

**Transitional provisions for agencies accredited under previous law**

Resolution of the Accreditation Council dated  
February 20, 2018

(1) For accreditation procedures completed or initiated by December 31, 2017, Article 16 of the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation (hereinafter StAkkrStV) stipulates that the law in effect prior to the StAkkrStV's entry into force shall continue to apply. Consequently, the law establishing the "Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programs in Germany" (hereinafter ASG) of February 15, 2005 (GV. NRW. p. 45), last amended by the law of September 16, 2014 (GV. NRW. p. 547), retain all rights and obligations arising from the ASG, the resolutions of the Accreditation Council, and the agreements concluded with the agencies ("previous law"). In particular, they remain responsible for conducting accreditation procedures under previous law, including the associated accreditation decisions.

(2) For evaluations commenced on or after January 1, 2018, in accordance with Article 3(2), second sentence, of the StAkkrStV, the Accreditation Council hereby grants accreditation to the agencies accredited in Germany as of December 31, 2017,, subject to their application, accreditation pursuant to Art. 5(3)(5) of the StAkkrStV until the expiration of their EQAR registration.

(3) Upon expiration of the EQAR listing pursuant to paragraph 2, the agencies must be re-approved by the Accreditation Council in accordance with the Accreditation Council's resolution "Approval of Agencies in the German System" dated February 20, 2018.

(4) An accreditation procedure or an evaluation has commenced within the meaning of paragraph 1, sentence 1, and paragraph 2, sentence 1, as soon as the institution of higher education has concluded a corresponding contract with the agency.

(5) Pursuant to Section 24(1), second sentence, of the Model Statutes, the Accreditation Council authorizes the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Canonical Degree Programs in Germany (AKAST) until the end of its accreditation period. This means that the Agency is also authorized to conduct accreditation procedures under the previous law.