

Accreditation System

Through the accreditation system Universities of Applied Sciences and study programmes account for the quality of education and the level of qualifications that they provide. This page briefly describes the structure of the system and the relationship between the different ratings.

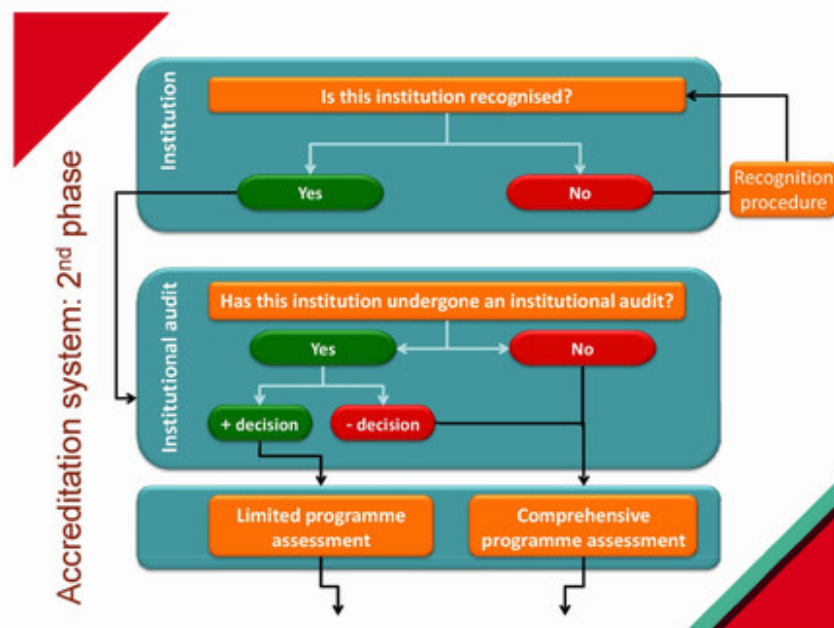
Structure of the system

The accreditation system has two components: an **institutional quality assurance assessment** and a **programme assessment**.

The University of Applied Sciences is assessed in the institutional quality assurance assessment: is the institution in control with regard to the quality of the study programmes?

In the programme assessment only the study programmes are assessed: what are the objectives? How are they realised? Are the objectives achieved in practice?

If the institutional quality assurance assessment is concluded with a positive assessment, the study programmes can be assessed through a "limited programme assessment". If the institutional quality assurance assessment is concluded with a negative assessment, a comprehensive programme assessment must take place. (See diagram below.)



Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences received a positive institutional quality assurance audit decision from the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) on 05-11-2013. (Valid from 05-11-2013 until 04-11-2019).

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