

**Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions, *Excerpt***  
**(Revised June 2014)**

**V. Actions that Terminate Accreditation**

**Terminate Accreditation.** If, in the judgment of the Commission, an institution has not satisfactorily explained or corrected matters of which it has been given notice, has not addressed deficiencies within the period specified by the Commission, or has taken an action that has placed it significantly out of compliance with the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies, its accreditation may be terminated. The Commission will give the institution written reasons for its decision. Termination of accreditation is subject to a request for review and appeal under the applicable policies and procedures of the Commission. The accredited status of the institution continues pending completion of any review and appeal process the institution may request. Otherwise, the institution's accreditation ends on the date when the time period permitting such a request expires.

**Restoration Status.** *Prior to the termination effective date established by the Commission or within seven days after completion of any requested review and appeal process,<sup>1</sup> whichever is later, the institution may submit a request for granting of restoration status. If, however, an institution has been granted a good cause extension to come into compliance with any standard prior to the termination action,<sup>2</sup> the institution may not apply for restoration status following termination.*

*The request for granting of restoration status must be accompanied by a completed eligibility report, demonstrating compliance with the Eligibility Requirements. Upon receipt of the institution's request, the Commission shall schedule a comprehensive evaluation of the institution no later than four months following the request. The institution must submit an institutional self-evaluation four to six weeks prior to the scheduled visit.*

*For the period leading to completion of the comprehensive evaluation for restoration status, the termination effective date will be rescinded and the*

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<sup>1</sup> The other administrative remedies provided to an institution for which the Commission has acted to terminate accreditation are a Review of Commission Action in accordance with Commission policy, and an appeal heard before an Appellate Hearing Panel, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC).

<sup>2</sup> 34 C.F.R. § 602.20. Under U.S. Department of Education enforcement regulations, the Commission is required to take immediate action to terminate the accreditation of an institution which is out of compliance with any standard. In the alternative, the Commission can provide the institution with additional notice and a deadline for coming into compliance that is no later than two years from when the institution was first informed of the noncompliance. In exceptional situations, if the institution has done all within its authority to reach compliance on any standard but remains out of compliance, the Commission is permitted by regulations to allocate a one-time, short-term "good cause extension" for the college to reach compliance prior to acting on the institution's termination.

*termination implementation will be suspended. The institution's accredited status will be accredited, pending termination.*

*The comprehensive evaluation for restoration status will determine if the institution meets all Eligibility Requirements and has demonstrated either its compliance with all of the Accreditation Standards and Commission policies or the ability to meet them within the two-year restoration status period. If, in the judgment of the Commission, the institution fully meets all Eligibility Requirements and has demonstrated either its compliance with all of the Accreditation Standards and Commission policies or the ability to fully meet all Accreditation Standards and Commission policies within the two-year restoration status period, the institution will be granted restoration status. If, however, in the judgment of the Commission, the institution does not fully meet all Eligibility Requirements and/or has not demonstrated the ability to fully meet all Accreditation Standards and Commission policies within the two-year restoration status period, the termination implementation will be reactivated and the effective date will be immediate. There will be no further right to request a review or appeal in this matter.*

*The Commission may determine such follow-up and special reports as may be warranted during the restoration status. At the conclusion of the restoration status period, a comprehensive evaluation will be conducted for the purpose of determining whether the institution has demonstrated its compliance with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies. If, in the judgment of the Commission, the institution is in compliance with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies, then the accredited status of the institution will be reaffirmed. However, if in the judgment of the Commission the institution is not in compliance with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies, then the termination implementation will be reactivated and the effective date will be immediate. There will be no further right to request a review or appeal in this matter.*

*An institution may apply for restoration status only one time within a 20-year period.*

*Re-application for accredited status. In such a case ~~In the event of the termination of accreditation of an institution~~, the institution must complete again the entire accreditation process, starting with the Eligibility Review and then Candidacy.*