

## Substantive Change Report by Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB)

Register Committee

Decision of:	2022-09-22
Report received on:	2022-09-07
Agency registered since:	2018-09-01
Last external review report:	September 2018
Registration until:	2023-09-30
Absented themselves from decision-making:	n/a
Attachments:	<a href="#">1. Substantive Change Report, 30/09/2022</a>

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1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2022-06-09.
2. The Register Committee noted that in May 2022, the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB) introduced a new form of external quality assurance activity addressing the *accreditation of medical higher education institutions* based on the World Federation of Medical Education (WFM) standards.
3. In the development of the procedure and standards for medical education, the Committee understood that MAB followed existing institutional procedures (ESG 2.3), which were adapted to include the specific WFME standards (ESG 2.1). **The Committee however remained unclear on how MAB integrated the new standards in existing procedures, whether the procedure covers all standards of ESG 2.1 and how the standards are applied in practice.**
4. The Committee noted that the aim of the accreditation procedure is to assess the operation of medical schools and their IQA system. In the development of the accreditation procedure stakeholders from medical education were consulted (ESG 2.2).
5. In the composition of the review panel, MAB nominates six to eight members including one member delegated by the National Conference of Students' Unions (HÖÖK). The members of the team are proposed by the President of MAB, following consultation with the chair of the Committee for Medical and Health Sciences (ESG 2.4).
6. Accreditation is valid for a maximum period of 8 years. In the case of limited accreditation a follow-up procedure is carried out at the medical school during the validity period of accreditation (ESG 2.3). The final accreditation decision is taken by the MAB Board (ESG 2.5). The Committee noted that the criteria leading to a formal decision are made

available by MAB in its Rules of Procedure for the Accreditation of Medical Education, but noted that it remains to be established whether the outcomes or judgements are consistently applied.

7. The Committee took note that reports by the experts are published after the decision on accreditation is taken both on the MAB Secretariat's Information System (TIR) and on the MAB website in the language in which the procedure was carried out (English or Hungarian) (ESG 2.6).
8. The medical school may appeal against the accreditation decision of the MAB Board to the MAB Appeal and Complaints Committee for Medical Schools following the agency's usual procedures (ESG 2.7).
9. The Committee noted that no thematic analysis are available, as MAB is yet to gather sufficient data and experience on this accreditation process.
10. **In the upcoming external review of MAB's renewal of registration, the Register Committee expects that the review panel pays special attention on the extent to which the *accreditation of medical higher education institutions based on WFME standards* cover ESG Part 1 and how such standards are applied in practice.**

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## EQAR Substantive Change Report

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Other organisations?	No
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	No
C. Changes in EQA activities	1. One or several new external QA activities were introduced
Description new/changed	<p>As a result of the request from the Hungarian medical schools and from the Ministry responsible for Higher Education, the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB) applied for the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) in 2021 to gain recognition status in 2021. MAB met the recognition criteria of the WFME accreditation programme in March 2022 and was awarded recognized status until 31 March 2032. MAB now can conduct its WFME standard-based accreditation procedure for medical schools. The procedure was developed based on the WFME BME standards and also includes the main</p>

elements of the institutional accreditation procedure already used by MAB. The WFME standards-based accreditation procedure will allow Hungarian medical schools to demonstrate the competence of their medical programmes and their proficiency in medical education.

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**1. New EQA activity:**

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Medical training accreditation procedure, based on the WFME BME standards

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**Focus**

study programmes or higher education institutions

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**ESG 2.1**

MAB's procedure for the accreditation of medical schools aims to assess basic medical education of medical schools and their IQA system focusing on internal QA processes in the framework of a quality certification procedure, in accordance with the Hungarian Accreditation Committee's (MAB) standards for medical education, which were developed on the basis of the global standards of the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME). In terms of evaluation and the accreditation procedure – the role and tasks of the site-visit team, the preparation of self-assessment reports by medical schools, on-site visits, the accreditation decision taken by the MAB Board, and follow-up processes – the MAB WFME standards and procedure correspond to those of ESG 2015, with a medical focus.

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**ESG 2.2**

The MAB WFME standards-based accreditation procedure was developed with the assistance of stakeholders of medical education, and it aims to provide medical schools with an opportunity to demonstrate the competence of their medical programmes and their proficiency in medical education. MAB will use the results of the assessments to develop measures that help

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implement the standards and also provides feedback to medical schools on their performance and possible areas for improvement.

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**ESG 2.3**

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<https://www.mab.hu/en/procedures/>

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**ESG 2.3**

In the course of the WFME standard-based accreditation process, MAB is responsible for coordinating the external evaluation (EQA) activity; the medical school undergoing the accreditation is in charge of preparing its self-assessment report based on the MAB Standards for Medical Education and is responsible for meeting the requirements set in the standards, providing additional information or documents for the MAB site-visit team if required, and ensuring the participation of representatives of the academic and administrative staff in various panels during the on-site visit of the medical school. Before and during the accreditation procedure, MAB and the medical school will liaise closely through the designated administrative representatives.

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**ESG 2.4**

The MAB site-visit team consists of six to eight members. Two or three of its members shall be persons who have an important and active role in the work of domestic and/or international providers of theoretical and practical medical education and are actively engaged in domestic and/or international research. Two members shall be persons who perform quality assurance and quality assessment activities in higher education and have participated in the accreditation of a higher education institution or doctoral school carried out by MAB. One member shall be a student representative and

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one member shall be a MAB officer.

The site-visit team members are proposed by the President of MAB, following consultation with the chair of the Committee for Medical and Health Sciences and elected by the MAB Board.

Trainings on the standards and the rules of procedure are provided for the site-visit team members by the MAB Secretariat.

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**ESG 2.5**

MAB's WFME standard-based accreditation process includes a quality assurance system to monitor and evaluate compliance with the standards. Medical schools are required to continuously develop their IQA system (QA policy). In the case of obtaining full accreditation, the medical school shall prepare a report for MAB at the mid-term of the accreditation period, reporting on its activities carried out in the first half of the accreditation period, including any changes, modifications, and developments. In the case of obtaining conditional or limited accreditation, the medical school shall prepare an interim report on the progress and development of the areas which were evaluated as partially compliant and non-compliant by the site-visit team; medical schools receiving limited accreditation shall undergo a follow-up procedure by a deadline set by the site-visit team and approved by the MAB Board.

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**ESG 2.6**

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<https://www.mab.hu/en/decisions/>

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**ESG 2.7**

The medical school may appeal against the accreditation decision of the MAB Board to the MAB Appeal and Complaints Committee for Medical Schools. The medical school may submit a complaint against the accreditation procedure

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in accordance with the MAB's complaints policy.

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**ESG 3.4/ESG 3.6**

MAB was awarded recognition status by the WFME in March 2022 and has just started the WFME standards-based assessment for Hungarian medical schools. Therefore, a thematic analysis on the process and results will be prepared as soon as MAB has sufficient data and experience on the accreditation process. The procedure was prepared in compliance with the already existing IQA system of the agency.

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**D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG**

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