

**MINISTERIAL DECREE n. 1154/2021**

*Self-assessment, assessment, initial and periodic accreditation of universities and study programmes*

**Extracts**

Art. 3

*Periodic accreditation of universities*

1. Periodic accreditation of universities has a maximum duration of five years and is achieved by universities that meet the requirements for initial accreditation [...*omissis*...] and those of Quality Assurance (QA) [...*omissis*...] following the verification by ANVUR based on the outcome of the on-site visits of the Evaluation Expert Panel (CEV) taking also into account the following:
  - a. analysis of data from the annual report of the University Evaluation Board [...*omissis*...] and the results of the monitoring and quality control activities of the University.
  - b. evaluation of the information contained in the Annual study programme form [...*omissis*...], also in relation to the respective Review Reports, and the evaluation of the information contained in the Annual Monitoring Form of Research and the Third Mission/Social Impact of the Departments [...*omissis*...].
  - c. indicators provided for the periodic assessment pursuant to art. 6 of this Decree and results achieved in relation to the objectives of the three-year programming [...*omissis*...].
2. The duration of the periodic accreditation of the university [...*omissis*...] may be reduced in relation to the criticalities emerged in the periodic examination of the study programmes [...*omissis*...].
3. The periodic accreditation proposed by ANVUR is graduated considering both quality assurance processes and results [...*omissis*...] as described in the following table:

| <b>OUTCOME</b>   | <b>DURATION</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  |
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| <i>Fully Satisfactory Accreditation</i><br><b>At least 75% of the points of attention related to the University with rating “Fully satisfactory”</b>   | 5 years         | Periodic accreditation of five-year validity with intermediate verification of the Study programmes at the end of the third year  |
| <i>Satisfactory</i><br><b>At least 50% of the points of attention related to the University with rating “Satisfactory” or “Fully satisfactory”</b>   | 5 years         | Periodic accreditation of five-year validity with intermediate verification of the Study programmes at the end of the third year  |
| <i>Conditional Accreditation</i><br><b>Between 25% and 50% of the points of attention related to the University with rating “Satisfactory” or “Fully Satisfactory” and no more than 50% with rating “Unsatisfactory”</b> | 1, 2 years      | time-bound accreditation that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- extension of the accreditation period for a further 4 or 3 years, if the reported critical issues are overcome by the deadline set at the time of the assessment.</li> <li>- if, within the deadline set at the time of the assessment, the reported critical issues are not overcome, there may be a further confirmation of the time-bound accreditation or the cancellation of the university, related to the</li> </ul> |

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|   |  | <p>seriousness of those critical issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In any case, the time-bound accreditation cannot last for more than 4 years, under penalty of the proposed abolition of the university.</li> </ul> |
| <p><i>Not accredited</i></p> <p><b>At least 50% of the points of attention related to the University with rating “Unsatisfactory”</b></p> |  | Abolition of the university  |

4. The periodic accreditation of the university involves the periodic accreditation of all its study programmes and of any decentralised branches, except those negatively evaluated, which are abolished.
5. In the case of a study offer that includes plans to achieve related to teaching requirements [...*omissis*...] for a share higher than a quarter of the study programmes, the judgment is a conditional accreditation.

#### Art. 5

##### *Periodic accreditation of study programmes*

1. Periodic accreditation of study programmes at the same University is granted to courses that meet the requirements for initial accreditation [...*omissis*...], considering the periodic assessment indicators [...*omissis*...]. Verification of these requirements is carried out by ANVUR, based on the monitoring and evaluation activities of University Evaluation Boards.
2. All the active study programmes of the Universities that have obtained periodic accreditation, are submitted at least every three years to evaluation by ANVUR. The periodic accreditation of the newly established study programmes is aligned with the periodic accreditation of the remaining ones at the University. The periodic accreditation of the study programmes can be anticipated in case of problems encountered, also on the recommendation of the University Evaluation Board or of the Ministry.
3. In the event of a successful evaluation by ANVUR, the duration of the periodic accreditation of study programmes shall be automatically extended until the end of the duration of the periodic accreditation of the university. In the event of any critical issues or on the recommendation of the Ministry of Universities and Research, ANVUR provides an in-depth assessment of the study programme:
  - if successful, the duration of accreditation shall be automatically extended until the end of accreditation of the university.
  - in case of failure, the accreditation is revoked, and the study programme is cancelled by a decree of the Minister.
4. Where the periodic examination of study programmes shows significant criticalities for a significant part of them, after consulting ANVUR, the Ministry may request the advance of the periodic accreditation visit of the university.

#### Art. 6

##### *Periodic evaluation*

1. Verification of the efficiency and financial sustainability of the activities and the results achieved shall be assessed on the basis of the indicators set out [...*omissis*...], in line with the standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) and taking into account the general guidelines of the three-year programming of universities of the Ministry.
2. The results of the periodic evaluation of the Universities by ANVUR, based on the indicators, are used for the periodic accreditation of the universities and study programmes.