

3. Notifying Agencies and Public of Commission's Decision

Procedure for Notifying Federal, State, Accrediting Agencies, and Public of the Commission's Decisions

Pursuant to Federal Regulations regarding the recognition of other accrediting agencies, the Accrediting Commission will observe the following required policies in keeping interested and appropriate groups informed of the accrediting actions taken by the Commission:

The Commission will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, appropriate state licensing agencies, the appropriate accrediting agencies, and the public no later than 30 days after the Commission makes a **final** decision in cases where it:

1. Awards *initial* accreditation to an applicant institution;
2. Awards *re-accreditation* to an institution; and
3. *Denies initial* accreditation to an applicant or *withdraws accreditation* from an institution.

The Commission will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing agencies, and the appropriate accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution of any decision to deny or withdraw accreditation, but no later than 30 days after the Commission reaches a final decision to deny or withdraw the accreditation of an institution.

The Commission will provide written notice to the public of the decisions to deny or withdraw accreditation within 24 hours of its notice to the institution.

For any decisions to deny or withdraw accreditation, the Commission will make available to the U.S. Secretary of Education, appropriate state licensing agencies, the appropriate accrediting agencies, and the public upon request, no later than 60 days after the final decision, a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the Commission's decision and the comments, if any, that the affected institution may wish to make regarding the Commission's decision.

The Commission will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, appropriate state licensing agencies, and the appropriate accrediting agencies and, upon request, the public, if an accredited institution—

1. Decides to resign or withdraw voluntarily from accreditation, within 30 days of receiving notification of the resignation; or
2. Decides to let its accreditation lapse for any reason, within 30 days of the date on which the accreditation was determined to have lapsed.

The Commission will submit to the U.S. Secretary of Education the name of any institution it accredits which the Commission has reason to believe is engaging in fraud and abuse, along with the Commission's reasons for concern about the institution's activities.

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