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IAO Accreditation For Educational Consultants

Accreditation is a formal recognition of **competence** to **perform** specific tasks. It provides means for **identifying conformance** to internationally recognized **standards**. This is called **benchmarking** quality in the 21st century.

MISSION OF IAO

“The mission of IAO is to establish, preserve and promote the finest quality standards worldwide by acting as a catalyst for information, training and networking to educational institutes, professionals, students & corporations.”

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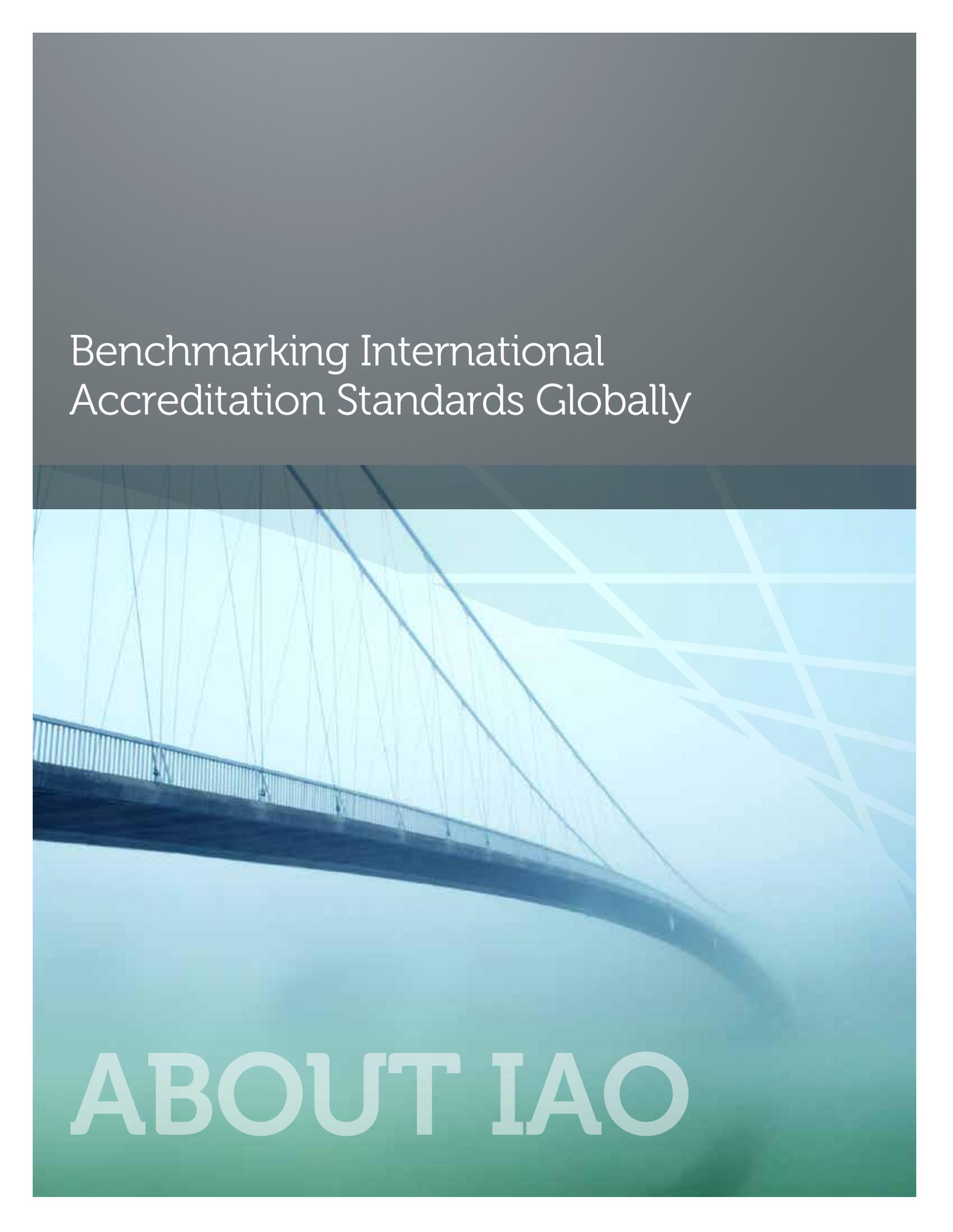
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Benchmarking International
Accreditation Standards Globally

