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前 言

本文件按照 GB/T 1.1—2020《标准化工作导则 第1部分：标准化文件的结构和起草规则》的规定起草。

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本文件由中国工程教育专业认证协会和教育部教育质量评估中心提出并归口。

本文件起草单位：中国工程教育专业认证协会、教育部教育质量评估中心、中国标准化协会、中国测绘学会、中国地质学会、中国电工技术学会、中国电机工程学会、中国兵工学会、中国电力企业联合会、中国电子学会、中国纺织工业联合会、中国复合材料学会、中国钢铁工业协会、中国高等教育学会、中国光学光电子行业协会、中国航空学会、中国核能行业协会、中国核学会、中国环境保护产业协会、中国环境科学学会、中国机械工程学会、中国机械工业联合会、中国建筑学会、中国建筑材料联合会、中国交通教育研究会、中国交通运输协会、中国金属学会、中国建设教育协会、中国矿业联合会、中国煤炭工业协会、中国农业工程学会、中国汽车工程学会、中国轻工业联合会、中国软件行业协会、中国石油和化学工业联合会、中国食品科学技术学会、中国水利学会、中国铁道学会、中国通信学会、中国土木工程学会、中国仪器仪表学会、中国有色金属工业协会、中国造船工程学会、中国职业安全健康协会、中国自动化学会、中国科协培训和人才服务中心、中国公路学会、联合国教科文组织高等教育创新中心(中国深圳)、中国纺织工程学会、河南省教育评估中心、广东省工程师学会、上海市工程师学会、江苏省工程师学会、江苏省教育评估院、黑龙江教师发展学院(黑龙江省教育评估院)、北京工程师学会、重庆市工程师协会、山东省工程师协会。

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引 言

工程教育认证是国际通行的工程教育质量保障制度,也是实现工程教育国际互认和工程师资格国际互认的重要基础。我国的工程教育认证工作开始于 2006 年,是工程师制度改革工作的基础和重要组成部分。2016 年,我国已加入《华盛顿协议》成为正式成员。

开展工程教育认证的目标是:推动中国工程教育的质量保障体系持续完善,推进中国工程教育改革,进一步提高工程教育质量;建立与工程师制度相衔接的工程教育认证体系,促进教育界与企业界的联系,增强工程教育人才培养对产业发展的适应性;促进中国工程教育的国际互认。

中国工程教育专业认证协会是由热心中国工程教育的有关团体和个人自愿结成的全国性、非营利性、会员制社会团体组织(以下简称“认证协会”)。

开展认证以来,认证协会会同有关单位,根据我国工程教育的实际情况,参考国际工程教育界的通行做法,按照实质等效的原则,研究制定了《工程教育认证办法》,以认证协会内部印发文件的形式执行。为适应新形势下教育评价工作的有关要求,进一步规范工程教育认证工作,促进国际交流互认,根据认证协会理事会决议,在原《工程教育认证办法》基础上,保持核心内容不变,修改形成了本文件。

根据认证工作开展情况,认证协会将不断修订完善本文件。

本文件核心内容已执行多年,经历了多次修订和迭代,参与该项工作的领导、专家和工作人员众多,限于篇幅,无法在本文件主要起草人中一一列举,在此一并表示感谢。

本文件在执行过程中的意见或建议反馈至中国工程教育专业认证协会秘书处(地址:北京市海淀区魏公村路 2 号,邮编:100000,邮箱:ceeaa@cast.org.cn)。

工程教育认证工作规范

1 范围

本文件规定了开展工程教育认证工作的认证程序、监督与仲裁,以及相关的回避、保密和其他纪律要求。

本文件适用于以培养工程师为目标的普通高等学校全日制普通四年制本科专业工程教育认证工作。

2 规范性引用文件

下列文件中的内容通过文中的规范性引用而构成本文件必不可少的条款。其中,注日期的引用文件,仅该日期对应的版本适用于本文件;不注日期的引用文件,其最新版本(包括所有的修改单)适用于本文件。

T/CEEAA 001 工程教育认证标准。

3 术语和定义

下列术语和定义适用于本文件。

3.1

理事会 Council

认证协会会员大会的执行机构。理事会负责领导、组织工程教育认证工作;构建工程教育认证体系;审议通过工程教育认证办法、认证标准等;确定学术委员会、认证结论审议委员会、各专业类认证委员会的人员组成等。

3.2

监事会 Board of Supervisors

认证协会会员大会的监督机构。监事会负责监督理事会、下设机构及成员履行职责情况,监督秘书处及其成员工作情况;监督工程教育认证工作,确保诚信、公正;受理学校关于认证结论或认证过程的申诉,调查并作出最终裁决;接受社会各界对工程教育认证工作的投诉,调查并作出相应处理。

