



ACCREDITATION DENIED

3.8. ACCREDITATION DENIED

3.8.1. Definition of Accreditation Denied.

An institution with Accreditation Denied is an educational organization, not currently accredited by MSA, for which accreditation is denied when 1) there are a significant number of the Standards for Accreditation that are not met, 2) applicable MSA policies are not adhered to, and 3) major shortcomings in the self-study process are identified during the team visit. Deficiencies will be specifically identified by MSA. Membership in the Commission and status as a Candidate for Accreditation will be terminated.

The Commission shall confer Accreditation Denied only to Candidate secondary institutions.

3.8.2. The Commission's Responsibility Regarding Accreditation Denied

The Commission will notify the institution in writing within 30 days of the action regarding the nature, purpose, and scope of corrective action required. The corrective action required must be addressed before the institution reapplies to be a Candidate for Accreditation.

3.8.3. The Institution's Responsibility Regarding Accreditation Denied

The institution will be permitted to reapply for Candidacy only when the deficiencies have been corrected and an onsite visit confirms that the required corrective action has been taken. Costs of any visit shall be borne by the institution.

3.8.4. Action on the Institution's Response to Accreditation Denied

When the Commission has taken action to deny accreditation and terminate the membership of a Candidate member institution, or when an institution voluntarily withdraws from membership, no refund of dues or fees will be made, and the institution will sacrifice all access to services outlined in Policy 4.1.1.1.—Institutional Improvement Services: Services Provided as a Part of Membership Dues. As a non-member, however, the institution may avail itself of Commission services provided for a fee as outlined in Policy 4.1.1.2.—Institutional Improvement Services: Services Provided for a fee.

3.8.5. Term of Accreditation Denied

The institution may not reapply for candidacy for at least one year and must initiate the Candidacy process from the beginning.

Policy # 3.8.1-3.8.5._____

Initial Adoption Date: April 22, 2006