



*Ensuring Quality, Standards and
Recognition for Tertiary
Education*

The Grenada National Accreditation Board

General Conditions of Institutional Accreditation in Grenada

The following Conditions of Accreditation (hereinafter referred to as the “Conditions”) apply to all post-secondary and tertiary institutions accredited with the Grenada National accreditation board. These conditions outline an accredited institution’s obligations after Accreditation.

General Provisions:

- a) These Conditions are effective from and after the date of Accreditation.
- b) The GNAB reserves the right to amend these Conditions as it sees fit and will give prior notice to all accredited and candidate institutions where this applies.
- c) The Conditions that apply to any post-secondary or tertiary institution may be varied, added to or revoked at any time, and, as considered appropriate by GNAB either in general or in respect of particular matters.
- d) Accreditation is non-transferable.
- e) Accredited institutions shall abide by all Conditions of Accreditation.
- f) An accredited institution enjoys legal authority to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Conditions. The accreditation of a post-secondary or tertiary institution does not confer any status other than that which has been awarded with respect to the evaluation for Institutional Accreditation. Status indicated shall not be deemed to convey any other approval or consent which may be required by any other law, rule, regulation, ordinance or order.
- g) The GNAB may, at its discretion, suspend, revoke or cancel a post-secondary or tertiary institution’s accreditation:
 - i. for failure to comply with these Conditions;
 - ii. for failure to comply with all applicable laws or the orders of any public authority with jurisdiction over the institution’s business or affairs;
 - iii. where information contained in any application for accreditation, or otherwise supplied by the institution at the request of GNAB, is found to be false or misleading or for violation of any commitment made in an application for accreditation.



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Interpretation:

- a) Unless the context otherwise requires and except as varied or otherwise specified below, words and expressions which are defined in the Act or in GNAB's *Criteria, Standards, and Scope of Evidence for Institutional Accreditation (IACC 2.2)* shall have the same meanings when used herein.
- b) "Substantive changes" are changes made after accreditation and include, within limitations:
 - i. any significant change in the mission, vision or goals of the institution;
 - ii. any change in the legal status, form of control or ownership of the institution;
 - iii. the addition of programmes that represent a significant departure, in either content or method of delivery, from those that were offered at the time of accreditation.
 - iv. the initiation of delivery of 60% or more of a programme's contact hours through distance education or electronic media;
 - v. the addition of programmes at a qualification or credential level above that which is included in the institution's current accreditation;
 - vi. a change in programme duration or credit calculation;
 - vii. the establishment of additional sites or campuses from which programmes are to be offered;
 - viii. any agreement or contract with another institution to provide direct instructional services such as a "teach out" arrangement, or to offer a joint programme or similar collaborative provision;
 - ix. the establishment of an external or transnational programme;
 - x. a change in the overall financial position of the institution through such actions that significantly reduce its financial capacity to maintain the integrity and continuity of its offerings.
- c) "Period of Accreditation" means, in relation to a particular applicant, the date of issuance to the date of expiration of a Certificate of Accreditation issued by GNAB to that applicant, except under conditions where accreditation was suspended, revoked or cancelled.



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An accredited post-secondary or tertiary institution shall:

- h) At all times comply with all laws, regulations or rules made under the Act, as well as the aforementioned Conditions; bearing in mind that these may be amended from time to time.
- i) Apply consistently the quality assurance procedures and at all times maintain the integrity of its Quality Management Systems (QMS) approved by GNAB.
- j) Submit an Accredited Institution Annual Report (AIAR) to GNAB in a prescribed format on or before the anniversary date on which accreditation was granted.
- k) Display its Certificate of Accreditation at its main campus.
- l) Inform GNAB immediately of any issue which impacts the validity or integrity of its QMS.
- m) Incorporate into its QMS, any amendments or developments in GNAB's quality assurance framework for post-secondary and tertiary institutions, as communicated to the institution from time to time.
- n) Facilitate visits, if requested, by GNAB as part of its role in monitoring the institution's activities and the effectiveness of its QMS.
- o) Facilitate visits by GNAB to investigate any complaints by stakeholders made against the accredited institution.
- p) Respond promptly to any request for information, statement of concern, complaint or other communication received from GNAB.
- q) Use only the name under which the institution is accredited with GNAB in all marketing or advertising.
- r) Provide and maintain all premises or equipment for offering programmes in a safe and sanitary condition and in accordance with all relevant laws, regulations and building codes in Grenada.
- s) Maintain physical, financial and human resources adequate for the satisfactory conduct of the programmes of instruction presented in its application for accreditation.
- t) Notify GNAB of its intention to offer any post-secondary or tertiary programmes not approved at the time of accreditation.



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An accredited post-secondary or tertiary institution shall not:

- a) Make any substantive change without the approval of GNAB.
- b) Provide any misleading information in its marketing or advertising regarding the meaning of its accredited status.
- c) Use GNAB's name and official logo in its documentation without GNAB's expressed permission given in writing.
- d) Present to prospective students or members of the public, misleading, false or fraudulent information relating to any programme, employment opportunity, opportunity for further study or opportunities for enrolment at the institution.