



STIPULATIONS

3.4. ACCREDITATION WITH STIPULATIONS

3.4.1. Definition of Stipulations

The Commission may take action to grant Accreditation with Stipulations when the 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.

The Commission will identify areas that are the subject of the stipulation(s) and specify the nature, purpose, timelines, and scope of corrective action needed and/or additional information to be submitted to the Commission by the institution. Subsequent reports and/or on-site visits may be required to provide the Commission with assurance that appropriate corrective action has been taken. Corrective action must take place within the specified time limit unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director (or within the time outlined in MSCSS Policy 6.3.6. for postsecondary, non-degree granting career and technology institutions.)

3.4.2. The Commission's Responsibility Regarding Stipulations

The Commission shall endeavor to set stipulation requirements that offer the greatest encouragement for positive growth by the institution. The Commission shall clearly specify, in writing, the nature, purpose, and scope of any further information to be submitted by the institution and/or the specific corrective action that is required. The Commission staff shall be available to provide certain types of technical support to help the institution come into compliance with Standards for Accreditation and protocol expectations.

3.4.3. The Institution's Responsibility Regarding Stipulations

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.

3.4.4. Action on the Institution's Response to the Stipulations

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 satisfied the requirements of the stipulation, it shall be moved from Accredited with Stipulations to Accredited status. In the case of secondary institutions, either the Commission itself or the Commission Executive Director may take this action. In the case of postsecondary, non-degree granting career and technology institutions, only the Commission may take this action.
- If the information is insufficient to make a determination of whether the requirements of the stipulation have been met, the institution shall be asked to submit further

clarification and/or receive a Special Visit. In the case of secondary institutions, either the Commission itself or the Commission Executive Director may take this action. In the case of postsecondary institutions, only the Commission may take this action. Costs of any visit shall be borne by the institution.

- In the case of secondary institutions, if the institution fails to rectify the conditions that prompted the stipulations, the Commission may act to place the institution on probation. Only the Commission may take this action.
- In the case of postsecondary, non-degree granting career and technology institutions, if the institution is not able to correct the stipulations within the guidelines referred to in Policy 6.3.6. and is unable to show good cause for the delay in coming into compliance, the Commission may act to remove the institution's accreditation.

3.4.5. The Institution's Status While Addressing Stipulations

Institutions that are working on stipulations shall be considered to be accredited during the time that stipulations are being addressed. 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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