall be involved in QAA system and process, such as fulfillment of the council requirement, for the HEIs offering professional degrees, is considered to be minimum requirement to be eligible to participate in accreditation process
- j) The validity of Accreditation Certificate will generally be for five years, yet, accredited HEIs shall demonstrate satisfactory progress in the post-accreditation outcomes. HEIs should follow the same procedure for re-accreditation on expiring of the validity period of accreditation
- k) In case of the changes in affiliation of HEIs to particular university, the accreditation would expire immediately and re-accreditation process shall be initiated sharply after the change in accreditation
- l) The accredited HEIs shall make annual review and progress assessment and report to HEQAAC and the council may monitor and evaluate the progress made after accreditation
- m) Accreditation and progressive improvement in the service of HEIs, demonstrated by the evidences, shall be the primary criteria to receive any form of grants from the UGC