REVIEW AND REVISION OF ACHENA STANDARD 2
FEBRUARY 2021

BACKGROUND

The primary reason for the changes to Standard 2 is that the current language permits accreditation for homeopathic schools that do not have legal authorization to operate a post-secondary institution in a US state or Canadian province. Such schools could be based in the US or Canada, or offshore. This creates an undue cost and administrative advantage over schools that have fulfilled the requirements for such authorization. Revisions were therefore proposed that would eliminate this unfair advantage.

STANDARD 2 – LEGAL ORGANIZATION

There are two places in ACHENA's Eligibility and Accreditation Manual that refer to legal organization:

1) **Note to *(Eligibility)* Standard # 1:**

> ACHENA recognizes that the governmental and nongovernmental agencies that authorize institutions to offer post-secondary homeopathic educational programs in some jurisdictions may not recognize the professional homeopathic practitioner. Therefore, these agencies may lack policies, procedures or be silent with regards to authorizing programs or institutions to offer homeopathic educational programs. In the instance where a jurisdiction is silent with regard to providing authorization, ACHENA will accept as meeting this standard, a summary of the school's research into this issue or an explanation of steps taken by the school to obtain such authorization. Schools with concerns about their jurisdiction's political – legal environment toward homeopathy are encouraged to contact ACHENA to discuss approaches to meeting this standard.

(Proposed Revision):

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or an explanation of steps taken by the school to obtain such authorization. At the time of Self Study submission, the school must show that it is authorized to conduct its operation under the laws of the United States or Canada, and shall be in compliance with all local, provincial, state and federal regulations applicable to it. Schools with concerns about their jurisdiction's political – legal environment toward homeopathy are encouraged to contact ACHENA to discuss approaches to meeting this standard.

2) **Standard 2 -- Legal Organization**

The program shall be in a legally organized institution and authorized to conduct its operation under the laws of its own state and community as far as the state and community provide for such authorization, and shall be in compliance with all local, state and federal (including OSHA) regulations applicable to it.

Criterion 2.1 -- Off-campus control

The institution must have ultimate responsibility for all of its off-campus educational activities, regardless of whether the activity has been arranged by agreement with other organizations or individuals.

Criterion 2.2 -- Organizational types eligible for accreditation

To be eligible for accreditation, the institution must be one of the following: a public or private nonprofit educational institution, a proprietary institution of higher education, or a public or private non-profit post-secondary vocational institution

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Standard 2 -- Legal Organization

The program shall be delivered by a legally organized institution in the United States or Canada, authorized to conduct its operation under the laws of the United States or Canada and shall be in compliance with all local, provincial, state and federal regulations applicable to it.

Criterion 2.1 -- Off-campus control

The institution carries all responsibility for its off-campus educational activities to the same degree that such requirements must be met with respect to on-campus activities. This applies regardless of whether the activity has been arranged within the institution or by agreement with other organizations or individuals.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were collected between December 3 and December 17, 2020. Two comments were received and considered.

ADOPTION

The changes outlined above were voted on and passed unanimously at the board meeting on February 11, 2021.