財團法人高等教育評鑑中心基金會
Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan

Regulations Governing the Overseas Higher Education Accreditation

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Article 1

In order to conduct overseas higher education accreditation (hereinafter "Overseas Accreditation"), the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (hereinafter "the Council") hereby promulgated the *Regulations Governing the Overseas Higher Education Accreditation*.

Article 2

Overseas Accreditation refers to the program accreditation commissioned by universities, colleges and junior colleges (hereinafter "institutions") which are established and located outside the territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu of the Republic of China (hereinafter "the territory of the R.O.C.").

Article 3

Overseas Accreditation is designed to accommodate programs at institutions which are established and located outside the territory of R.O.C. and which confer associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degrees.

Article 4

The Council shall establish an "Overseas Accreditation Working Group" to evaluate and conduct matters related to applications, appointment of reviewers, and arrangement of site visits, etc. The Working Group is composed of five to nine members, including the Council's Executive Director as the Chairperson of the Working Group, together with the Director, research fellows, and coordinators.

Article 5

The Council conducts Overseas Accreditation with the following procedures:

1. Preparation: to accept or decline applications, convene initial online meetings to discuss matters related to applications, sign Overseas

Accreditation contracts, hold workshops to explain the implementation of accreditation to the applying units (hereinafter "applicants"), and appoint reviewers.

2. Document review: to conduct initial review on the formality aspect of the self-assessment report (hereinafter "SAR") submitted by the applicants, forward SARs for reviewers' document review, notify applicants to submit a written response to the inquiries raised by reviewers and provide supplemental documents to support the written response, and convene document review meetings for reviewers.
3. Site visit and applicant's feedback: to hold workshops to explain the arrangement of the site visit to the applicants, complete Review Reports, process applicant's written feedback to Review Reports, respond to the applicant's written feedback to Review Reports, and make the reviewers' recommendation respecting accreditation results.
4. Decision-making: to organize an Accreditation Recognition Committee, and convene Committee meetings to verify the suggested accreditation results.
5. Follow-up improvement: to review self-improvement reports submitted by the applicants after the Overseas Accreditation.

Article 6

The fees for Overseas Accreditation shall be adjusted on the basis of the applicant's size and location, which are listed in the Overseas Accreditation contracts.

Article 7

An applicant will be granted with either of the following three types of accreditation results:

1. Accredited with a validation period of 6 years.
2. Accredited with a validation period of 3 years.
3. Failed in accreditation.

Article 8

Should an applicant object to the accreditation results for which the Council is commissioned to conduct, such applicant may file a written appeal to the Council within thirty days from the next day after receipt of the notice of the accreditation results. To proceed the appeals, the Council has promulgated the *Regulations Governing the Review of Appeals against Results of Overseas Higher Education Accreditation*.

Article 9

In order to carry out Overseas Accreditation, the Council has promulgated the *Operating Rules for the Overseas Higher Education Accreditation*.

Article 10

In order to appoint Accreditation Recognition Committee members and reviewers, the Council has promulgated the *Operating Rules for the Appointment of Accreditation Recognition Committee Members and Reviewers in Overseas Higher Education Accreditation*.

Article 11

These Regulations shall take effect upon approval by the Board of Trustees of the Council.