

ECH ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS

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Institutions applying for approval or accreditation of their teaching programme must be ECH Members and have paid their membership fee. Fees for membership organisations vary according to the number of their members; independent teaching centres and national federations of teaching centres pay €250 for the year of their application for accreditation.

1. Applications are accepted from the following institutions:
 - independent teaching centres (TC)
 - national federations of teaching centres
 - homeopathic doctors' associations providing education and training.
2. Accreditation is based on the documentation for a course that has already been delivered; an approval procedure is followed when the teaching centre seeks confirmation of the quality of its programme in advance of the start of that programme, in order to get credit points from a Medical Board or Pharmacy Chamber.
3. Homeopathic teaching programmes for doctors and for pharmacists are treated as separate requests for accreditation or approval.
4. Institutions that apply for accreditation or approval of their teaching programme should submit their programme, in English, to the ECH secretariat. The training programme should comply with the requirements as laid down in the ECH Medical Homeopathic Education Standards and/or ECH Guidelines for the Training of Homeopathic Pharmacists, as applicable.
5. The ECH Accreditation Team has five members, selected from and chosen by the ECH Education Subcommittee. One of these five members is appointed as the permanent Accreditation Team Leader and coordinates the processing of each submission.
6. The ECH Education Subcommittee refers the submission to the ECH Accreditation Team to examine all the documented evidence (see list of required documents) that has been submitted by the teaching centre, ascertains that this fulfils all the requirements of the respective standards and collaborates with the teaching centre.

The Accreditation Team Leader invites two members of the Accreditation Team to undertake this task. The Coordinator of the Education Subcommittee and the Accreditation Team Leader are not necessarily included.

In addition, in cases where the accreditation concerns training in homeopathic pharmacy, two members, appointed to the Accreditation Team by the Pharmacy Subcommittee, are invited to join the investigation of the submission.

These persons must not be involved in the school which applies for the accreditation (no teachers of this school and no persons from the same country). After checking the documents, the pharmacists send their proposal about the accreditation to the leader of the accreditation team.

7. The goal of the Accreditation Team, in addition to making a decision regarding accreditation or approval, is to aim for improvement in the submitted programme, in dialogue with the submitting teaching centre. The members dealing with the documents of the teaching centre decide by consensus on accreditation or approval.

8. The Accreditation Team Leader (not being the Coordinator of the Education Subcommittee) informs the Coordinators of the Education and Pharmacy Subcommittees, and the Coordinator of the Education Subcommittee then informs the ECH Council of their decision.

9. The ECH Council decides formally on the accreditation or approval.

10. ECH issues a letter confirming approval or a certificate confirming accreditation.

11. The accreditation remains valid for a period of 6 years and is renewable.

12. The accreditation fee is in addition to the membership fee and should be paid when submitting the application. Fees are:

- independent teaching centres (TC): € 100
- national federation teaching centres: € 200 for the first 2 teaching centres
€ 50 for each additional centre
- homeopathic doctors' associations: € 100

13. Institutions whose teaching programme qualifies for accreditation should pay their annual ECH membership fees during the years the accreditation is valid. Non-payment of membership fees in a particular year will lead to withdrawal of the accreditation. Any fees should be paid by bank transfer; cheques will not be accepted. The Teaching Centre is liable for any bank charges.