

Consolidated version of the Fee Schedule of the Accreditation Council Foundation dated July 11, 2018; amended on March 19, 2020, September 28, 2022, April 14, 2025, and December 9, 2025[1]

Pursuant to Section 1(1) of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation Act of October 17, 2017 (GV. NRW. p. 806) in conjunction with Article 6(4) of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation of June 12, 2017 (Annex to GV. NRW. p. 806), the Accreditation Council Foundation, following consultation with the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, hereby issues the following regulations:

§ 1 General Provisions

The Accreditation Council Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Foundation) charges administrative fees in accordance with §§ 3 through 5 and §§ 9 through 22 of the Fee Act for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, as published on August 23, 1999 (GV. NRW. p. 524), as last amended by the Act of December 8, 2015 (GV. NRW. p. 836), unless otherwise provided in these Rules of Procedure.

§ 2 Administrative Fees

The Foundation charges the administrative fees specified in the attached fee schedule for the official acts listed therein. The fee schedule is an integral part of these regulations (Appendix).

§ 3 Supplementary Fee Provisions

(1) The amount of administrative expenses pursuant to § 3(1) of the Fee Act for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia is determined in accordance with the decree in effect at the time of receipt of the application regarding the guidelines for taking administrative expenses into account when setting the administrative fees to be charged under the Fee Act for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, plus additional costs not listed therein, such as expert fees, travel and accommodation expenses, and other additional costs.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 15(2) of the Fees Act for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, the fee in the cases specified therein is calculated based on the administrative costs. The

The fee range is from 81 euros to 100,000 euros. Paragraph 1 applies mutatis mutandis.

(3) The competent fund within the meaning of Section 18(3)(a) and (b) of the Fees Act for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia is the fund of the Foundation.

(4) The collection of fees pursuant to § 2 may be waived if this appears appropriate for reasons of equity.

§4 Entry into Force

These regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication in the Official Gazette of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

[1] Amended by the Regulation Amending the Fee Schedule of the Accreditation Council Foundation dated March 19, 2020, published on April 27, 2020, in the Ministerial Gazette of North Rhine-Westphalia, Issue 2020, No. 9, p. 216, by the Regulation Amending the Fee Schedule of the Accreditation Council Foundation dated September 28, 2022, published on November 7, 2022, in the Ministerial Gazette of North Rhine-Westphalia, Issue 2022, No. 38, p. 892, by the Regulation Amending the Fee Schedule of the Accreditation Council Foundation dated April 14, 2025, published on May 5, 2025, in the Ministerial Gazette of North Rhine-Westphalia, Issue 2025, No. 21, p. 646, as well as by the Regulation Amending the Fee Schedule of the Accreditation Council Foundation dated December 9, 2025, published on December 12, 2025, in the Ministerial Gazette of North Rhine-Westphalia, Issue 2025, No. 204.

Appendix: Schedule of Fees

The fee to be charged in each individual case is determined in accordance with the fee schedule applicable to the relevant fee item.

1. Accreditation and re-accreditation of degree programs and quality management systems pursuant to Article 3(1)(1) through (3) of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation

1.1 Base fees (flat-rate fee) for universities [1] that offer at least one currently accredited degree program:

€6,000 per year for universities with more than 20,000 students

€3,000 per year for institutions with 5,000 to 20,000 students

€1,500 per year for higher education institutions with 1,500 to 4,999

students €750 per year for higher education institutions with fewer than 1,500 students

1.2 Procedural fees (flat fee per case)

1.2.1 System accreditation in accordance with Article 3 paragraph 1 (a) 1

State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation: €5,000 per decision

1.2.2 Program Accreditation in accordance with Article 3 paragraph 1 (a) 2

State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation: €600 per study program [2]

1.3 Fees for procedures pursuant to Article 3, Paragraph 1, Number 3 of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation

1.3.1 Basic fee based on administrative costs: €15,000 to €100,000 per decision, including all procedural steps except for the evaluation of the procedure pursuant to Section 34(5), Sentence 3 of the Model Statutory Ordinance in accordance with Article 4(1)-(4) of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation, or pursuant to the corresponding state ordinances, which can be viewed on the Foundation's website (www.akkreditierungsrat.de). The range covers the estimated minimum and maximum costs. The fee depends on the institution's evaluation concept.

1.3.2 Evaluation of the alternative procedure pursuant to Section 34(5), sentence 3 of the Model Statute or pursuant to the corresponding state regulations:

Based on administrative costs: €20,000 to €40,000 per evaluation procedure (provided the Foundation has commissioned it)

2. Accreditation of agencies in accordance with Article 5 paragraph 3 Number 5 State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation

2.1 One-time fee for accreditation based on a listing in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR): €2,500

2.2 Fee for accreditation of agencies not listed in the EQAR: Depending on administrative costs, €2,500 to €45,000 per accreditation decision

[1] For the purposes of these regulations, “institutions of higher education” also include vocational academies and administrative colleges.

[2] In the case of bundled programs and combined degree programs, each component program is considered a degree program within the meaning of these fee regulations.