

**Approval of the Application by the  
European Council on Chiropractic Education (ECCE) for  
Inclusion on the Register**

**Register Committee**  
2/3 May 2013

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1. The application of 02/03/2013 adhered to the requirements of the EQAR Procedures for Applications.
2. The Register Committee considered the external review report of June 2010 on the compliance of ECCE with the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG). It further considered the Progress Report by ECCE to ENQA of August 2012. The Register Committee considered that the external review report provides clear evidence and analysis of how ECCE complies with the ESG.
3. The Register Committee sought and received clarification from ECCE (letter of 30/03/2013) on the development of external quality assurance processes (ESG 2.2) and regarding publication of reports (ESG 2.5).

Analysis:

4. With regard to the specific European Standards and Guidelines, the Register Committee considered the following:  
  
**ESG 2.2:** The Register Committee sought and received clarification to the effect that a range of stakeholders was involved in developing ECCE's external quality assurance processes.  
  
**ESG 2.5:** The Register Committee noted that ECCE has a declared policy of publishing reports also in cases where accreditation is denied.  
  
**ESG 2.8:** The review panel recommended that a more systematic and organised form of system-wide analysis would be needed to make use of the general observations from the accreditations of chiropractic programmes. This issue has therefore been flagged.  
  
**ESG 3.6:** Given the relatively small community and professional field in which ECCE operates, the Register Committee considered that the effectiveness in practice of ECCE's procedures for preventing conflicts of interest amongst the reviewers and the reviewed institution was not explored sufficiently in the external review report. This issue has therefore been flagged.
5. The Register Committee had no specific observations on the review panel's analyses of ECCE's compliance with the remaining standards.

### Conclusion:

6. Based on the external review report and the considerations above, the Register Committee concluded that ECCE complies substantially with the ESG and, therefore, approved the application for inclusion on the Register.

ECCE's inclusion shall be valid until 30/06/2015<sup>1</sup>.

The following issues have been flagged for particular attention when considering a potential application for renewal of inclusion. They should be addressed in the next self-evaluation report and external review report on ECCE's compliance with the ESG:

#### **ESG 2.8 – System-wide analyses**

Attention should be given to whether ECCE regularly and systematically publishes overarching analyses from its accreditation activity.

#### **ESG 3.6 – Independence**

It should receive specific attention how effective ECCE's mechanisms to eliminate conflicts of interests within its accreditation procedures are in practice, especially in the light of the small professional community in which ECCE operates.

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<sup>1</sup> Inclusion is valid for five years from the date of the external review report, see §4.1 of the EQAR Procedures for Applications.