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NATIONAAL ORGAAN  
VOOR ACCREDITATIE



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In accordance with the LAW of 22 May 2007, providing the institution of the National Council for Accreditation and a Central Register of programmes (act NOVA), the National Council for Accreditation has been installed by the Ministry of Education and Development.

the purpose of NOVA is to promote the quality and safeguarding of regional and international comparability of higher education programs. accreditation is defined as a quality mark on the basis of a decision issued by an accreditation board, which expresses that the quality of the programmes has been assessed positively.

to be assessed positively, programs must meet the minimum quality and level requirements, established beforehand. These requirements are the generic quality safeguards.

### TYPES OF APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION

Nova makes a distinction between:

1. Accreditation request new programs: programs that do not yet have Alumni (graduates).
2. Accreditation request existing programs: programs that already have Alumni.
3. Accreditation applications based on a foreign accreditation organization in Suriname.

### FRAMEWORKS FOR ACCREDITATION

- Frameworks for the new program test(TNO);
- Frameworks for existing programs;
- Frameworks for recognition of foreign programs.

These frameworks indicate which quality requirements a program must meet, namely:

1. Objectives program
2. Curriculum
3. Effort of the staff
4. Arrangements
5. Intern quality care
6. Review of the quality standards
7. Conditions for continuity
8. Results

Programs will depend on the application they wish to use, using one of the above mentioned frameworks and respective formats that serve as a blueprint for the application.

In addition to these frameworks and formats NOVA has also developed a "Helping Hand for Quality Assurance" to support the institutions.

### APPLICATION ACCREDITATION

Institutions can apply for accreditation for new or existing programs at NOVA. for the time being, only programs, belonging to the university education (wo) or higher vocational education (hbo) of both government and private institutions, may submit an accreditation application at NOVA.

These are Bachelor's and Master's programs within the two previously mentioned education forms. NOVA focuses specifically on the accreditation of higher education programs. Other types of programs will be addressed in a later phase.

	WO	HBO
TNO (New Programs Test)	bachelor/ master	bachelor/ master
Existing Pro- grams	bachelor/ master	bachelor/ master
Foreign accredited programs	bachelor/ master	bachelor/ master

### ACCREDITATION PROCESS

This process includes the following four phases/items

1. Intern quality care
2. The self-evaluation report
3. Extern evaluation/examination
4. Accreditation Judgment

Monitoring and assessing the quality of programs is the responsibility of the institutions themselves.

all accredited programs are included in the Central Register of Higher Education Programs.

### IMPORTANCE OF ACCREDITATION

- Promoting the quality of the programs
- Making programs comparable and recognizable both regionally and internationally
- Preparing students for the international job market
- Students exchange, regionally and internationally

## SANCTIONS

If a program is not accredited, the Ministry of Education, Science & Culture:

- ❑ Prohibit the institute to issue diploma's;
- ❑ Prohibit the enrollment of first year students;
- ❑ Reduce and/or discontinue the government's subsidy;

## NOVA CONSISTS OF an Accreditation Board

It consists of nine people and has the main task of making a decision on an accreditation application.

The members are:

1. Mw. T. Feurich (President)
2. Hr. E. Banel (Vice President)
3. Mw. L. Gobardhan - Rambocus
4. Hr. E. Emanuels
5. Mw. Y. Baal
6. Hr. E. Djoeneri
7. Hr. U. Rodgers
8. Mw. R. Welvaart

## ACCREDITATION OFFICE

The office consist of a director and staff members who are in charge of the administrative and organizational activities of the NOVA.

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