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Status of ACQUIN Accreditation of the University of Bengkulu

Dear Sirs or Madams,

As a quality assurance agency with several years of experience – especially in the international area – ACQUIN wants to follow the increasing requests of higher education institutions in Indonesia.

Hence, we want to provide you in the following with the regarded information on the agency's profile, its range and fields of activities, and in particular its international work as well.

Agency Profile

The Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute ACQUIN e. V. was established on 26 January 2001 in Germany. ACQUIN is a registered, non-profit association with recognized charitable status. Currently its members include more than 150 higher education institutions (HEIs) mainly from Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, and Mongolia. Other members are research-oriented, professional and trade associations in Germany.

The aim of ACQUIN is to contribute to shaping the *European Higher Education Area* (EHEA) and to ensure the comparability of the quality of higher education qualifications worldwide. ACQUIN carries out assessment and accreditation procedures in all disciplines and across all types of HEIs with the purpose to ensure a high quality of study programmes, create market transparency, increase

the attractiveness of HEIs for students and promote the comparability of academic degrees. ACQUIN is also conducting assessment and accreditation procedures of quality management systems in study, teaching, research, and other areas of HEIs' activities.

ACQUIN sees itself as a reliable partner of HEIs. Scientific freedom and university autonomy are the guiding principles of its activities and decision-making processes. ACQUIN's work should promote the quality of higher education as well as support the establishment of a quality culture at higher education institutions. The agency defines its activities as a contribution to academic quality and support in the development of higher education institutions. Being a member of various networks, it is committed to play an active role in the further development of EHEA and higher education worldwide.

Based on the "*Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area*" (ESG), ACQUIN carries out assessment procedures in Germany and abroad in all fields of study and at all types of higher education institutions.

International Activities

One of the focal areas for ACQUIN has been the external quality assurance for study programmes and HEIs in Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Arab world. For example, Bulgaria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Oman, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, and Vietnam could be named. ACQUIN is an active member of the European networks in order to achieve approximation of quality standards, comparability of quality assurance procedures and a mutual understanding with respect to various quality cultures within EHEA and other regions that are interested in standards and quality assurance for higher education.

For this reason, we are very pleased to confirm that the following seven bundle accreditations have been completed at the University of Bengkulu in November 2022. The last and thus eighth accreditation process (*Bundle V_Teaching I*) will be conducted in March 2023:

Bundle I Economics

- Bachelor/Magister/Doctoral Management
- Bachelor/Magister in Accounting
- Magister in Development Economics
- Doctoral in Applied Economics
- Bachelor in Economics
- Bachelor in Law/Magister in Law
- Magister in Notariat Law

Bundle II Social

- Bachelor in Library and Information Science (BLIS)
- Bachelor/Magister in Social Welfare (BSW)
- Bachelor in Sociology (BS)
- Bachelor/Magister in Communication (BC)
- Bachelor in Journalism (BJ)
- Bachelor/Magister in Public Administration (BPA)

Bundle III Medicine

- Bachelor in Biology
- Bachelor/Magister in Chemistry
- Bachelor in Pharmacy
- Bachelor in Physics
- Bachelor in Geophysics
- Bachelor in Mathematics
- Bachelor /Magister in Statistics
- Bachelor in Medicine

Bundle IV Engineering

- Bachelor of Informatics Engineering
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Architecture
- Bachelor of Informatic System

Bundle V Teaching I

- Bachelor/Magister in Natural Science Education (BNSE)
- Bachelor in Physics Education (BPE)
- Bachelor in Chemistry Education (BCE)
- Bachelor in Biology Education (BBE)
- Bachelor/Magister in Mathematics Education (BME)
- Doctor in Education (DE)

Bundle VI Teaching II

- Bachelor in Early Childhood Teacher Education (BECTE)
- Bachelor in Guidance and Counselling (BGC)
- Bachelor/Magister in English Language Education (BELE/MELE)
- Bachelor/Magister in Indonesian Language Education (BILE/MILE)
- Bachelor in Elementary Teacher Education (BETE)
- Bachelor in Physical Education (BPE)
- Bachelor in Non-formal Education (BNE)
- Magister in Educational Technology (MET)
- Magister in Educational Administration (MEA)
- Magister in Elementary Education (MEE)

Bundle VII Agrar

- Bachelor/Magister in Agribusiness(BAB/MAB)
- Bachelor/Magister in Agroecotechnology (BAE/MAE)
- Bachelor in Plant Protection (BPP)
- Bachelor in Soil Science (BSS)
- Bachelor in Agro-industrial Technology (BAT)
- Bachelor in Animal Husbandry (BAH)
- Bachelor in Forestry (BFT)
- Bachelor in Marine Science (BMS)
- Magister in Natural and Environmental Resources Management (MNR)
- Doctoral in Agricultural Sciences (DAS)

Bundle VIII

- Institutional Accreditation

For this reason, we are very pleased to confirm that the following seven bundle accreditations have been conducted at the University of Bengkulu. The last and thus eighth accreditation process will be conducted in early March 2023.

Currently, the corresponding accreditation reports are being prepared for these accreditation bundles on the seven accreditation procedures. Due to the large bundle size of the accreditation procedures, this process takes some time. However, we are very pleased to inform you already that all the associated study programmes have been positively evaluated and will be accredited by our

Accreditation Commission. The decision-making process and thus the handover of the certificates and the seal from ACQUIN - by digital as well as postal means - is expected to take place in March 2023.

The resolution of the eighth accreditation procedure is expected to take place in June 2023 by our Accreditation Commission!

We would like to thank all university members of the University of Bengkulu for the excellent co-operation and wish the university all the best for the further positive development of the university of their institution and study programmes.

With my best regards,

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Managing Director ACQUIN