

Division Commissions on Accreditation Policy
(GC Working Policy, 2010-2011, pp. 274-275)

Each division shall have a Commission on Accreditation. The membership of these commissions shall be nominated by the division department of education, appointed by the division executive committee, and endorsed by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities. The director and associate directors of the General Conference Department of Education shall be ex officio members of all division commissions on accreditation.

The general functions and duties of the commissions shall include the following:

1. To establish guidelines for the denominational accreditation of secondary, and primary and pre-schools and early childhood education centers owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the programs in their territory, including criteria and procedures for evaluation visits. These guidelines, criteria and procedures shall become operational once they have been reviewed and approved by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.
2. To appoint survey, evaluation, and inspection committees, as may be needed. Travel expenses shall be covered by the employing organization and entertainment by the institution visited. In special cases, the Commission on Accreditation shall make the necessary arrangements.
3. To forward to the executive secretary of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities the names of the secondary schools recommended by the Commission on Accreditation for (re)accreditation, along with the respective accreditation terms.
4. To periodically reevaluate the quality and effectiveness of existing institutions and programs.
5. To utilize the “AAA” or “Adventist Accrediting Association” name and logo as approved by the AAA.