

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS AFFECTING THE ACCREDITATION STATUS OF AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

Recognizing that the Federal Government, state agencies, the public, and others rely on the decisions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the following steps are taken to assure the timely and broad dissemination of actions taken regarding the accreditation status of affiliated institutions.

ADVERSE ACTIONS AND WITHDRAWAL FROM STATUS

The Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education is informed of a final decision to deny, withdraw, suspend or terminate the accreditation or candidate status of an institution or to take other adverse action at the same time the institution is notified.

The Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies are informed within thirty (30) days of any adverse action taken. Adverse actions include denial or termination of candidacy; denial or termination of accreditation; placement on probation.

The Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies are informed within thirty (30) days of a decision by a candidate or accredited institution to voluntarily withdraw from its status or allow its accreditation status to lapse. Notice is also included in subsequent notices of Association actions as well as on the Association's home page on the World Wide Web.

A press release is issued and widely distributed immediately following meetings of the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions specifying any adverse actions taken.

A statement summarizing the reasons for an adverse action is made available to the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education and appropriate state agencies and to the public upon request within thirty (30) days of any adverse action.

OTHER ACTIONS

The Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies are informed within thirty (30) days of actions granting candidacy or accreditation, reaffirming candidacy or accreditation, and changes in accreditation status. This information is also made available on the Association's home page on the World Wide Web and is otherwise widely distributed.

No later than 60 days after a final decision, the accrediting agency makes available to the Secretary, the appropriate State postsecondary review entity, and the public upon request, a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the agency's determination to deny, withdraw, suspend, or terminate accreditation or preaccreditation of an institution, and the comments, if any, that the affected institution may wish to make with regard to that decision.