ABOUT IAO

AN OVERVIEW

IAO is an international quality assurance agency, working to improve operating standards of organizations all over the world. With its global network of experts, IAO grants accreditation to Educational Institutions, Corporations, Educational Consultants, Professionals & Individuals.

Need For International Accreditation

Accreditation and quality assurance are essential factors that complete the organizational/institutional network. Regional accreditation bodies have dutifully evaluated organizations on a regional scale and granted them Primary Accreditation. However, the rapid growth of globalization calls for a global entity which can evaluate organizations against internationally proven standards of quality and grant an internationally recognized Secondary Accreditation to an enterprise. IAO has been working with a diverse team of experts from different walks of life to create standards that are both regionally and internationally recognized and accepted.

IAO provides international accreditation to the organizations to serve as secondary accreditation, enhance the entity's regional accreditation and assure the stakeholders that programs, policies and procedures of the organization are on a par with international standards. IAO's International Accreditation represents an education institution's commitment to providing a quality education and an enabling, learning-oriented environment to students.

About IAO's International Accreditation

IAO is a globally recognized quality assurance agency, working to improve quality assurance standards of educational institutes and consultants globally. Through its unique evaluation process, known as Points Profile System, IAO offers accreditation services in more than 180 countries. IAO also grants certifications to professionals wishing to enhance their employment opportunities globally. The agency owes its success to its strong network of experts and accreditation professionals serving in all major regions globally.

IAO has the world's largest network of accredited educational institutes and educational consultants, comprising of more than 500 Universities, Institutes and Schools and over 1500 educational consultants. Each year, hundreds of alliances are formed between our accredited education providers and educational consultants, who come together to achieve a single outcome i.e. to reach out to more students.

IAO provides international accreditation to the organizations to serve as secondary accreditation, enhance the entity's regional accreditation and assures stakeholders that the program, policies and procedures of the organization are up to the international standards of quality. IAO's International Accreditation represents an entity's commitment to delivering quality which is on a par with the global standards.

IAO's Points Profile System

IAO grants international accreditation through a unique and patented Points Profile System that is developed by organizing the best global organizational practices in one place in collaboration with regional accreditation bodies. IAO's Point Profile System works as general basis of evaluation for any organization/individual regardless of their origin to supplement their regional accreditation and provide an additional international accreditation. The Points Profile System is a dynamic and evolving system that is continually updated in order to cater new developments in the academic and professional quarters.

Profile

IAO owes its success to its strong network of experts and accreditation professionals serving in over 180 countries. IAO has also collaborated with regional accreditation bodies to supplement their strict accreditation methods. IAO is an expert in standardizing organizational practices internationally and accrediting organizations and individuals from academic and professional sectors. IAO's first-rate services are also recognized by different global accreditation associations.

Foundation Philosophy

IAO conducts organizational assessments and evaluations based on a unique Points Profile System that focuses on improving the quality standards by providing specific recommendations.

Before IAO was formed, there was no true global accreditation body to accredit academic & business service providers and students & professionals despite substantial expansion in these sectors in recent years.

GESFWA (Global Education Support Forum for Working Adults) took the initiative and formed IAO to promote the educational standards for students & institutions worldwide. IAO was created with the aim of expanding GESFWA's outreach by providing required systems and solutions so that more and more institutions, schools, professionals and students endorse quality educational standards.

Recently, IAO has also started to accredit corporations with the aim of promoting reputable interests and corporate objectives. It ensures an adequate level of structural integrity and quality of product and/or service.

