

Review of Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Serbian Higher Education

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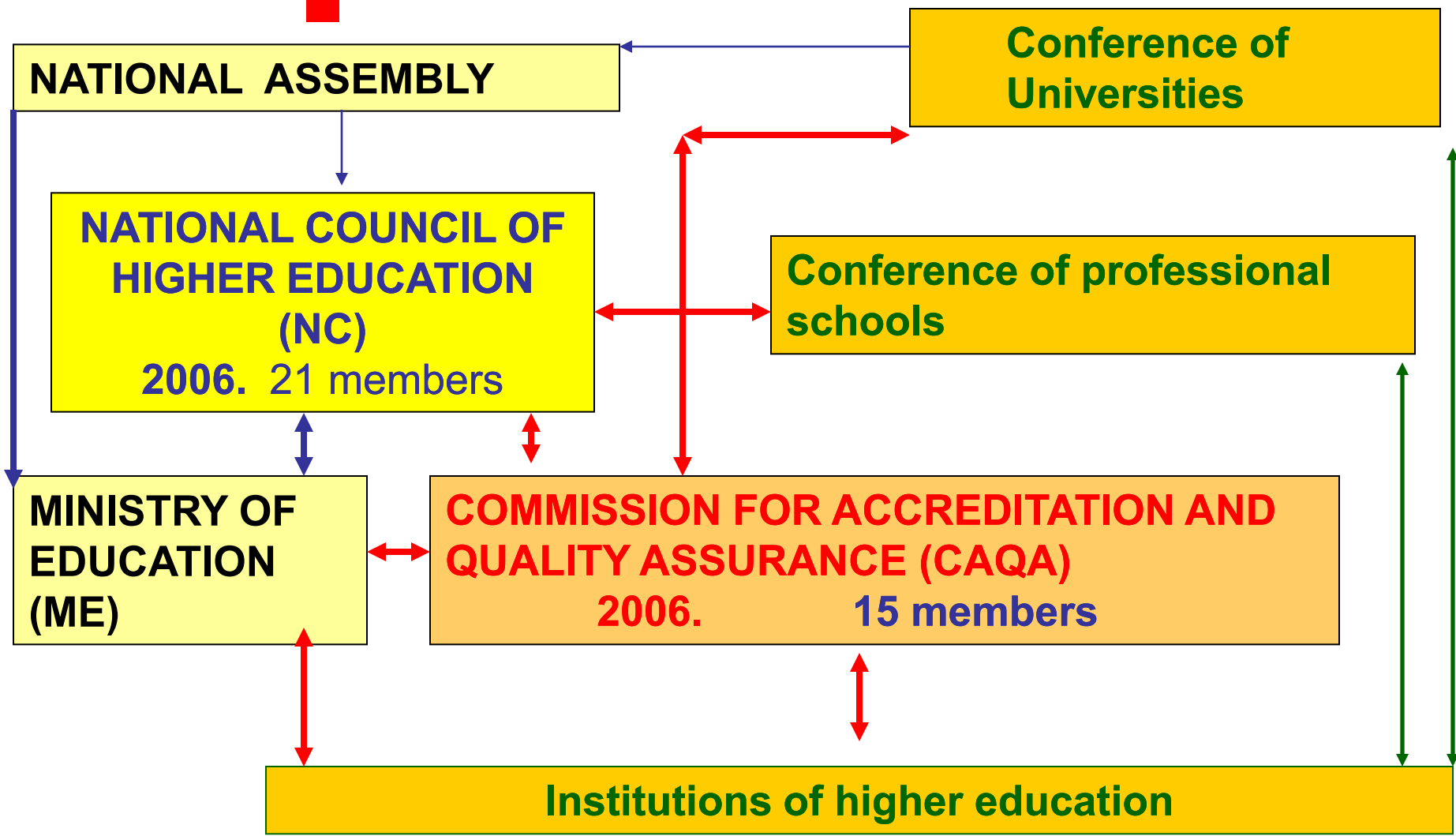
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System of Quality Assurance in Serbia

The Law on Higher Education (2005, 2010)



System of Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Serbia

- **2008** - CAQA becomes ENQA Associate
- **2010** - CAQA becomes ENQA Candidate member
- **2011** - CAQA enters process of external evaluation (self-evaluation report)
- **2012** – site visit of expert team
- **April 25th, 2013** – CAQA becomes full ENQA member

