

## QUALITY STATEMENTS

Quality for the BAC is the provision of effective and efficient services that are:

- geared towards the enhancement of post-secondary/tertiary education and training;
- fit for purpose, add value and exceed stakeholders' expectations; and
- benchmarked against regional and international standards.

Quality for the BAC is guided by:

- a developmental approach;
- accountability to stakeholders;
- integrity of practise;
- excellence in service; and
- a commitment to national and regional development.

Quality for the BAC is demonstrated by:

- demand for non-mandatory services by its clients;
- respect of peers through mutual recognition;
- positive feedback from internal and external stakeholders; and
- efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness.

The BAC perceives quality in institutions as:

- effective governance;
- clearly stated and appropriate mission;
- efficient and effective administration;
- qualified, competent and engaged faculty and staff;
- timely and customer-friendly services;
- relevant, current, well-documented and appropriately assessed programmes;
- established, documented, functional and well-managed quality assurance system;

- responsiveness to change;
- system for formative and summative evaluation and reform;
- a culture which embraces integrity and ethical conduct;
- prudent financial management;
- effective and diversified learning and teaching experiences;
- adequate and appropriate student services and support; and
- committed and motivated students.

## ROLES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council has two (2) broad roles:

- The **registration and re-registration** of institutions offering post-secondary or tertiary education and training programmes of study; the **accreditation and re-accreditation** of programmes of study and institutions in Barbados; the **recognition** of institutions and their qualifications (which includes **conferral** of titles of institutions, articulation and equivalency activities); and
- The **granting** of Certificates of Recognition of CARICOM Skills Qualification to applicants who satisfy the requirements for recognition as CARICOM nationals, and **verification** of Certificates of Recognition of CARICOM Skills Qualification granted to community nationals by other Member States.

## Registration, Accreditation, Recognition and Equivalency

1. **Registration** – The aim of registration is to certify that post-

secondary or tertiary education and training institutions meet or exceed certain standards to operate in Barbados. This process is the first step towards accreditation of programmes of study and institutions, as it will provide registered institutions with a foundation for logical development towards accreditation.

2. **Accreditation** – The process of accreditation is designed to be independent and transparent. It will provide acceptance and promote public confidence in the education and training provided by an institution. The evaluation will be conducted against standards established by the Barbados Accreditation Council. These standards will be based on international and regional trends whilst taking into account the local context.
3. **Recognition and Equivalency** – The Council will apply a number of criteria when evaluating foreign qualifications against local awards. In the recognition process the Council will evaluate the affiliation to international education and training; the accreditation status and recognition of the institution and programme of study in the home country.
4. **Conferral of Titles** - The Council will provide advice on the conferral on institutions of titles such as “university”, “university college”, “community college” etc. based on specific criteria/standards.

## Certificate of Recognition of CARICOM Skills Qualification

Qualifying Caribbean Community States:

- Antigua and Barbuda (Teachers are not eligible)
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada

- Guyana
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- St Christopher and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago

The following categories are eligible for Free Movement:

- Graduates
- Media Persons
- Artistes
- Musicians
- Sportspersons
- Professional Nurses
- Teachers
- Artisans
- Holders of an Associate Degree or a comparable qualification
- Household Domestic

**Requirements:**

Persons must provide **originals**, and **copies to be certified**, of the following documents:

- Degree (at least a Bachelor's degree) – **Graduates**
- Relevant qualifications
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Citizenship
- Passport
- Marriage Certificate (**where applicable**)
- Two (2) Passport size photos
- Police Certificate of Character (**from all countries in which applicant has resided for more than six (6) months since the age of 16 years**)

Application Fee - BDS\$100  
 Verification Fee – BDS\$100

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