

## रमणः स्वायम्यान्त्रा वेषः देवा स्वायमा

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## (BHUTAN ACCREDITATION COUNCIL)

## PRESS RELEASE

The Bhutan Accreditation Council (BAC) is mandated to recognize qualifications as per the Tertiary Education Policy 2010. Based on comprehensive frameworks and guidelines, BAC verifies and authenticates tertiary education qualifications of any individuals based on the request from individuals or agencies (public/private). It may be noted that Election Commission of Bhutan is one of the agencies, among many other agencies within and outside Bhutan seeking our services.

To avail the services, the individual has to submit, in person, all documents as specified in the application form. Upon verification of the application, the secretariat processes for validation of qualification from the awarding body, with a copy to the individual. The secretariat, through the guidance and directives of the Council, makes every effort to get the response at the earliest possible.

Getting the qualification validated is not always straight forward. The secretariat carries out comprehensive process to ensure that the authentication is credible and genuine. For instance, in addition to validating the qualification from the awarding body, sometimes the process even involves checking the recognition status of the awarding bodies through the use of the accreditation body of that country.

If there is no response from the awarding body, after the lapse of two months, the individual is notified of the status of the recognition. The secretariat then explores alternative sources to get the confirmation from established and credible institutions approved by the Council. As of date, Bhutan Medical and Health Council, Royal Civil Service Commission, Royal Bhutan Army, and The Supreme Court of Bhutan are the alternative institutions approved by the Council. It may be noted that alternative sources are used only after the process of seeking validation from the awarding bodies/universities is exhausted.

To inform and create awareness, detailed and comprehensive information of all regulations, frameworks, manuals, forms are available in the website <a href="www.dahe.gov.bt">www.dahe.gov.bt</a> In addition, officials from the QAAD, Secretariat to BAC, are always available to provide further clarifications and support required to any individuals.

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