System of Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Serbia

- **2005** Law on Higher Education
- **2006** - CAQA was constituted
 - NCHE adopts:
 1. Standards and procedures for accreditation of HEIs and study programs
 2. Standards and procedures for external quality control of HEIs
 3. Standards for self-evaluation

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Standard 1. Basic goals and objectives of higher education institution

Standard 2. Planning and control

Standard 3. Organization and administration

Standard 4. Studies

Standard 5. Science, research and artistic work

Standard 6. Teaching staff

Standard 7. Non-teaching staff

Standard 8. Students

Standard 9. Premises and equipment

Standard 10. Library, textbooks and IT support

Standard 11. Sources of funds

Standard 12. Internal mechanisms for quality assurance

Standard 13. Transparency

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR *STUDY PROGRAMS OF I AND II LEVEL*

Standard 1. Study program structure

Standard 2. Study program purpose

Standard 3. Objectives of the study program

Standard 4. Competences of graduated students

Standard 5. Curriculum

Standard 6. Quality, modernity and international compliance

Standard 7. Admission of students

Standard 8. Grading and advancement of students

Standard 9. Teaching staff

Standard 10. Organization and material resources

Standard 11. Quality control

Standard 12. Distance learning courses

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR STUDY PROGRAMS OF *DOCTORAL STUDIES*

Special standard - Competence of the higher education institution to carry out the doctoral studies

Standard 1. Study program structure

Standard 2. Study program goals

Standard 3. Study program objectives

Standard 4. Competences of graduated students

Standard 5. Curriculum

Standard 6. Quality, modernity and international compliance of study program

Standard 7. Admission of students

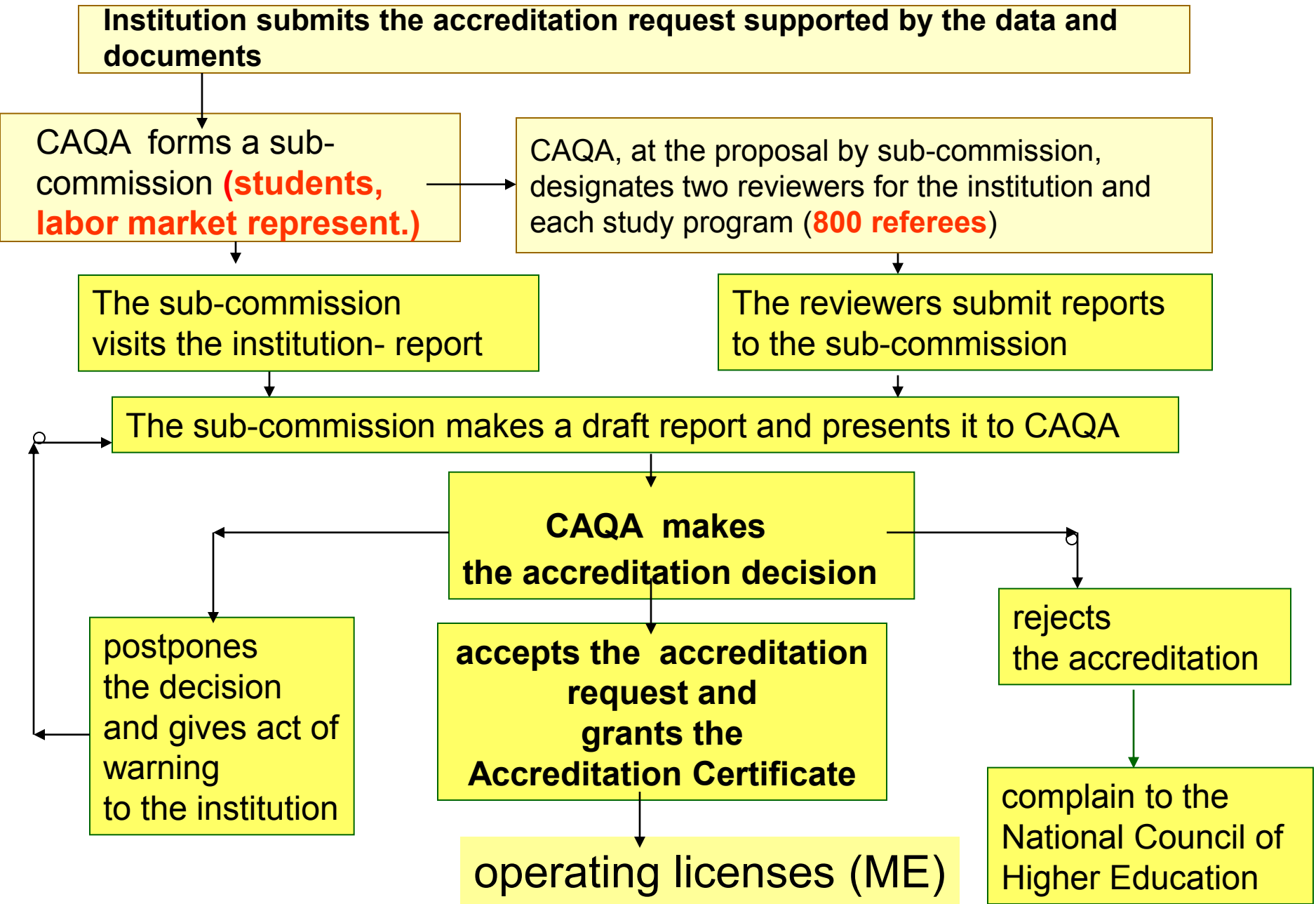
Standard 8. Grading and advancement of students

