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3.6.1. Definition of Probationary Accreditation

The Commission may take action to grant Probationary Accreditation when an accredited institution 1) does not meet one or more of the Standards for Accreditation and/or 2) does not adhere to applicable Commission policies, and/or 3) does not meet the expectations of the accreditation protocol used.

The Commission shall grant Probationary Accreditation only to previously accredited secondary schools.

3.6.2. The Commission's Responsibility Regarding Probationary Accreditation

The Commission will identify specific corrective actions that must be taken for the institution to have its accreditation reinstated. Subsequent reporting and/or on-site visits to confirm that appropriate corrective action has been taken are required within defined time limits for the Commission to remove probation and grant accreditation for the full term specified by the protocol used.

3.6.3. The Institution's Responsibility Regarding Probationary 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.

3.6.4. Action on the Institution's Response to the Probationary Accreditation

Upon receipt of the institution's report and/or the follow-up visit to address the probationary status, one of the following actions shall be taken:

- If the institution demonstrates that it has addressed concerns that led to the Probationary Accreditation, the Commission may act to return the institution to Accredited or Accredited with Stipulations status.
- If the information is insufficient to make a determination of whether the conditions that led to Probationary Accreditation have been addressed, 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 Probationary Accreditation, the Commission may take a Show Cause Action and begin actions to remove the institution's accreditation. If removal of accreditation is recommended, the institution may invoke the appeals procedures established by the Association.

3.6.5. Reporting Probationary Accreditation Status

Institutions that have been granted Probationary Accreditation shall be considered to be accredited members. The institution retains the right to advertise itself as an accredited member. However, the Commission shall report the probationary status to public inquiries.

3.6.6. Term of Probationary Status: Probationary accreditation is typically granted for a period of one year but shall not exceed a maximum of three years.

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