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3.5.1. Definition of Limited Term Accreditation for Candidate Institutions

The Commission may take action to grant Limited Term Accreditation when a Candidate institution 1) meets all of the Standards for Accreditation (an/or Indicators of Quality for postsecondary, non-degree granting career and technology institutions), 2) adheres to all applicable Commission policies, 3) meets the expectations associated with the accreditation protocol used, and 4) has been given significant stipulations on one or more areas that require follow-up and monitoring in order to ensure the stipulations are met.

Should the accreditation of the institution be extended to the full term of accreditation, the period of time that the institution is accredited for the limited term shall be subtracted from the normal term of accreditation.

The Commission shall grant Limited Term Accreditation only to candidate secondary schools.

3.5.2. The Commission's Responsibility Regarding Limited Term Accreditation

The Commission will notify the institution in writing within 30 days of the action regarding the nature, purpose, timelines, and scope of corrective action needed and/or additional information to be submitted to the Commission by the institution. The corrective action required is of an immediate nature and must be addressed by a specific deadline for the institution's accreditation to be extended to the full term. Issues are such (in complexity and seriousness) that the Commission recommends a shortened accreditation term and additional monitoring activities. A follow-up report and a special on-site visit are required before the accreditation term can be extended.

3.5.3. The Institution's Responsibility Regarding Limited Term Accreditation

It is the responsibility of the institution to seek clarification on what is required, to take advantage of Commission resources such as workshops, Commission documents, staff technical support, and/or networking with other member schools, and to take the necessary corrective action within the period prescribed.

3.5.4. Action on the Institution's Response to the Limited Term Accreditation

When the institution reaches the end of its limited term of accreditation and upon receipt of the institution's report and/or the follow-up visit, one of the following actions shall be taken:

- If the institution demonstrates that it has addressed all concerns that led to the Limited Term of Accreditation, the Commission may act to extend the accreditation for an additional number of years.
- If the information is insufficient to make a determination of whether the requirements of the Limited Term Accreditation have been met, the institution shall be asked to submit further clarification and/or receive a Special Visit. Costs of any visit shall be borne by the institution.

- If the institution fails to rectify the conditions that prompted the Limited Term Accreditation, the Commission may act to defer accreditation and remove the institution as a member.

3.5.5. Reporting Limited Term Accreditation Status

Institutions that have been granted Limited Term Accreditation shall be considered to be accredited members. The Commission will report the institution as an accredited member to the public and the institution retains the right to advertise itself as an accredited member.

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