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MEMO REGARDING REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

As a result of a decision of the ACPE Board of Directors at its June 2023 meeting and the follow-up action of ACPE's Executive Committee (as mandated by the Board), the following changes were made to the Policies and Procedures for International-Accreditation, effective September 1, 2023. The revisions have important implications for many degree programs with ACPE International-Accreditation Status, and so the revised Policies and Procedures should be reviewed carefully.

- **Provisional International-Accreditation (Category 2)** – the status formerly awarded to a pharmacy degree program following an initial comprehensive evaluation that was conducted online - has been discontinued. Provisional International-Accreditation (Category 2) has been replaced with a new designation “**International-Accreditation (* online evaluation).**” (*Note: A Program with International-Accreditation (* online evaluation) is subject to the same policies and procedures as a Program with International-Accreditation.*)
- **Provisional International-Accreditation (Category 1)** – the status awarded following an initial comprehensive evaluation of a pharmacy degree program when there are some compliance issues – has been discontinued. Provisional International Accreditation (Category 1) has been replaced with “**Provisional International-Accreditation.**”
- **Provisional International-Accreditation (Category 1 and 2)** – the status awarded to a pharmacy program following an initial comprehensive evaluation that was conducted online and when there are some compliance issues - has been discontinued. Provisional International Accreditation (Category 1 and 2) has been replaced with a new designation **Provisional International-Accreditation (* online evaluation).**
- For the qualifier (designation) of **(* online evaluation)** to be removed, an on-site Verification Visit must be successfully conducted when travel to a country or region is possible in accordance with ACPE's Travel Policy. Various scenarios in this regard are described in the Policies and Procedures and should be reviewed, especially Sections 11 and 12. For example, a School or Institution may request ACPE to conduct a Verification Visit when travel is possible; however, alternatively, they may elect to maintain the qualifier of “(* online evaluation),” but only until such time as the next on-site evaluation visit requested by the Board.
- If travel to a country or region is possible (in terms of the ACPE Travel Policy) at the time that the ACPE Board has requested an on-site evaluation visit to be conducted (for example a comprehensive evaluation visit for continuation of status), a School or Institution may not request that the evaluation visit be conducted online for reasons of, for example, convenience or cost. Various scenarios in this regard are described in the Policies and Procedures and should be reviewed, especially Sections 11 and 12.
- The wording of some disclosures that Schools and Institutions need to make for Programs with ACPE International-Accreditation Status has been revised (see paragraphs 9.8, 9.8, 11.1, and 12.1).
- The Board's authorization for the conduct of an initial comprehensive evaluation visit now has a validity of 12 months (two evaluation cycles) only (see paragraphs 11.3 and 12.3).

The following terms were added, updated, or deleted in the Glossary:

- All new and discontinued statuses referred to above
- Terms associated with the new statuses (e.g., "... with Probation" and "... with Administrative Warning")
- Advance/Advancement
- Redesignate/Redesignation
- Verification Visit
- Virtual Site Visit

In addition, several non-substantive changes were made to improve wording and clarity of the text. In these changes, the essential intent and/or expectation of the text was not altered.

If you have any questions related to the revised Policies and Procedures, please direct them to the undersigned.

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