

PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES ON COLLECTION AND APPROVAL OF ACCREDITED PROGRAM INFORMATION

Purpose and Scope

Article 1- (1) These Procedures and Principles are prepared to provide the framework for the procedures and principles to be taken into consideration by the national and international accreditation agencies regarding the collection of data from programs that are being accredited in Türkiye and the submission of the list of accredited programs that have been approved by the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council to the Higher Education Council, to be added to the YKS Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide.

Basis

Article 2 - (1) This procedures and principles document is based on Article No. 26 of the Regulation on Higher Education Quality Assurance and the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council titled "Program Accreditation".

Definitions

Article 3- (1) For the purpose of the procedures and principles in the scope of this document:

- a) Accreditation Agencies System (AKSİS) refers to the online system through which accreditation agencies' application, evaluation and follow-up processes are managed,
- b) Quality Evaluation Authorisation Certificate refers to the certificate indicating that the national agency approved by the Council is authorised to carry out the external evaluation and quality assurance process that measures whether predetermined academic and field-specific standards in a particular field are met by a higher education program,
- c) Guide refers to the YKS Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide,

Commission refers to the Commission for the Recognition and Authorisation of External Evaluation and Accreditation Agencies,

- d) Council refers to the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council,
- e) Agency refers to the national or international independent external evaluation and accreditation agencies,
- f) Program refers to a higher education program or programs subject to accreditation and evaluation by agencies,
- g) Program Accreditation refers to the external evaluation and quality assurance process that measures whether academic and field-specific standards predetermined by the Agency in a particular field are met by a higher education program,
- ğ) Certificate of Recognition refers to a document showing that an international agency approved by the Council is recognised for evaluating the external evaluation and quality assurance process, which measures whether predetermined academic and field-specific standards in a particular field are met by a higher education program,
- h) YKS refers to the Higher Education Institutions Exam,
- ı) CoHE refers to the Council of Higher Education,
- i) YÖKSİS refers to the Higher Education Information System.

Collection of accredited program information

Article 4- (1) Accredited program information is collected by the Council through the following methods:

- a) Higher education institutions upload information about their accredited programs to YÖKSİS,

b) National and international accreditation agencies, upload data about the programs they have accredited to AKSİS.

(2) Data upload to YÖKSİS and AKSİS is completed until the end of April of the relevant year.

Conditions of approval for accredited programs

Article 5- (1) Accredited programs must meet the following conditions to be approved by the Council:

- a) The relevant program must have graduated at least one cohort of students as of the date of the program accreditation decision,
- b) The national accreditation agency performing the program accreditation must hold a Quality Evaluation Authorisation Certificate as of the date of the program accreditation decision,
- c) The international accreditation agency performing the program accreditation must hold a Certificate of Recognition as of the date of the program accreditation decision.

Approval process of accredited program information

Article 6- (1) The data collected for an accredited program under Article 4 is reviewed by the Commission, taking into account the evidence of accreditation and the requirements set out in Article 5.

(2) The accredited program list created by the Commission is submitted to the Council for approval.

(3) The list of accredited programs approved by the Council is submitted to CoHE for inclusion in the Guide.

Enforcement

Article 7- (1) This procedures and principles document enters into force on the date of its approval by the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council.

Execution

Article 8 - (1) This Procedures and Principles are executed by the President of the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council.

Provisional Article 1- This Procedures and Principles are executed following the completion of the accreditation period for existing accredited programs previously approved by the Council.

Approved at the Council meeting dated 3 June 2020.