Standard 9. Teaching staff

Standard 10. Organizational and material resources

Standard 11. Quality control

The Accreditation Procedure



I Accreditation Round (2007-2011)

2007: 78 polytechnics+**515** programs

2008: 81 faculties/coll./univ.+**928** programs

2009: 60 faculties/coll./univ.+**308** programs

2010: 13 faculties/coll./univ.+**51** programs

2011: 145 programs

Total: 232 HEIs+1947 programs submitted
accreditation request

Results of I Accreditation Round

- **65** (47 state, 18 private) accredited **polytechnics** with **331** study programs (BPS, SPS) for **22.773** students in the first year
- **16** accredited **universities** (8 state, 8 private)
- **118** accredited **faculties** with **1205** study programs (BAS, MAS, IAS, SAS, DS, BPS, SPS) for **65.607** students in the first year
- **6** (2 state, 4 private) accredited **colleges** with **17** study programs for **1.112** students in the first year
- **Total: 205 HEIs+1553 programs accredited**
(85% students enroll state, 15% private HEIs)

II Accreditation Round (2012-2016)

2012: 51 polytechnics+**210** programs
accredited (3+2 Act of Warning)

2013: 27 HEIs+**357** programs in progress

Expected:

2014: 62 HEIs+**400** programs

2015: 55 HEIs+**350** programs

2016: 10 HEIs+**200** programs

Standards for External Quality Assessment of Institutions

1. **Reliance on the results of self-assessment of institution**
2. Method of external quality control
3. Areas of external quality control (accreditation standards for institutions and programs)
4. Results of external quality control
5. Organization and participants in external quality control
6. Procedure of external quality control
7. Reporting
8. Periodic checks
9. Improvement of the procedure for external quality control

Standards for Self-Assessment of Institutions

1. Strategy of quality assurance
2. Standards and procedures for quality assurance
3. System of quality assurance
4. Quality of the curriculum
5. Quality of teaching process
6. Quality of scientific research / artistic performance
7. Quality of teachers and associates
8. Quality of students
9. Quality of textbooks, literature, library and IT resources
10. Managerial quality of the institution and quality of non-teaching support
11. Quality of premises and equipment
12. Funding
13. Role of students in self-assessment and quality
14. Systematic monitoring and periodic quality assessment

The External Quality Assessment Procedure

Institution submits the self-evaluation report supported by data and documentation

CAQA forms a sub-commission (**students, labor market repres.**)

CAQA, at the proposal by sub-commission, designates two reviewers for the institution (**800 referees**)

The sub-commission visits the institution- report

The reviewers submit reports to the sub-commission

The sub-commission makes a draft report and presents it to CAQA

CAQA
accepts the report on external QA

CAQA sends the report to
The HE institution
National Council for Higher Education

I External quality control round (2011-2015)

2011: 54 requests of HEIs supported by self-evaluation reports

2012: 44 requests of HEIs supported by self-evaluation reports

Current Results: CAQA accepted 78
reports on external quality control of HEIs

2013: 50 requests expected

2014: 50 requests expected

2015: 10 requests expected

Future activities

- Harmonization of standards with changes in ESG
- Development of subject-specific standards
- Improvement of standards for doctoral studies
- Improvement of external quality control procedures to include follow-up