GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF POST-IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS THAT DO NOT MEET APPROVED CONDITIONS

While in the usual circumstance it is expected that programs not meeting post-implementation conditions will be phased out without further extensions of time to comply, the Commission recognizes that unavoidable circumstances justifying brief extensions may exist.

1. Unavoidable delays in program implementation should be reported to the Commission staff as soon as they are anticipated. If the revised implementation date falls within Commission guidelines regarding the implementation of programs, the staff will adjust the due date of the post-implementation report accordingly.

2. If, during implementation, program officials conclude that enrollment and/or graduation estimates for the program were overestimated, the institution may petition the Commission to lower the requirements in the post-implementation conditions. However, the lowered levels must, in the judgment of the Commission, reflect adequate student demand and need to justify retention of the program. The Commission retains the right to require an additional monitoring period, if it agrees to adjust post-implementation conditions. It is expected that any program not meeting the conditions during the specified time period will be phased out.

3. Upon the request of the institution, the Commission may allow a program that has not fully met post-implementation conditions to continue for a specified period of time. In granting this continuation, consideration will be given to unavoidable circumstances that have hindered the development of the program. There must be a reasonable expectation that all conditions will be met fully during the specified period of time. A follow-up report will be required. It is expected that any program not meeting the conditions during the specified time period will be phased out.

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