IAO's accreditation approach is focused on improving organizational standards by providing specific recommendations based on a unique Points Profile System. The approach differentiates itself from other Quality Assurance Practices based on:

- 01 Points score instead of Pass/Fail
- 02 Full recommendation report to further improve Quality standards
- 03 Borderless approach through global representatives

Global Chapters

IAO has presence in more than 180 countries to accomplish its mission of standardizing and promoting organizational quality assurance standards worldwide.

IAO's chapters aim to establish and strengthen quality standards in academic and corporate sectors in different regions across the globe. IAO has native experts in its team who are well aware of the dynamics of the regional practices and possess the necessary expertise and knowledge to enhance the existing organizational quality assurance standards.

The chapters are also responsible for organizing seminars, workshops and events that facilitate IAO in serving organizations and other stakeholders in a specific region.

Following are a few regions where our chapters are located:



IAO holds presence in more than 180 countries

EVALUATION COMMISSION

For each international chapter, IAO inducts native educational and accreditation experts in the team who are well aware of the dynamics of their country's academic and corporate sectors and possess the necessary expertise and knowledge to serve their people.



Dr W.G.Somaratne

Dr. Somaratne is a highly distinguished member of IAO.

He has vast experience in community development and currently serves as Additional Project Director (Programme Management) Community Development and Livelihood Improvement Project, Gemidiriya, Sri Lanka. He is a noted public speaker who has delivered lectures and presentations on agricultural economy when he was working as Advocacy and Programme Policy Manager at Oxfam Australia. He has also published books on contract farming potential and problems in Sri Lankan agriculture.



Brent M. Tabor

Brent M. Tabor is a financial expert and possesses rich experience in the fields of accounting and finance. Currently pursuing a PhD at North Central University, AZ, Brent M. Tabor has added immense value to the cause of IAO.



Dr. Ines Dika

Dr. Dika has obtained Ph.D. in International Relations and is serving as a professor in the Agricultural University of Tirana. She also has exceptional language skills and brings value to IAO through her worldwide network of peers working to enhance the quality of education.



Dr. Ameer Ali

Dr. Ameer Ali is a distinguished member of IAO. He serves as Chairperson and Assistant professor

in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), East West University. He is valuable to the Organization for his extensive teaching experience and in-depth research in the field of Information Technology.



Najib Nicolas Gerges

Dr.Gerges's valuable work experience has made him one of the most reliable and treasured IAO members. A civil engineer by profession, his valuable experience in water resources and environmental engineering has helped him attain managerial positions at Dar Al Handshah Shair and Partners, Parsons International Limited and Beiswenger Hoch and Associates. He is also teaching water resources engineering and project management courses at the University of Balamand and at the Lebanese American University.

EVALUATION COMMISSION



Dr. Friedrich Schneider

Dr. Friedrich Schneider is a Professor of Economics at Johannes Kepler University of

Linz, Austria. He obtained his PhD in Economics from the University of Konstanz and has since held numerous visiting and honorary positions at a number of universities. He was Dean of Social Science and Economics and Vice President of Foreign Affairs at Johannes Kepler University of Linz and President of the Austrian Economic Association. He has also been consultant to numerous organizations including the Brussels EU Commission. He has published extensively in various economic journals. He brings value to IAO through his extensive worldwide experience in education and research.



Xiaofeng Hu

Xiaofeng Hu has obtained his Ph.D degree from Shanghai Jiao Tong University and his research interests lies in simulation, planning, scheduling and management

of manufacturing systems (including assembly lines, project shops, hybrid flowshops, re-entrant manufacturing lines and hospitals). He has conducted various research projects and published numerous papers. Currently, he serves as a lecturer in the Computer Integrated Manufacturing Research Institute, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He was also granted SMC Excellent Young Faculty Award in 2009 and Outstanding Supervisor of Undergraduate in 2010 by Shanghai Jiao Tong University.



