



# GLOBAL ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM

“Academic Assessment  
Towards Excellence”

## INFORMATION HANDBOOK 2020



## Global Academic Accreditation Consortium

Assessment and Accreditation are broadly used for understanding the “Quality Status” of an institution. In the context of Higher Education, the accreditation status indicates that the particular Higher Educational Institutions, or any other recognized Unit therein, meets the standards of quality as set by the Accreditation Agency, in terms of its performance, related to the educational processes and outcomes, covering the curriculum, teaching-learning, evaluation, faculty, research, infrastructure, learning resources, organization, governance, financial well being and student services. With this view, the exercise of GLOBAL ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION CONSORTIUM (GAAC) is being carried out in India by Grand Academic Portal to facilitate awareness among colleges in the country about processes and systems that can ensure quality enhancement and realization of goals set in higher education. This is a unique initiative by Grand Academic Portal to promote excellence in the field of education. Nowhere in the country has such an exercise being carried out.

### Vision

To Upgrade the Academic Quality of Higher Education Institutions by standard assessment to meet the Global Accreditation standards

### Strategy

- To Analyze, Redesign and Improve accreditation framework to strengthen the quality of Higher Education Institutions.
- To promote competition and innovation in higher education
- To provide accountability to stakeholders.

### Why GAAC?

- Accreditation and Various Quality certifications have not always produced or improved Educational Quality. In fact, day by day the quality of higher education has been deteriorating. In spite of having more than fifty thousand colleges and half a ton Universities, India is struggling to secure rank at the International Level.
- Student Engagement: According to the various surveys and reports, very few students gain in critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and other skills taught in the colleges.
- According to results from the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE), students study almost half the amount that the faculties expect they should:

Criteria	Name of the criterion	Key Questions
1	Creative and Critical Pedagogy	45
2	Quality Profiling of the Teaching Faculty	36
3	Dominion-Governance-Administration	50
4	Academic Progression and Institutional Growth	42
5	Conducive Research and Development Culture	51
6	Profiling of Learning Resources and Infrastructure	77
7	Parents, Peers and Past Students Participation	35
8	Unique and Innovative Institutional Practices	10
9	Activities for Holistic Development of learners	10
10	Accreditation, Ranking, Certification, and Perception	10

## GAAC- Audit Modules

1. External Academic Assessment and Accreditation Audit
2. Special Audit
  - a. Eco Audit
  - b. Research Audit
  - c. Gender Audit
3. Conduct a SWOT analysis to identify your strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
4. Strategic Plan for HEI
5. Internal Audit for One year

## GAAC Principles

GAAC Works on the following Principles :

1. Impartiality
2. On-Site Assessment
3. Surveillance visit
4. Complaints and Appeals
5. Contractual requirements between the accreditation body and its accredited bodies
6. E-Accreditation Process and Practice
7. Competence and Experienced Peer members

## FAQ

### 1. About GAAC:

Global Academic Assessment Consortium (GAAC) is Section 8 Non-Profit Organisation limited by shares established under Companies Act 2013 and is headquartered at Ahmedabad.

### 2. What is an academic assessment in the context of GAAC's process?

Academic Assessment is the performance evaluation of the Higher Education Institution or its Departments based on certain established criteria.

### 3. Is Academic Assessment by GAAC mandatory?

No, it is not mandatory to go for GAAC Academic Assessment But, The University Grants Commission (UGC) through a gazette notification dated 19th January 2013, has made it mandatory for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to undergo academic assessment of NAAC. GAAC performs both as a mentor for NAAC and as third-party assessor.

### 4. What is the fee structure for institutional academic assessment of a College and a University?

The fee structure for academic assessment comprises of the following components viz. Administration fee, Academic assessment fee, and Logistic expenses. The details are as follows:

#### a. Academic assessment fee:

- For Colleges (Grant-in-Aid, Private and Government)
- General College with mono faculty viz.,  
i.e. Arts, Commerce, and Science - Rs. 50,000/- + GST18%.
- General College with multi faculty viz.,  
Arts/Commerce/Science/or any other - Rs. 40,000/- + GST18%.
- For Universities and Professional Institutions
- Rs. 1,00,000/- + GST18%

#### Charges

₹20000 plus GST for Special Audit

₹50000 plus GST for External Audit

## **b. Administration and Logistics Fee:**

The institution has to pay an advance, towards logistic expenses:

- for Colleges Rs. 25,000+ GST 18%
- for Universities & Professional Institution Rs.40,000/- + GST 18%

For details of the payment schedule may be referred to the GAAC website.

## **5. Will GAAC exempt Administration and Logistic fees?**

The Administration and Logistic fees for Consortium members will be exempted

## **How does it work?**

- Use the registration link on the home page to register for the LOI- Letter of Intent.
- Once we receive the College profile, GAP will share the login and password.
- With the help of login, the registered institute will get a comprehensive form of total ten GAAC criteria with 400 plus questions on our website.
- The institute will get one month time to fill the form and accumulate the relevant documents.
- Once the Criteria are submitted to GAAC, within one month the GAAC assessors will visit the institution for the physical assessment.
- The GAAC report will be generated in one week after the peer team visit from GAAC.

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