



National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education

Prague, Czech Republic

Development

Accreditation
Commission
(1990s-2016)

2016
Amendment of
Higher Education
Act

National
Accreditation
Bureau for Higher
Education (2016-)

Brief history of QAAs in the Czech Republic

- **Accreditation Commission (ACCR)**
 - Statements to the ministry
 - Permanent working groups
- **2016 amendment of Higher Education Act**
 - Establishment of NAB
 - Shift of decision-making authority away from the ministry
 - QA as primary responsibility of HEIs
 - Institutional accreditation

External Quality Assurance System

Accreditation

**Institutional
accreditation**

**Programme
accreditation**

Evaluation

External evaluation

Audit

Corrective measures

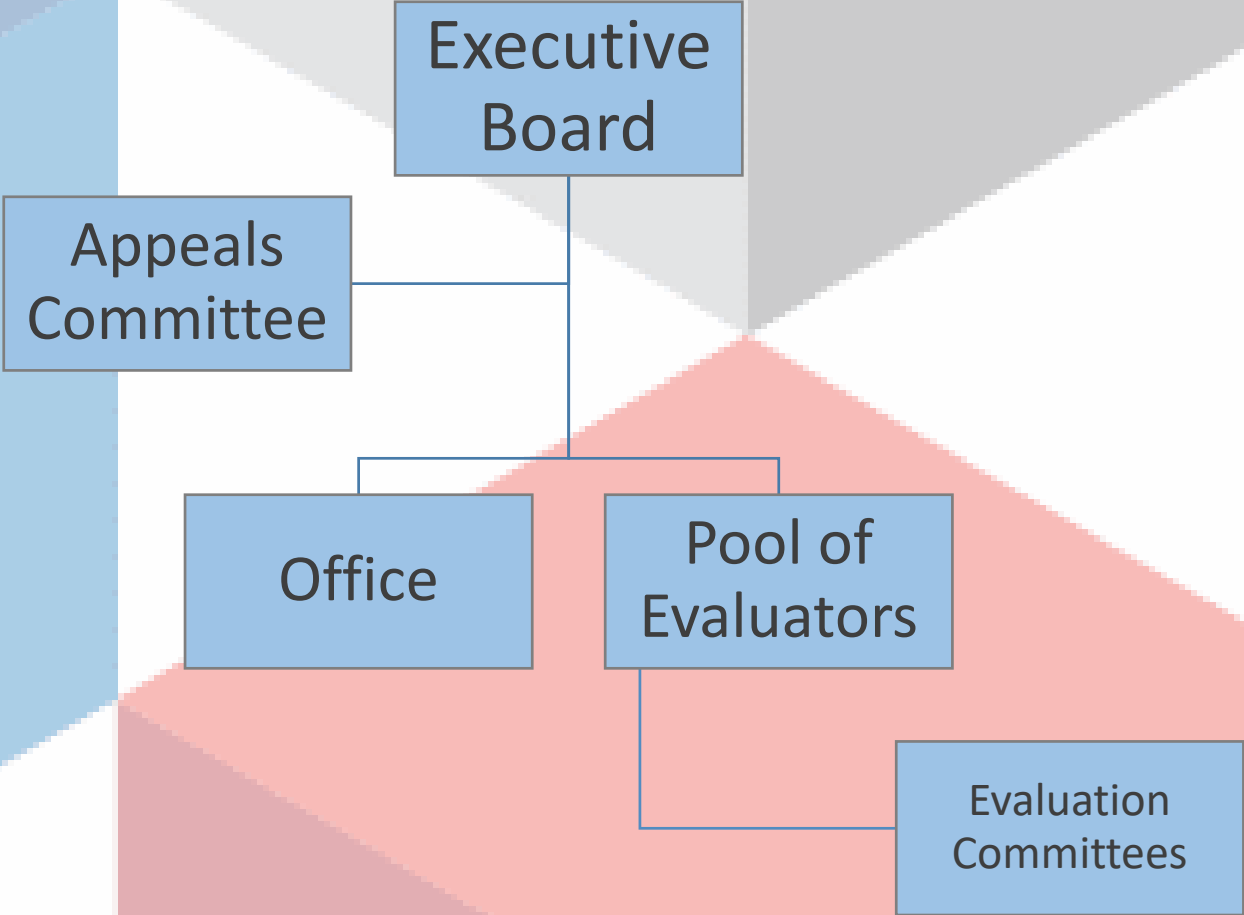
**Suspension of self-
accreditation
rights/revocation
of accreditation**

**Suspension of
admission/revocati
on of accreditation**

External Quality Assurance System

- **37 fields of study**
- **Application-based compulsory ex-ante programme accreditation model**
- **Application-based institutional accreditation is voluntary**
- **Evaluation of quality of HEI's activities**
- **Audit of compliance with legal regulations**
- **Sanctions can be applied in case of serious deficiencies**

Structure of NAB



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- **Executive body: Board of 15 members**
 - Chair, 2 vice-chairs
 - 12 members including a student representative
 - Nominated by stakeholders and ministry, appointed by the government
- **Appeals body: Appeals committee**
- **Advisory bodies: Evaluation Committees**
 - Pool of experts organized into 37 fields of study
 - Committees of typically 5 members including a chair and a student
- **Specialized and administrative support: Office of 11 staff members**
 - Department of the ministry
 - Director
 - Quality assurance and evaluation unit + Accreditation unit

Competences of NAB

- **Decision on institutional accreditation**
 - **Granted to 13 institutions**
- **Decision on accreditation of study programmes**
 - **Almost 1,000 applications yearly**
- **Decision on accreditation of fields of proceedings towards appointment of professors**
- **Evaluation of quality**
 - **5 evaluations initiated to date**
- **Audit of compliance with legal regulations**
 - **9 audits completed to date**
- **Enforcement of sanctions**

Internationalization of NAB

- **Affiliate of ENQA**
- **Member of CEENQA**
- **Involvement in SEQA-ESG Erasmus+ project coordinated by ENQA**
- **Participation in Thematic Peer Group C on QA of the BICG**
- **QA system in the Czech Republic is recognized as comparable by the US National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA)**
- **Host of 2018 ECA Autumn meeting**

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