Ambili P.K

Mrs. Ambili Puthusseri has obtained her

Master's degree in computer application and has also completed many certification programs that have sharpened her technical skills. She is a very passionate and hardworking individual of IAO.



Dr. Mohammed Aldasht

Dr. Mohammed Aldasht brings value to the IAO

through his interests in parallel computing, evolutionary computing, optimization and prediction problems in high performance computing. He has also published various works in the field of computer sciences and has also conducted a research project in Intelligent Algorithms for Prediction and Optimization in Heterogeneous Clusters at the Palestine University. He has obtained his Ph. D. from the University of Granada and now serves as the Dean for College of Admin. Sciences and Informatics in Palestine Polytechnic University.



Marta Zugaro

Marta is a consultancy and training enthusiast

with a master's degree in Archaeology. She has been an academic achiever and has won a six-month scholarship with the University of Tuscia. She has also worked with world-renowned professors and industry professionals at different training programs and seminars.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

IAO has collaborated with distinguished regional accreditation bodies to supplement their strict accreditation methods using its Points Profile System, supported by the latest technology to establish, preserve and promote the finest quality assurance standards worldwide.

IAO collaborates with different Quality Assurance agencies to formulate plans for improving the operational standards in organizations and to help them discover their competitive potential among regional and international peers. The objective of this exercise is to enhance operating standards to international levels.

Currently, the following associations are partners with IAO:



MEMBERSHIPS

In pursuit of its mission to increase the global quality standards for academic and business corporations and individuals, IAO has formed associations with international bodies that work towards enhancing such standards worldwide.



International Education Accreditation Commission



GESFWA
Global Education Support Forum
for Working Adults



Setting International Quality Standards for Educational Consultants Worldwide



IAO OFFERINGS

IAO ACCREDITATION FOR EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS

Our accredited consultant program helps educational consultants benefit from an ever expanding network of more than 1 million students and thousands of institutes, faculty members and educationists worldwide.

Educational consultants play a very important role in helping students pursue higher education abroad. However, with increased competition and choices available to students today, they face difficulty in choosing the right consultant for their needs. IAO by granting accreditation to educational consultants assures students they have selected the right agent to match their unique requirement. IAO only grants accreditation to those educational consultants that surpass IAO's stringent accreditation criteria. Once accredited by IAO, educational consultants profile is enhanced to an international level, allowing them to gain trust of education providers, students and parents. Additionally, being accredited our consultants get exclusive access to our world's largest network of students, institutes and educationists worldwide.

Key Feature of Our Program

Increase in Perceived Value of your Consultancy



As per a recent survey "Factors affecting student choices for Higher Education" by Dabson Research Group, it has come to light that 79% students worldwide prefer educational consultants that are evaluated and endorsed by a third-party. Through an unyielding belief in quality of service and deep commitment to the consultancy services provided, getting accredited by IAO increases your perceived value amongst your existing and new potential customers. It also greatly the trust of students in your consultancy services both regionally and internationally.

Access to Hundreds of Potential Students



Students nowadays are seeking study abroad opportunities and cost efficiency at the same time. Daily, 100's of students visit our website, from your city and region, looking for accredited education consultants. Since your name would be included in our accredited corporation's list, these students will be directed to your dedicated web-page. On the page, they will have the option of placing an inquiry or contacting you directly. In this manner, you will be getting fresh leads of potential students from your desired region and country almost daily in a large number. Student demand is among the many factors contributing to the growth of educational consultancy business.

Represent New Universities & Increase your Clientele



Since IAO is a trusted name in the world of academia, its accreditation opens doors to a large number of new clients for our accredited consultants. 86% of our accredited consultants have reported back with a 15% increase in their clientele within 1st year of getting IAO's accreditation. They claim that with IAO's accreditation, education providers worldwide become more approachable. Also, monthly they get inquiries from new Universities requesting for their services. Not only this, IAO has a network of 1000+ Education Providers spread in over 75 countries. Majority of these educational providers over the years, have formed various partnerships with our educational consultants to reach out to more potential students.

