

# STREAMLINED IDL PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

## **Commission Approved Temporary Flexibilities (4/6/20 & 4/28/20):**

1. An institution offering temporary IDL delivery in response to COVID-19 will be eligible for the following, if the institution's first IDL program application is submitted by June 1, 2020:
  - A streamlined IDL program application process at a reduced fee (\$1050 for the application & \$2,400 for the virtual IDL program visit).
  - A virtual IDL program visit conducted electronically via telephone conference call, video conference, and/or virtual meeting platform, unless conducted in conjunction with an on-site reaccreditation visit scheduled in 2020 or 2021.
2. An institution offering temporary IDL delivery that submits an initial IDL program application by June 1, 2020 will be allowed to submit additional IDL program application(s) by December 31, 2020, without having to first demonstrate the successful outcomes of graduates of its first approved IDL program.<sup>1</sup>

## **Additional Flexibilities Approved by Commission (5/13/20):**

1. The required IDL program visit will be conducted virtually, with no requirement of a subsequent on-site program visit.
2. An additional emergency flexibility will allow the retroactive approval of IDL program applications submitted by June 1, 2020, as follows:
  - Interim Approval for the institution's first IDL program will be granted retroactive to the date a complete and fully compliant IDL program application was submitted to ACCET.

NOTE: The retroactive date of IDL program interim approval may or may not be the date the program application was initially submitted, as program applications are frequently determined to be incomplete and out of compliance with ACCET requirements, which requires the resubmission of the applications.

3. The IDL program approval process for an institution offering temporary IDL delivery that submits its first IDL program application by June 1, 2020 and subsequently submits additional IDL program application(s) by December 31, 2020 will be as follows:
  - The additional IDL program applications will be considered for Interim Approval until the institution is granted final approval for its first IDL program by the Commission;
  - Thereafter, additional IDL program applications will be considered for final approval.

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<sup>1</sup> Document 25 – Policy on New, Revised, and Existing Programs/Courses states: “*Institutions that have never offered IDL courses/programs (defined as any course or program with at least a portion offered via IDL technology) must seek prior approval from ACCET for an out-of-scope program, including situations involving the application of IDL methodology to already-approved courses/programs of study. To be eligible for approval of additional IDL courses/programs, an institution must first demonstrate the successful outcomes of graduates of its initial approved IDL program/course (e.g. above benchmark completion and, if applicable, placement rates), based upon the submission of a comprehensive report.*”