3.3

秘书处 Secretariat

认证协会会员大会的办事机构。秘书处负责在理事会的领导下组织开展工程教育认证工作,包括受理认证申请、组织开展现场考查、组织开展认证结论审议等;指导各专业类认证委员会开展工作;制定并实施认证工作计划,协调认证工作相关的部门和单位;协助学术委员会制定、修订工程教育认证有关文件,组织开展学术研究与交流;负责工程教育认证的信息服务与对外宣传工作;组织开展认证工作的国际交流与合作;组织开展认证培训;完成理事会交办的其他工作。秘书处同时为监事会、学术委员会、认证结论审议委员会开展工作提供服务。

3.4

专业类认证委员会 Program Accreditation Sub-committees

认证协会所属分支机构。专业类认证委员会负责在理事会的领导下,组织实施所在专业领域的工程教育认证工作;制定、修订相应专业的专业补充标准和本专业类认证委员会的工作文件,交学术委员会审定;推荐本专业领域的认证专家人选;组织本专业类认证专家的日常培训;委派现场考查专家组开展现场考查工作;组织撰写工程教育认证的有关报告、资料、结论建议等,报认证结论审议委员会审议;受理理事会的委托处理有关事宜。

3.5

学术委员会 Academic Committee

认证协会所属分支机构。学术委员会负责对认证工作提供咨询;制定和修订认证办法、标准等认证工作文件,报理事会通过;对工程教

育认证提供学术支持；认定专家资格；指导和组织学术活动等。

3.6

认证结论审议委员会 Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee

认证协会所属分支机构。认证结论审议委员会负责在理事会领导下,审议各专业类认证委员会作出的认证报告和认证结论建议,报理事会通过。

3.7

自评 self-study

学校组织认证受理专业依照 T/CEEAA 001 对专业的办学情况和教学质量进行自我检查和评价。

3.8

考查 on-site visit; online visit

专业类认证委员会委派的现场考查专家组到认证专业所在学校开展的实地考察活动,核实自评报告的真实性和准确性,了解自评报告中未能反映的有关情况。

4 认证程序

4.1 申请和受理

4.1.1 申请条件

4.1.1.1 工程教育认证工作在学校自愿申请的基础上开展。

4.1.1.2 满足以下条件的普通高等学校全日制普通四年制本科专业可申请认证:

- a) 按照教育部规定设立;
- b) 已有 3 届毕业生;
- c) 授予工学学士学位。

4.1.1.3 因专业名称变更导致新专业毕业生不足 3 届的,由认证协会根据其专业内涵决定是否具备认证条件。

4.1.1.4 专业所在学校应承诺遵守认证要求,并承担认证相关费用。

4.1.2 提交申请

符合申请条件的专业所在学校向秘书处提交申请书。

4.1.3 审核申请

秘书处收到申请书后,会同相关专业类认证委员会对认证申请进行审核,审核申请学校是否具备认证的基本条件。可要求申请学校对有关问题作出答复,或提供有关材料。

4.1.4 受理申请

根据审核情况,作出以下两种结论,并做相应处理:

- a) 受理申请,通知申请学校开展自评;
- b) 不受理申请,向申请学校说明理由;学校可在达到申请认证的基本条件后重新提出申请。

受理认证专业所在学校需与认证协会签订委托服务合同,委托认证协会对其开展认证工作。

4.2 提交自评报告

学校应根据 T/CEEAA 001 撰写自评报告,并按规定时间向秘书处提交自评报告。

4.3 审阅自评报告

专业类认证委员会对专业提交的自评报告进行审阅,审查申请认证的专业是否满足 T/CEEAA 001 的要求。

根据审查情况,作出以下三种结论之一,并进行相应处理:

- a) 通过审查,通知专业进入现场考查阶段及考查时间;
- b) 补充修改自评报告,向专业说明补充修改要求;经补充修改达到要求的应按 a) 处理,否则按 c) 处理;
- c) 不通过审查,向专业说明理由,中止本次认证工作;学校可在

满足 T/CEEAA 001 要求后重新申请认证。

4.4 现场考查

4.4.1 基本要求

考查内容以 T/CEEAA 001 为依据。

现场考查时间不超过 3 天,且不安排在学校假期进行。由于不可抗力或特殊工作需要,可安排线上或线上线下相结合的方式开展考查。

专业类认证委员会应按照规定组建现场考查专家组,在考查组进入学校 4 周前分发自评报告等材料,并在入校考查前 2 周通知学校。

考查组成员进校前应认真审阅自评报告。

4.4.2 考查程序

现场考查程序如下:

