



NVAO COMBINED ACCREDITATIONS

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- Since 2015 NVAO has made agreements with agencies for the combination of accreditations/assessments
- Motivation: reducing burden on the programmes/institutions
- Current agreements: AACSB, EAPAA, EADI, ICE-THE
- Renewed agreements in 2021

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- Process of negotiation to get to agreements
- Comparison of frameworks and procedures
- Clear and obtainable benefits
- Positive attitude: make the combination work despite formal obstacles

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Basic principles for NVAO

- Formal roles and responsibilities remain in place and are not transferred
- Student-member in panel; registered secretary
- NVAO-frameworks remain the bottom line – agreements can not 'waiver' standards or criteria or rules for the panel
- Panels have knowledge of NVAO's procedures and frameworks
- Reports must comply with NVAO requirements
- New agreements possible: NVAO has set out its principles

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Experiences and good practices

- Good experiences: good dialogue before assessments
- Communication with agencies is good
- Reports of large clusters have less details on individual programmes but enough for accreditation
- Some issues: assessment of theses in large clusters
- Difference between duration of accreditation between NVAO and agencies: practical solutions



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