



APPEAL DIRECTIVE

Purpose and Scope

ARTICLE 1- (1) The purpose of this Directive is to regulate the procedure to be followed for objections against the "accreditation" decisions of ILAD/ILEDK and to define the duties and working principles of the Appeals Commission.

(2) Institutions may object to ILAD's decision not to grant accreditation or to its conditional accreditation decisions. They must submit their objections in writing to ILAD within 30 days from the date they receive ILAD's accreditation decision.

Legal Basis

ARTICLE 2- (1) This Directive has been prepared pursuant to Article 23 of the ILAD Working Regulation and Article 14 of the ILAD Communication Education Evaluation and Accreditation Implementation Principles Directive.

Definitions and Abbreviations

ARTICLE 3- (1) The terms mentioned in this Regulation refer to:

- a) ILAD: Association for Communication Research,
- b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ILAD Board of Directors,
- c) ILEDK: Communication Education Evaluation and Accreditation Board,
- d) CRITERIA: ILAD Evaluation Criteria used for the accreditation evaluation of communication education programs,
- e) INSTITUTION: The higher education institution (university) to which the program applying for accreditation is affiliated.

Appeals Commission

ARTICLE 4- (1) The ILAD Board of Directors establishes a three-member Appeals Commission to review objections from institutions against accreditation decisions. The members of the commission must either be former ILEDAK members or experienced individuals who have served as heads of Evaluation Teams. Individuals who were part of the ILEDAK evaluation team for the objecting institution, current ILEDAK members, and ILAD Board of Directors members cannot serve on the Appeals Commission. Additionally, commission members must not have any conflict of interest with the institution.

Duties of the Appeals Commission

ARTICLE 5- (1) The Appeals Commission examines and evaluates all documents related to the objection for compliance with ILAD and ILEDAK regulations.

(2) The Appeals Commission may request additional information and documents from the parties involved and may consult members of the evaluation team and other relevant individuals.

(3) The Appeals Commission does not take into account any corrections made by the institution after the accreditation decision has been communicated.

(4) After receiving the necessary documents and conducting required consultations, the Appeals Commission makes its decision within thirty (30) days and submits it in writing to ILAD.

Working Principles of the Appeals Commission

ARTICLE 6- (1) The Appeals Commission elects a chairperson from among its members.

(2) The Appeals Commission Chairperson is responsible for the functioning of the commission and serves as the communication link between the commission, the ILAD Board of Directors, and ILEDAK.

(3) The agenda, date, location, and format (physical or online) of the Appeals Commission meetings are determined based on the proposal of the Chairperson and the consensus of the members.

(4) The Appeals Commission makes decisions by unanimity.

Objections

ARTICLE 7- (1) Institutions may object to ILAD's decision of "non-accreditation," (2-year) accreditation decision, or "show evidence" decision. Objections must be submitted in writing to ILAD within thirty (30) days following the notification of the accreditation decision to the institution, and they must be signed by the institution's rector. The objection application must clearly explain the reasons why the institution considers ILEDAK's decision of "non-accreditation" or conditional accreditation inappropriate.

(2) Objections may be based on factual errors in ILEDAK and ILAD's decisions or on the belief that the decision contradicts ILAD's published criteria, regulations, and directives.

(3) Upon receipt of the objection, the ILAD Board of Directors provides the Appeals Commission with copies of all documents presented to the institution during the evaluation process, the institution's responses during the evaluation process, and other documents submitted by both the institution and ILEDAK.

Recommendation for Re-evaluation

ARTICLE 8- (1) If the Commission finds the institution's objection justified, it submits a written decision to ILAD along with its reasoning and recommends a "re-evaluation."

(2) The recommendation of the Appeals Commission is reviewed by the ILAD Board of Directors, which makes the final decision, taking into account the justifications provided by the Commission.

(3) If the ILAD Board of Directors accepts the institution's objection, a new evaluation team is formed by ILEDAK for a re-evaluation. Based on this new evaluation, ILEDAK may change its decision of "non-accreditation," (2-year) accreditation, or "show evidence" and issue the most appropriate accreditation decision.

(4) If the Commission does not find the institution's objection justified, it recommends the rejection of the appeal. If the ILAD Board of Directors rejects the appeal, it communicates the justification for the rejection in writing to the institution. The institution cannot appeal the rejection decision of the Board of Directors.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 9- This Directive enters into force on the date it is approved by the ILAD Board of Directors.