



*Ensuring Quality, Standards and  
Recognition for Tertiary  
Education*

The Grenada National Accreditation Board

## **Rationale for Decision Outcomes on Accreditation**

Following the evaluation for initial Institutional Accreditation or Programme Accreditation, GNAB may decide on any of the following:

- I. Grant Accreditation
- II. Extend the period of Candidacy for Accreditation
- III. Deny Accreditation.

Following the evaluation for continued Accreditation, GNAB may:

- I. Grant Accreditation
- II. Deny Accreditation.

The following rubric provides the rationale for each decision:

### **GNAB grants Accreditation**

The results of the evaluation reveal evidence that all the criteria and standards have been satisfied and demonstrate implementation of a robust Quality Management System (QMS) which is working well. There is strong evidence of outcomes which demonstrate the achievement of educational and other goals.

### **GNAB grants Accreditation with special conditions**

The results of the evaluation reveal evidence that all the criteria and standards have been satisfied and demonstrate implementation of a QMS. There is clear evidence of outcomes which demonstrate achievement of educational and other goals. However, the evaluation also reveals evidence that one or more of the criteria and standards require institutional attention and follow-up by GNAB. The report of the evaluation team must explain the rationale for the prescribed conditions and outline the timeframe and expectations of evidence which the institution must provide.



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### **Extension of Candidacy for Accreditation**

The results of the evaluation reveal evidence that not all the criteria and standards for Accreditation have yet been satisfied. There is evidence of progress towards satisfying all the criteria and standards and demonstrating implementation of a QMS which is effective. Based on the evidence, it is the judgement of the team that with continued progress and support, it is likely that all the criteria and standards can be satisfied within a short period. An extension of Candidacy is recommended. Another comprehensive evaluation will be conducted within the period of time for which extended candidacy has been granted

### **Denial of Accreditation (initial)**

The results of the evaluation reveal evidence that not all the criteria and standards for Accreditation have yet been satisfied. The evidence also reveals insufficient progress towards satisfying all the criteria and standards or implementation of a QMS which is effective, since the previous extension of Candidacy was granted. Based on the evidence, it is the judgement of the team that, despite continued support from GNAB, all the criteria and standards are not likely to be met during a further extension of candidacy.

### **Denial of Accreditation (continued)**

The results of the evaluation reveal evidence that not all the criteria and standards for Accreditation have been satisfied and suggest that the QMS is ineffective. The evidence also points to significant issues with respect to one or more criteria and standards that require follow-up by GNAB, and which may lead to an adverse action. The report of the evaluation team must explain the rationale for the prescribed action and GNAB will initiate its adverse action process



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The following are possible conditions which may be imposed on the award of Accreditation

### **Progress Report**

This is required when the evaluation reveals evidence that one or more of the criteria and standards require institutional attention. The evaluation team recommends that the institution addresses the issue and provide an update to GNAB in a progress report. The team outlines the timeframe and expectations of evidence to be provided by the institution in the report.

### **Monitoring Report**

This is required when the evaluation reveals evidence that one or more of the criteria and standards require follow-up by GNAB. The evaluation team outlines the timeframe for the period or monitoring, and the expectations of evidence to be provided by the institution in its monitoring report(s), demonstrating that the issue is being adequately addressed.

### **Focused Site Visit**

This is required when the evaluation reveals evidence that one or more of the criteria and standards require follow-up by GNAB. The evaluation team outlines the timeframe for the focused site visit, and the expectations of evidence to be provided by the institution during the visit, to demonstrate that the issue has been adequately addressed. This visit only focuses on the issues raised by the team as requiring follow-up by GNAB



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