IAO ACCREDITATION FOR EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS

Key Benefits of Our Program

Inquiries from Potential Study-Abroad Students



Daily, we get hundreds of inquiries from potential study-abroad students looking for information on universities. These inquiries will be forwarded to you, thus giving you access to our database of 1 Million+ Students.

Dedicated Web-Page



You will be given a dedicated web-page on IAO. You can use this web-page as a tool to prove your commitment to make sure students meet the right education providers.]

IAO's Accreditation Seal & Certificate



Our seal and certificate is a proof of your Accreditation from IAO. It also endorses your professional practices and gives you the edge that would distinguish you amongst other educational consultants in the market.

Access to IAO's Panel of Accredited Education Providers



We have the world's largest network of Universities, Institutes and Schools. You will have the opportunity to form alliance with these education providers and represent them on various forums. This will allow you to increase your clientele, student reach and revenues simultaneously.

Name in Accredited Agencies Directory



Your name will be included among other IAO Accredited Educational Consultants on our listing page.

Free Promotion



Your accreditation status will be shared through news on iao official blog and social media along with premium press releases on different mediums.

Audit Report



IAO will send its audit report to enhance your agency's organizational practices and standards. Also, a dedicated accreditation consultant will be available to support you for your queries.

Points Profile Score



You will receive a unique point profile score developed by putting together the best global organizational practices in collaboration with regional accreditation bodies.

Ensuring Highest Quality
Standards through our Unique
Points Profile System



**IAO'S ACCREDITATION
METRICS AND PROCESS**

IAO ACCREDITATION METRICS

IAO's accreditation is conferred by rigorously evaluating all applicants against the unique patented evaluation process, known as Points Profile System, based on the best global practices in education and organizations.

Points Profile System

As per the Points Profile system, certain points are assigned to every answer submitted in the application form, which are then rated to calculate a final score for each category. A visit of IAO's Evaluation Commission is also conducted for a physical evaluation of the organization and validation of the documents submitted. Authentication of information provided in the application and the documents are the basis of Points Profile of the organizations/institutions. These scores are put together to form a matrix that measures the quality of the applicant from different angles. This Points Profile System is intelligently designed to detect strengths and weaknesses against the international standards. The final matrix gives the overall picture of the applicant's quality and standards and also makes recommendations to improve performance in different areas.

01

Organizational Management

Organizational Management deals with factors pertaining to the organization's overall management. These factors include the organizational structure, time of existence of the organization, existence of a defined vision, ethical practices, promotional and marketing, etc.

02

Operations Management

The business management of an organization is calculated based on factors such as the quality and relevance of the human resource policies, flexible hours, admin, employees, HR Policies, financial management etc.