- a) 专家组预备会议:进校后专家组召开内部工作会议,明确考查计划和具体的考查步骤,并进行分工;
- b) 见面会:专家组向学校及相关单位负责人介绍考查目的、要求和详细计划,并与学校及相关单位交换意见;
- c) 实地考察:考查内容包括考查实验条件、图书资料等教学硬件设施;检查近期学生的毕业设计(论文)、试卷、实验报告、实习报告、作业,以及学生完成的其他作品;观摩课堂教学、实验、实习、课外活动;其他能反映教学质量和学生素质的现场和实物;
- d) 访谈:专家组根据需要会晤包括在校学生和毕业生、教师、学校领导、有关管理部门负责人及院(系)行政、学术、教学负责人等,必要时还需会晤用人单位有关负责人;
- e) 意见反馈:专家组成员向学校反馈考查意见与建议。

4.4.3 考查报告

考查报告应包括下列内容:

- a) 专业基本情况；
- b) 对自评报告的审阅意见及问题核实情况；
- c) 逐项说明专业符合认证标准要求的达成度，重点说明考查过程中发现的主要问题和不足，以及需要关注并采取措施予以改进的事项。

专家组应在现场考查工作结束后 15 日内向相应专业类认证委员会提交现场考查报告及相关资料。

4.5 审议和作出认证结论

4.5.1 征询意见

专业类认证委员会应将考查报告送至专业所在学校征询意见。学校在收到考查报告后核实其中所提及的问题，并于 15 日内向相应专业类认证委员会回复意见。逾期不回复，则视同没有异议。

学校可将考查报告在校内传阅，但在作出正式的认证结论前，不得对外公开。

4.5.2 审议

各专业类认证委员会召开全体会议，审议专业的自评报告、专家组的考查报告和学校的回复意见。

4.5.3 提出认证结论建议

各专业类认证委员会经过充分讨论后，采取无记名投票方式提出认证结论建议。全体委员 2/3 及以上出席会议，投票方为有效。同意票数达到到会委员人数的 2/3 及以上，则通过认证结论建议。各专业类认证委员会讨论认证结论建议和投票的情况应予保密。

工程教育认证结论建议应为以下三种之一：

- a) 通过认证，有效期 6 年；
- b) 通过认证，有效期 6 年(有条件)；
- c) 不通过认证。

4.5.4 提交工程教育认证报告和相关材料

各专业类认证委员会根据审议结果,撰写认证报告。认证报告须写明认证结论建议和投票结果,连同自评报告、考查报告和专业所在学校的回复意见等材料,一并提交认证结论审议委员会审议。

4.5.5 认证结论审议委员会审议认证结论

认证结论审议委员会召开会议,对各专业类认证委员会提交的认证结论建议和认证报告进行审议。认证结论审议委员会如对提交结论有异议,可要求专业类认证委员会在限定时间内对认证结论建议重新进行审议,也可直接对结论建议作出调整。

认证结论审议委员会审议认证结论建议时,按照协商一致的方式进行审议,有重要分歧时,可采用无记名投票方式投票表决。全体委员2/3及以上出席会议,投票方为有效。同意票数达到到会委员人数的2/3及以上,认证结论建议方为有效。

认证结论审议委员会审议认证结论建议时,可要求专业类认证委员会列席会议,接受质询。

4.5.6 批准与发布认证结论

理事会召开全体会议,听取认证结论审议委员会对认证结论建议和认证报告的审议情况,并投票表决认证结论建议。理事会全体会议应邀请监事会成员列席。

理事会全体会议采用无记名投票方式批准认证结论。全体理事2/3及以上出席会议,投票方为有效。同意票数达到到会理事人数的2/3及以上,认证结论方为有效。

如理事会未批准认证结论审议委员会审议通过的认证结论建议,认证结论审议委员会应按原程序重新审议。重新审议后,再次向理事会提交新的认证结论建议。如果理事会再次投票后仍未批准认证结论,则由理事会直接作出认证结论。

理事会批准的认证报告及认证结论应在15日内分送相关学校,如

果学校对认证结论有异议,可向监事会提出申诉,由监事会作出最终裁决。

理事会批准的认证结论或监事会作出的裁决由认证协会负责发布。

4.5.7 认证结论

认证结论分为以下 3 种:

- a) 通过认证,有效期 6 年;
- b) 通过认证,有效期 6 年(有条件);
- c) 不通过认证。

其中,结论为“通过认证,有效期 6 年(有条件)”的专业,应在第 3 年提交持续改进情况报告,决定“继续保持有效期”或“中止有效期”;结论为“不通过认证”的专业,1 年后可重新申请认证。

4.6 认证状态的保持与改进

4.6.1 改进要求

通过认证的专业所在学校应认真研究认证报告中指出的问题和不足,采取切实有效的措施进行改进,并报备改进情况。

4.6.2 提交持续改进情况报告

4.6.2.1 认证结论为“通过认证,有效期 6 年”的,学校应在有效期内持续改进工作,并在第 3 年提交持续改进情况报告,认证协会备案,持续改进情况报告可作为再次认证的重要参考。

