



Eligibility Criteria for Assessment and Accreditation (A&A)

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), if they have a record of at least two batches of students graduated or been in existence for six years, whichever is earlier, are eligible to apply for the process of Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) of NAAC, and fulfil the other conditions or are covered by the other provisions, if any, mentioned below:

1. Universities (Central/State/Private/Deemed-to-be) and Institutions of National Importance

- a. Provided the Institutions /Deemed –to-be Universities and their off-campus if any are approved by MHRD/UGC. NAAC will not consider the unapproved off-campus for A&A.
- b. Provided that these institutions have regular students enrolled in to the full time teaching and Research programmes offered on campus.
- c. Provided further that the duly established campuses within the country, if any, shall be treated as part of the Universities / Institutions of National Importance for the A&A process.
- d. NAAC will not undertake the accreditation of off-shore campuses

2. Autonomous colleges/Constituent Colleges/ Affiliated Colleges

(affiliated to universities recognised by UGC as an affiliating University)

- a) Provided the Colleges are affiliated to a University recognised by UGC for the purposes of affiliation. Constituent colleges of a Private and Deemed- to-be Universities are considered as the constituent units of the University and thus will not be considered for A&A independently. Such constituent colleges need to come along with the University
- b) Provided the colleges/institutions not affiliated to a University are offering programmes recognized by Statutory Professional Regulatory Councils and have been recognised by Association of

Indian Universities(AIU) or other such Government agencies concerned, as equivalent to a degree programme of a University

3. Accredited HEIs applying for Re-assessment or Subsequent Cycles (Cycle 2, Cycle 3, Cycle 4....) of Accreditation

- a) Institutions, which would like to make an improvement in the accredited status, may apply for **Re-assessment**, after a minimum of one year and before three years of accreditation subject to the fulfilment of other conditions specified by NAAC from time to time for the purpose.
- b) Institutions opting for **Subsequent Cycles (Cycle 2, Cycle 3, Cycle 4....) of Accreditation** can submit the Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA), during the last 6 months of validity period subject to the fulfillment of other conditions specified by NAAC from time to time for the purpose.

4. Any other HEIs at the discretion of NAAC.

Note:

- 1. The NAAC accreditation does not cover distance education units of HEIs and off-shore campuses.*
- 2. All the institutions intending to apply for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC need to mandatorily upload the information on All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) portal. AISHE code (reference number) is one of the requirements for Registration.*