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## **Policy 10                      Cooperative Responsibilities Among CCEI Member Agencies**

One of CCEI's Missions is to define, promote and oversee consistent, high quality standards for chiropractic education worldwide.

Determination of equivalence is complex, in part due to the fact that educational systems, health systems, and regulation are different across jurisdictions. It is therefore important that accreditation is conducted by agencies which fully understand these differences.

1. It is important that CCEI and its member agencies function collaboratively. As a result, CCEI member agencies are responsible for making primary accreditation services available to the chiropractic educational programs or institutions within their designated geographic areas, as follows:

    CCEA – Australia, Asia & New Zealand

    CCEC – Canada

    ECCE – Europe, South Africa

The geographic area of member agencies may be amended from time to time to reflect membership of CCEI.

2. A CCEI member agency may provide accreditation services to chiropractic education programs in geographic areas outside those designated to the member agencies, provided that:
  - 2.1. Chiropractic educational programs or institutions seeking secondary accreditation from member agencies outside their designated geographic areas must have primary accreditation at all times by the member agency responsible for that designated geographic area.
  - 2.2. A CCEI member agency must notify CCEI, through its Executive Secretary, before initiating accreditation activity for a chiropractic educational program outside its own designated geographic area. If the program exists within the geographic area of another CCEI member agency, such agency must also be notified.
3. A CCEI member agency may not accredit or pre-accredit programs or institutions that lack legal authorization to provide a post-secondary program of higher education (if such authorization is required in the jurisdiction where the institution resides or operates).
4. A CCEI member agency shall not grant initial or renewed accreditation, or pre-accreditation to a program or institution if the CCEI member agency knows, or has reasonable cause to know, that the program or institution is the subject of:



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- 4.1. A pending or final action brought by a governmental agency to suspend, revoke, withdraw, or terminate the institution's legal authority to provide postsecondary education in the jurisdiction of residency or operation;
  - 4.2. A decision by a CCEI member agency to deny accreditation or pre-accreditation;
  - 4.3. Pending or final action brought by a CCEI member agency to suspend, revoke, withdraw, or terminate accreditation or pre-accreditation; or
  - 4.4. Probation or an equivalent status imposed by a CCEI member agency.
5. When a CCEI member agency learns that a program or institution that it accredits or pre-accredits, or is the subject of an action to deny or revoke accreditation by another CCEI member agency, or has been placed on probation or an equivalent status by another CCEI member agency, the CCEI member agency must, within 60 days, review its accreditation or pre-accreditation of the institution or program to determine if it should take any action.
  6. A CCEI member agency will share with other CCEI member accrediting agencies information about the accreditation or pre-accreditation status of an institution or program.
  7. CCEI recognizes that unaccredited chiropractic education programs or institutions in areas not designated above will need information, assistance and services for quality assurance and toward eventual accreditation. Accordingly, CCEI will foster the development of additional accreditation agencies and encourage its member agencies to respond to any request for accreditation from an institution outside the areas designated in (1.) above.

## **Definitions**

Primary Accreditation refers to continuous accreditation of chiropractic educational programs or institutions by the member agency for its designated geographic areas.

Secondary Accreditation refers to accreditation of chiropractic educational programs or institutions by member agencies outside of their designated geographic areas as defined in Section 1 of this policy.

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