4.6.2.2 认证结论为“通过认证,有效期 6 年(有条件)”的,学校应根据认证报告所提问题,逐条进行改进,并在第 3 年提交持续改进情况报告。

4.6.3 审核持续改进情况报告

认证协会应组织各专业类认证委员会、认证结论审议委员会对持

续改进情况报告进行审议,具体审议程序与作出认证结论的程序一致。认证协会根据审核情况给出以下 3 种意见:

- a) 继续保持有效期;
- b) 中止认证有效期;
- c) 需要进校核实。

对“中止认证有效期”的专业,认证协会应动态调整通过认证专业名单。

如学校未按时提交持续改进情况报告,秘书处应通知其限期提交;逾期仍未提交的,中止其认证有效期。

4.6.4 状态保持与改进

通过认证的专业在有效期内如果对课程体系做重大调整,或师资、办学条件等发生重大变化,应立即向秘书处申请对调整或变化的部分进行重新认证。重新认证通过者,可继续保持原认证结论至有效期届满;否则,应中止原认证的有效期。重新认证工作参照认证程序进行,可视具体情况简化。

认证协会随机抽取部分专业在认证有效期内开展回访工作,检查学校认证状态保持及持续改进情况。回访工作参照认证程序进行。

通过认证的专业如果要保持认证有效期的连续性,应在认证有效期届满前至少 1 年重新提出认证申请。

5 监督与仲裁

5.1 公开

工程教育认证工作的正式文件、通过认证的专业名单和认证结论应予以公开。

5.2 监督

监事会对工程教育认证工作实施监督。监事会委员通过随机观察认证工作的环节,抽查现场考查专家组专家的资格,列席理事会全体会

议等方式开展工作。监事会应对年度工程教育认证工作进行抽查,对认证过程中出现的问题予以处理。

对违反工程教育认证规定的各级各类认证机构成员或认证专家,监事会应对其进行调查处理。情节严重的,由监事会商请理事会同意,撤销其资格;如果有触犯国家有关法律的情形,监事会应向司法机关举报。

各级各类认证机构和现场考查专家组及其成员、接受认证专业所在学校应主动配合监事会的工作,为监事会开展工作提供条件。

5.3 申诉与仲裁

接受认证专业所在学校如果对认证结论有异议,可在收到认证结论后 30 日内向监事会提出申诉。逾期未提出异议,视为同意认证结论。

学校的申诉应以书面形式提出,详细陈述理由,并提供能够支持申诉理由的各种材料。

监事会应在收到学校申诉的 60 日内提出维持或变更原认证结论的意见。监事会提出的意见为最终裁决,对申诉学校和理事会都具有约束力。最终裁决结论由认证协会发布。

5.4 社会举报

社会单位或个人对接受认证的专业有异议,或认为各级各类认证机构和现场考查专家组成员的行为不妥,可向监事会举报。单位举报应盖公章,个人举报应署实名,否则不予受理。监事会应为举报单位和举报人保密。

监事会对被举报个人或单位进行调查,被涉及的个人或单位应就相关问题作出书面说明并提供相应证明材料。

监事会对举报的问题查实后,提出处理意见并公示。

6 回避、保密与其他纪律要求

6.1 回避

认证协会各级各类机构成员中与接受认证专业所在学校有重要关系的,在开展该专业的认证有关活动时,应进行合理的回避。认证专家与接受认证专业所在学校有重要关系的,不应担任现场考查专家,也不应以各种身份参与现场考查活动。认证协会各级各类机构成员、现场考查专家组成员和接受认证专业所在学校,应主动提出需要回避的人员及原因。

6.2 保密

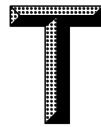
认证协会各级各类机构成员、现场考查专家组成员在开展认证工作时,应保守认证工作有关的秘密,不泄漏考查内部讨论的情况。接受认证专业及所在学校提交的资料,除非得到正式授权,不应公开公布。

6.3 其他纪律要求

认证协会各级各类机构、现场考查专家组应严格遵守认证工作各项相关规定,公正、客观地开展各项工作。在开展某一专业的认证工作时,不应接受学校的拜访,不应私自到学校进行指导、讲学和访问,不应利用认证工作谋取私利,不应参加任何与认证工作无关的活动,不应与学校发生任何经济关系,不应从事任何其他影响决策及有违认证公正性的活动。

接受认证专业及所在学校应保证提交的自评报告等相关材料真实可靠,应保证教学文件的原始性与真实性,不应虚构、编造。接待工作应坚持从简,不搞形式主义,不安排隆重的接站、送站及校内欢迎仪式和相关活动;不应安排与认证工作无关的考察或联谊活动,不应安排宴请。在接受认证期间,学校不应拜访专家组成员、邀请专家组成员到学

校访问、讲学,不应私自邀请专家辅导认证工作。学校不应向现场考查专家赠送礼品和礼金,或变相发放补贴,不应与认证专家发生任何经济往来。不应从事任何其他有违认证公正性的活动。



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Foreword

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Introduction

Engineering education accreditation is an internationally recognized quality assurance system for engineering education and an essential basis for international mutual recognition of engineering education and engineer qualifications. Engineering education accreditation in China began in 2006 and is the foundation and an essential part of the reform of the engineering system. In 2016, China joined the Washington Accord as a full signatory.