03

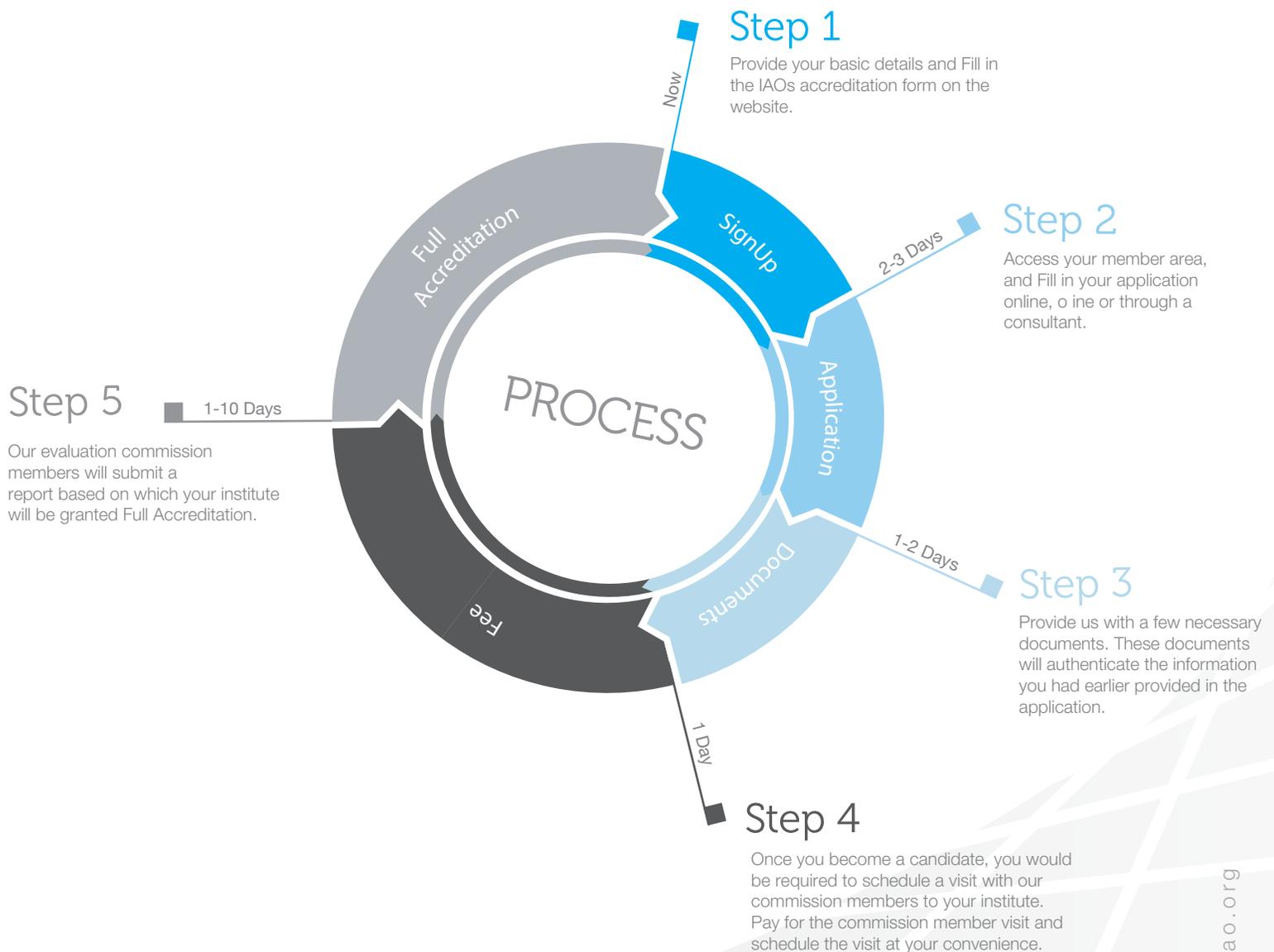
Business Performance

IAO calculates organizational performance based on the progress of the employers, standard certifications of the business, and the number of accreditations/licenses/certification possessed by the organization.

* Students and professionals are not accredited on the abovementioned metrics and the on-site visit also does not apply to them. Rather they are evaluated on factors such as their academic profile, experience, etc.

ACCREDITATION PROCESS

The steps to our accreditation process are described below. These steps are a guide to learning more about IAO's accreditation.



ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Step 1: (Now)

Signup on IAO's website

Provide your basic details and fill in the IAOs accreditation form on the website.

Step 2: (2-3 Days)

Fill in the Application

Access your member area, and fill in your application online, offline or through a consultant.

Step 3: (1-2 Days)

Submit Documents

Provide us with a few necessary documents. These documents will authenticate the information you had earlier provided in the application.

Step 4: (1 Day)

Pay the Fee

Once you become eligible, you would be required to schedule a visit with our commission members to your institute. Pay for the commission member visit and schedule the visit at your convenience.

Step 5: (1-10 Days)

Earn Full Accreditation

Our evaluation commission members will submit a report after visiting your agency, based on which your institute will be granted Full Accreditation.



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