

Procedure of the AHPGS for the regulation of objections, dissenting opinions and complaints



The AHPGS has procedures which give universities the right of objection /dissent related to the implementation of an accreditation procedure and to submit complaints related to accreditation decisions.

1 Objection / Dissent related to procedural steps

With regard to the procedure, the AHPGS grants the university the right to right of objection and dissent:

Appointment of experts

The AHPGS Accreditation Commission nominates the experts for the respective procedure. The university is informed by AHPGS about the nomination and is given the opportunity to raise reasoned objections against the nomination of experts to the AHPGS office within three days. The Accreditation Commission examines the objections, but is entitled, stating its reasons, to overrule the objections.

Appraisal of the on-site visit within the accreditation procedure

After the on-site visit, the group of experts will work together on the responsible expert opinion. The university receives the report (without recommendation for a resolution) for comment. The university is, within two weeks after receipt of the report, entitled to submit factual corrections and submit it to the AHPGS office. The Accreditation Commission the AHPGS examines these submissions and decides on their justification.

2 Appeal against the accreditation decision of the accreditation commission

The higher education institution is entitled to submit a written appeal about the accreditation decision to the AHPGS within two weeks of receiving the decision. This complaint is forwarded by the AHPGS board to the statutory responsible Appeal authority to discuss the reasons given in the written appeal. To this end, the Executive Board (within 1 month) submits a written statement to the Accreditation Commission for further consultation and decision on their next meeting (within 3 months). The authority is therefore the Accreditation Commission. The final decision of the Accreditation Commission will be sent to the university by the office of the AHPGS.

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