The goals of engineering education accreditation are: To promote the construction of an engineering education quality assurance system in China, to promote the reform of engineering education in China, and to further improve the quality of engineering education; To establish an engineering education accreditation system in conjunction with the engineering circles, promote the link between education and industry, and improve the adaptability of engineering talent training to industrial development; To promote international mutual recognition of Chinese engineering education in the world.

China Engineering Education Accreditation Association (CEEAA) is a voluntarily established, non-profit, national, membership-based social organization by associated groups and individuals committed to China's engineering education.

Since the naissance of engineering education accreditation in China, CEEAA and associated agencies released the “*Policy for engineering*

education accreditation” in accordance with the education practices in China, based on the prevailing practices of the international engineering education community and the principle of substantial equivalence. According to the Council Meeting decision of CEEAA, the “*Policy for engineering education accreditation*” was revised and designed to form this document, which meets the relevant requirements of education evaluation in the new engineering era.

CEEAA will constantly revise this document.

The principles of this document have been implemented for many years and have undergone many revisions and iterations by many leaders, experts, and staff involved in this work. Due to the limited space, we are not able to list all the contributors. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to them.

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Policy and procedure of engineering education accreditation

1 Scope

This document specifies the accreditation procedures, supervision, and arbitration process for conducting engineering education accreditation, as well as related avoidance, confidentiality, and other disciplinary requirements.

This document applies to engineering education accreditation of full-time four-year degree programmes at higher education institutions.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents constitute indispensable provisions of the document by normative references in the text. For dated references, only the version corresponding to the date applies to this document; for undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies to this document.

T/CEEAA 001 *Engineering education accreditation criteria*

3 Terms and definitions

The following terms and definitions apply to this document.

3.1

Council

Executive body of the CEEAA General Assembly. Council directs and organizes accreditation activities; establishes the engineering education accreditation system; determines the composition of the Academic Committee, the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee, and the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees.

3.2

Board of Supervisors

Supervising organization of the CEEAA General Assembly. Board of Supervisors oversees the work of the Council, subordinate committees, and members; oversees the work of the Secretariat and its members; oversees accreditation work and ensures its integrity and fairness; receives appeals and complaints related to accreditation decisions or the accreditation process raised by applicant institutions, conducts investigations, and makes final decisions; receives complaints related to the engineering education accreditation process from the society, conducts investigations, and takes appropriate action.

3.3

Secretariat

CEEAA General Assembly Office. Secretariat implements engineering education accreditation work under the direction of the Council, including accepting accreditation applications, organizing on-site eval-

uations, and reviewing accreditation decisions; guides Programme Accreditation Sub-committees in carrying out the accreditation process; organizes and coordinates the work plan and accreditation process with related organizations; assists the Academic Committee in formulating and revising working documents related to engineering education accreditation; organizes academic research and communications; organizes engineering education accreditation information service and publicity; organizes international communication and cooperation in accreditation work; organizes accreditation training, and performs related duties assigned by the Council. The Secretariat also serves the Board of Supervisors, the Academic Committee, and the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee.

3.4

Programme Accreditation Sub-committees

Branch of CEEAA. Programme Accreditation Sub-committees organizes and implements engineering education accreditation in appropriate disciplines under the direction of the Council; formulates and revises complementary programme criteria and relevant working documents for its discipline; nominates candidates for accreditation evaluators in its discipline; organizes training programs for accreditation evaluators in its discipline; delegates on-site visit teams to conduct on-site evaluations; drafts relevant accreditation reports, documents, and proposed decisions for the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee; addresses relevant Council matters.

3.5

Academic Committee

Branch of the CEEAA. Academic Committee responsible for advising on accreditation work; formulating and revising accreditation documents such as accreditation policies and criteria; reporting to the

Council for adoption; providing academic support for engineering education accreditation; recognizing expert qualifications; directing and organizing academic activities, etc.

3.6

Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee

Branch of the CEEAA. Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee reviews accreditation reports and proposals for accreditation decisions of Programme Accreditation Sub-committees under the direction of the Council and reports to the Council.

3.7

self-study

Self-study is the self-review of the status and educational quality of the programme by the applicant institution and appropriate departments in accordance with T/CEEAA 001.

3.8

on-site visit; online visit

The on-site/online visit is conducted by a visit team appointed by the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees to assess the status of the programme to be accredited, verify the authenticity and accuracy of the self-study report, and address relevant issues not included in the report.

