

Procedure for Reaccreditation of Degree Awarding Study Programmes

NHH

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This routine applies to all degree awarding study programmes at NHH.

Accreditation

NHH is a self-accrediting institution. This means that NHH's Board has the authority to accredit new degree awarding study programmes at all levels. Accreditation¹ is a decision based on an academic assessment of whether the study programme meets the standards and criteria established in or authorised by the Universities and Colleges Act.

Reaccreditation

Being a self-accrediting institution not only provides the right to accredit new study programmes but also entails a responsibility to systematically ensure that the programmes continuously meet the accreditation² requirements. This systematic oversight is ensured by the Board reaccrediting the study programmes at least every five years, in parallel with the periodic programme evaluation of the same programme.

Reaccreditation is based on a compliance check carried out by the academic director and the administration, using a checklist tailored for this purpose and for the specific programme.

Process and Responsibility Distribution

PROSESS		Responsibility		
Step	Task	Full-Time Studies		NHHE
		Ph.D.	Bachelor and master	
1	Initiation and execution of the compliance check	Ph.D. adm.	SUK ³	NHHE adm.
2	Reaccreditation of the programme	Board		

The responsibility for initiating and executing a compliance check includes:

- initiating the work in a timely manner to ensure it is completed according to the plan
- conducting the check in accordance with this routine and the associated checklist
- ensuring that the academic director is involved where required according to the checklist
- preparing a Board proposal for reaccreditation

Reaccreditation is based on a case document which includes the study programme's curriculum and the completed checklist as attachments.

¹ The Universities and Colleges Act, § 3-2: Accreditation as a Condition for Offering Higher Education

² Regulations Relating to the Universities and Colleges Act, § 1-8: Requirements for Quality Systems

The institution must systematically ensure that all study programmes continuously meet the accreditation requirements.

³ SUK = Section for Educational Quality

Checklists

Tailored checklists have been developed for the accreditation of study programmes. For reaccreditation, a simplified version of the checklist is used, which still ensures that all necessary checkpoints are addressed. These checklists are adapted to the specific programmes and are available on the quality system's website or through other agreed means for those conducting the compliance check.

Non-Conformance

If the compliance check conducted as part of reaccreditation reveals that the accreditation requirements are not met, this must be reported to the Rector and SUK. The issues must be rectified, and a new compliance check must be conducted within a reasonable timeframe.

A systematic compliance check may also be initiated outside the reaccreditation cycle if there is reason to suspect that a degree awarding study programme does not meet the accreditation requirements.