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10. Withdrawal from the Accreditation Process

10.1. Voluntary withdrawal by in-process sites prior to the site visit

Programs and institutions may voluntarily withdraw from seeking initial accreditation at any time prior to the accreditation decision. Applicable fees are lost. The site may re-engage with the process at any time; however, depending on the amount of time that has passed since withdrawal, the site may be required to re-establish eligibility, attend a workshop, or repeat other steps in the accreditation process.

10.2. Voluntary withdrawal after the site visit and before the Commission decision

An in-process site that withdraws from the accreditation process after the site visit has been conducted and the review team report has been provided to the site, but before the Commission decision, must consult with CEA staff regarding the requirements for re-engaging in the process. A special consultation or workshop and an updated self-study report will be required before the site will be permitted to undergo another site visit. The site may not undergo another site visit for at least one year from the time of the initial site visit.

10.3. CEA action to withdraw applicant from the process

CEA may withdraw active applicant status from in-process sites if

a. the site does not send a representative to the workshop within one year of approval of eligibility.
b. the site does not submit the plan for the self-study within six months of attendance at the workshop.
c. the self-study is not completed within 16 months of workshop attendance and an extension (of up to eight months) was not requested.

Depending on the amount of time that has passed since withdrawal of active status, the site may be required to reestablish eligibility, attend a workshop, or repeat other steps in the accreditation process.

10.4. Other withdrawal from the process

Sites engaged in the process for continued initial accreditation of an additional branch or for reaccreditation may withdraw from the process at any time. In such cases, policies regarding expiration of accreditation or voluntary withdrawal from accreditation apply, as stated in Section 7.6. Expiration of a grant of accreditation, voluntary withdrawal from accredited status, or closure.