4 Accreditation procedure

4.1 Application and acceptance

4.1.1 Application requirements

4.1.1.1 Accreditation of engineering education is granted voluntarily by institutions.

4.1.1.2 Four-year undergraduate programmes of full-time general higher education institutions that meet the following requirements can apply for accreditation:

- a) Established in accordance with Ministry of Education regulations;
- b) Have at least 3 years of graduation;
- c) Authorized to award a bachelor of engineering degree.

4.1.1.3 If the new programme has less than 3 years of graduates due to the change in programme name, CEEAA will decide if they meet the application requirements according to the connotation of their programme.

4.1.1.4 The institution to which the programme belongs must agree to meet the accreditation requirements and pay the costs associated with accreditation.

4.1.2 Submitting the application

The application for accreditation shall be submitted to the Secretariat by the institution to which the programme belongs.

4.1.3 Review of the application

Upon receipt of the applications, the Secretariat shall review the application for accreditation in conjunction with the appropriate Programme Accreditation Sub-committees. The most critical issue to be reviewed is whether the institution is qualified in principle to apply for accreditation. The Secretariat may ask the applicant institution to answer questions or provide additional materials as necessary.

4.1.4 Accept application

According to the results of the review, CEEAA shall make one of the following decisions and take the appropriate action.

- a) Accept the application and request the applicant to conduct a self-study.
- b) Reject the application and explain the reasons to the institution. The institution may reapply for accreditation if it meets the basic requirements.

The institution to which the programme with the accepted application belongs shall sign the assignment contract and authorize CEEAA to process the accreditation.

4.2 Submission of the self-study report

The institution shall prepare the self-study report based on T/CEEAA 001 and submit it to the Secretariat.

4.3 Review of the self-study report

The Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall review the self-study report submitted by the programme seeking accreditation. The most important item to review is whether the programme requesting accreditation has met the requirements of T/CEEAA 001.

The Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall make one of the following decisions according to the result of the review and issue the corresponding order.

- a) Accept the self-study report and inform the applicant to prepare for the on-site visit and set the exact date of the visit.
- b) Request the applicant to modify the self-study report according to the modification requirements. The Programme Accreditation Sub-committee shall make the decision as in item a) if the report meets the requirements after the amendment or otherwise make the decision as in item c).
- c) Rejects the self-study report and explains the reasons to the applicant. The accreditation process comes to a conclusion and the institution may reapply for accreditation if it meets the criteria for engineering education accreditation.

4.4 On-site visit

4.4.1 General requirements

The site visit shall be conducted in accordance with T/CEEAA 001.

The duration of the site visit shall not exceed 3 days. The site visit shall not fall during the applicant's vacation time. In case of force majeure or special work requirements, an online or online plus on-site visit may be arranged.

Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall assemble a group for the site visits according to regulations, distribute the self-study report to the visit team four weeks in advance, and notify the institution of the date two weeks in advance.

The visit team shall carefully review the self-study report prior to the visit.

4.4.2 Visit procedure

The visit processes are as follows.

- a) Preparatory meeting of the visit team. Upon arrival at the campus where the programme to be accredited locates, the visit team shall hold an internal meeting to confirm the schedule for the visit and the evaluation process, and to distribute the work.
- b) Opening meeting. The visit team shall present the purpose, re-

quirements, and detailed plan of the visit to the officers of the applicant institution and relevant departments, and exchange information with the institution and departments.

- c) On-site visit. The on-site visit shall include inspection of experimental conditions, library, and other teaching facilities; review of graduate design (theses) in progress, student examination papers, experimental reports, exercise reports, schoolwork, and other student projects; inspection of student instruction, experiments, exercises, and extracurricular activities; and visitation of sites and internships that reflect the quality of instruction and student abilities.
- d) Interview. The visit team shall meet with relevant persons, including on-campus and graduate students, academic staff, facility directors, officers in appropriate management offices and administration, academic and instructional staff in respective departments, and employers of graduates, as appropriate.
- e) Feedback. The visit team shall provide feedback and suggestions to the institution.

4.4.3 Visit report

The visit report shall include the following contents:

- a) The basic information about the programme under on-site visit;
- b) The comments on the review of the self-study report and the verification of the deficiencies;

- c) The description of the extent to which the program has met the accreditation criteria, focusing on the problems and deficiencies identified during the on-site visit and the aspects that need to be addressed and require action for improvement.

The visit team shall submit the on-site visit report and related documents to the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees within 15 days of the visit.

4.5 Review and make decisions on accreditation

4.5.1 Consultation

The Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall send a copy of the on-site visit report to the institution to which the programme to be accredited belongs for consultation. Upon receipt of the on-site visit report, the institution shall review the issues identified in the report and provide feedback to the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees within 15 days. If the institution does not respond within 15 days, it will be considered a no appeal.

The institution may share the on-site visit report within the campus, but shall not share it publicly prior to the formal accreditation decision.

4.5.2 Review

Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall hold a plenary meeting to review the self-study report submitted by the programme seeking accreditation, the on-site visit report submitted by the visit team, and the institution's feedback.

