

# Combined Evaluation/ Accreditation Procedures

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# NVAO/ THE-ICE Joint Accreditation

- Joint national (NVAO) and international (THE-ICE) Accreditation process
- Conducted for all 5 public hotel schools
- Series of 2 day face to face audits in 2016
- Panel comprised of 2 independent auditors from THE-ICE Assessment Panel, Chair, student member and secretary all approved by NVAO
- THE-ICE Standards of Excellence used as leading framework, with additional requirements of NVAO addressed separately.

# Rationale/ benefit for institutions

- Reduced serious burden of ‘accreditation overload’
- Significant reduction in demand on resources; particularly staff time and financial
- Increased collaboration with other hotel schools and NVAO
- Alignment of accreditation outcomes, benefitting planning and strategy
- Creation of ‘accreditation free window’ for planning and development

# Elements of Successful Implementation

- Establishing clear and realistic objectives
- Agreement/ alignment of institutions and/ or internal teams
- Commitment to make things work and agree compromises (leading framework, length of accreditation)
- Formal agreement between national and international accreditation bodies
- Open and ongoing dialogue between all parties
- Flexible and accommodating accreditation experts, willing to 'do things differently'
- An independent moderator, willing and able to create the linkages between partners

# For more information

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