

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Pursuant to sections 207, 210, 212, 214, 215 and 305 of the Education Law.

1. Subdivision (b) of Section 4-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, shall be amended, as follows:

(b) Duration of accreditation. Accreditation shall be for a term of 10 years unless otherwise limited to a lesser period for good cause as determined by the commissioner and the Board of Regents, based upon a review conducted pursuant to this Subpart. [The term of accreditation may be extended by the commissioner on one or more occasions for a period not to exceed 12 months on each occasion for good cause as determined by the commissioner, including but not limited to inability to conduct site visits because of unforeseen events and the department's plan to coordinate a site visit with a site visit by another accrediting agency.] One or more administrative extensions of the term of accreditation may be granted for a period not to exceed 12 months on each occasion for good cause as determined by the Commissioner, for reasons including but not limited to, an inability to conduct site visits because of unforeseen events and/or the scheduling of a meeting of the Regents Advisory Council on Institutional Accreditation and/or the Board of Regents, provided however that an administrative extension granted by the Commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall not extend the corrective action period granted to an institution pursuant to section 4-1.3(d)(ii) of this Subpart.

2. A new paragraph (i) shall be added to Section 4-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, as follows:

(i) Fees.

(1) Applications for initial accreditation pursuant to section 4-1.5 of this Subpart shall include a non-refundable payment of \$3,000 to the Department for expenses related to the review of the self-study submitted pursuant to section 4-1.5(a)(3) of this Subpart.

(2) Institutions seeking initial accreditation pursuant to this Subpart, for which the Department has determined that the self-study is sufficient in depth and breadth to form a reasonable basis for a site review to be conducted pursuant to section 4-1.5(a)(4) of this Subpart shall remit to the Department a fee of \$10,000 for expenses related to the site visit and subsequent procedures related to initial accreditation pursuant to this Subpart.

(3) Institutions accredited by the Commissioner and the Board of Regents pursuant to this Subpart shall remit a non-refundable annual fee of \$35,000 in a timeframe and manner prescribed by the Department for expenses related to accreditation. Failure to remit the annual fee in accordance with the schedule set by the Department shall result in an adverse accreditation action against the institution.

(4) The filing of an appeal of a determination of an adverse accreditation action pursuant to section 4-1.5(a)(11) of this Subpart shall include a payment of \$10,000 for

expenses related to processing such appeal.

(5)The Department shall periodically review, and if necessary revise, this fee schedule to ensure that it is sufficient to meet the expenses related to accreditation.