4.5.3 Proposed accreditation decision

Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall submit a proposal for an accreditation decision based on extensive discussion by anonymous vote. At least 2/3 (including 2/3) of the Commissioners shall attend the plenary meeting to vote, and the accreditation decision shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of more than 2/3 (including 2/3) of those present. Discussion of the proposal and the outcome of the vote in the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall be kept confidential.

There are three types of proposals for accreditation decisions in engineering education:

- a) Accreditation pass with a validity period of 6 years;
- b) Accreditation passed with a validity period of 6 years (conditional);
- c) Accreditation failed.

4.5.4 Submission of the engineering education accreditation report and relevant documents

The Programme Accreditation Sub-committees shall prepare the engineering education accreditation report in accordance with the commissioners' discussions and voting results. The report shall explain the accreditation decision proposal and voting results. The engineering education accreditation report shall be submitted to the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee for review along with the self-study report, visit report, and institutional feedback.

4.5.5 Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee reviews accreditation decisions

The Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee shall hold a plenary meeting to review proposed accreditation decisions and accreditation reports submitted by Programme Accreditation Sub-committees. If the Advisory Committee on Accreditation Decisions disagrees with the proposed decisions, it may request the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees to reconsider the proposed accreditation decisions within a specified period of time, or adjust the proposed decisions directly.

The Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee shall review accreditation decision proposals in accordance with consensus. The Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee shall conduct an anonymous vote if there are differing opinions. At least 2/3 (including 2/3) of the Commissioners shall attend the plenary meeting to vote, and the accreditation decision shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of more than 2/3 (including 2/3) of those present.

When reviewing proposals for accreditation decisions, the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee may invite members of the Programme Accreditation Sub-committees to attend the plenary meeting to answer questions as needed.

4.5.6 Authorization and publication of the accreditation decision

The Council shall hold a plenary session to hear the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee review process on accreditation decision

proposals and accreditation reports. The Council shall vote on the accreditation decision proposals. The Board of Supervisors shall be invited to participate in the plenary session.

The Council shall hold an anonymous vote to approve the accreditation decision. The vote is effective only if at least 2/3 (including 2/3) of the Commissioners attend the plenary meeting. The accreditation decision shall be confirmed with more than 2/3 (including 2/3) approval of those present.

If the Council does not approve the proposal for accreditation decision, the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee shall reconsider the proposal according to the established procedure. After reconsidering, the Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee shall submit a new proposal for an accreditation decision to the Council. If the new proposal is still not approved, the Council shall make the final accreditation decision directly.

Accreditation decisions and accreditation reports approved by the Council shall be sent to the institutions concerned within 15 days. If the institutions disagree with the decision, they may appeal to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall make the final decision.

CEEAA publishes the accreditation decisions approved by the Council or the Board of Supervisors.

4.5.7 Accreditation decisions

There are three types of accreditation decisions in engineering edu-

cation:

- a) Accreditation passed with a validity period of 6 years;
- b) Accreditation passed with a validity period of 6 years (conditional);
- c) Accreditation failed.

In addition, the program with the decision “Accreditation passed with a validity period of 6 years (conditional)” shall submit improvement reports in the 3rd year. Certain decisions on retention or termination are made based on the improvement status. The programs with “failed accreditation” can reapply for accreditation 1 year later.

4.6 Maintenance of accreditation status

4.6.1 Requirements for improvement

The institutions to which the accredited programmes belong shall investigate the deficiencies and weaknesses identified in the accreditation report and take appropriate action for improvement.

4.6.2 Submission of the improvement report

4.6.2.1 The institutions whose accreditation decisions are “Accreditation passed with a validity period of 6 years” shall make improvements within the validity period and submit an improvement report to the Secretariat in the third year. The improvement report will be an essential reference in the next accreditation.

4.6.2.2 The institutions whose accreditation decisions are “Accreditation passed with a validity period of 6 years (conditional)” shall make improvements item by item according to the deficiencies and weaknesses in the accreditation report and submit an improvement report to the Secretariat before the end of the third year.

4.6.3 Review of the improvement report

The Secretariat shall meet with the appropriate Programme Accreditation Sub-committees and Accreditation Decision Advisory Committee to review the improvement reports and make one of the following decisions:

- a) Maintain validity period;
- b) End period of validity;
- c) On-site review required.

For programmes with the decisions of “End period of validity”, CEEAA shall dynamically adjust the list of Accredited Programmes.

If the institute fails to submit the continuous improvement report on time, the Secretariat shall notify it of the deadline for submission. If the institute fails to submit the report even after the deadline, the validity of the accreditation shall terminate.

4.6.4 Maintenance of the accreditation status

If the accredited programme makes significant changes in the curriculum system, academic staff, operating conditions, etc., during the accreditation validity period, it shall immediately submit an application to the Secretariat for reaccreditation of the changes. If the programme passes the reaccreditation, it may maintain the previous accreditation status until the end of the validity period; otherwise, the validity period of the previous accreditation ends. Re-accreditation shall follow the previous accreditation process, but may be simplified depending on the situation.

CEEAA may randomly select some programmes during the validity period of accreditation to conduct a return visit, if needed, to verify the maintenance and improvement of accredited programs. The return visit shall follow the earlier accreditation process.

If the accredited programme wishes to continue the accreditation period, it shall apply for a new accreditation at least one year before the accreditation period expires.

5 Supervision and arbitration

5.1 Openness

Formal documents related to accreditation work, the list of accredited programmes, and accreditation decisions shall be made public.

5.2 Supervision

The Board of Supervisors shall monitor the accreditation work by observing the accreditation process, reviewing the qualifications of experts on the accreditation visit team, and attending the plenary meeting of the Council. The Board of Supervisors shall spot-check a certain proportion of the accreditation work each year and promptly detect and deal with problems found during the accreditation process.

The Board of Supervisors has the right to investigate and dismiss assessors or members of accreditation organizations who violate relevant regulations. The Board of Supervisors shall report to the Council and revoke the qualifications of such evaluators or members if necessary. If the evaluators or members do not comply with the laws, the Board of Supervisors shall refer the case to the judiciary.

The accreditation organizations, accreditation visit teams, and members, and the institutions to which programmes to be accredited shall cooperate with the Board of Supervisors and provide it with necessary work support.

5.3 Appeals and arbitration

If the institution to which the programme to be accredited disagrees with the accreditation decision, it has the right to appeal to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of receiving the decision. The institution is deemed to accept the decision if the appeal is not filed within the time limit.

The facility shall submit the appeal in writing and provide detailed

reasons and relevant documents in support of the appeal.

The Board of Supervisors shall submit a proposal to uphold or modify the previous accreditation decision within 60 days of the applicant's appeal receipt. The proposal of the Board of Supervisors shall be the final decision, binding on the institution and the Council. CEEAA will announce the final decision.

5.4 Social complaints

The social agencies or individuals who object to the accredited programs' documents or to the accrediting organizations' activities, visit teams, and members may file complaints with the Board of Supervisors. Agency complaint reports shall bear the official stamp, and individual complaint reports shall be signed with their real name. The Board of Supervisors does not accept anonymous complaints. The Board of Supervisors shall maintain confidentiality for agencies and individuals.

The Board of Supervisors shall investigate individuals or units associated with the complaints. Individuals or units under suspicion are required to respond in writing to the issues involved and provide certification documentation.

After reviewing the reported problems, the Board of Supervisors shall propose a follow-up and publicize it, depending on the nature of the problems.

6 Avoidance, confidentiality and other disciplinary requirements

6.1 Avoidance

All members of CEEAA accreditation organizations who have a significant relationship with the institution to which the accrediting programme belongs shall avoid accreditation work. Accreditation evaluators who have a substantial relationship with the institution to which the accrediting programme belongs shall not be a visit team member or participate in any activity during the on-site visits. The members of the CEEAA accreditation organizations, the members of the visit teams, and the institution to which the accrediting programme belongs shall take the initiative to propose the person and reason for the recusal during the accreditation work.

6.2 Confidentiality

Members of the CEEAA accreditation organizations and the members of the on-site visit teams shall keep the secrets of the accreditation work and shall not share internal discussions or other confidential information. Materials submitted by the programme and institution shall not be made public unless official permission has been granted.

6.3 Other disciplinary requirements

All members of CEEAA accreditation organizations and all members of site visit teams shall strictly adhere to relevant accreditation policies and conduct accreditation work fairly and objectively. During the

accreditation period of a programme, members of the engineering accreditation body shall not accept visits from the institution, and shall not privately visit the institution for guidance and lectures; members of engineering accreditation body shall not gain personal benefits; members of engineering accreditation body shall not participate in any activities unrelated to accreditation; members of engineering accreditation body shall not have economic relationships with the institution to be accredited; members of engineering accreditation body shall not engage in activities that could affect decision-making or the fairness of accreditation.

The programme to be accredited and its institution shall ensure the authenticity and originality of the materials in the self-study report, relevant documents, and teaching materials, and shall not fabricate or falsify information. The visit team's reception shall be simple and firmly against formalism. The accrediting programme and its institution shall not hold a welcoming ceremony or similar activities, and shall not organize inspections, recreational activities, or banquets that are not related to accreditation. During the accreditation period, the institution shall not visit members of the visit team, invite visit team members for guidance and lectures, provide guidance on accreditation. Institutions to be accredited shall not give gifts, cash, or gratuities to visit team members nor have economic relationships with any members of the engineering accreditation body. An institution to be accredited shall not engage in any other activities that violate the impartiality of the certification.
