



ACCREDITATION TIMELINE

November 2008	A Management Board decision sets the objective of transitioning the Institute to a candidate Institution of Higher Learning
April 2009	The Management Body defines the “Central Campus dispensation” as the appropriate model, going forward
June 2009	A Management Body decision ratifies the objective of concluding the national short course dispensation
February – April 2011	Engage the initial research and consultation phase in respect to the accreditation initiative
September 2012	National short course dispensation (Gauteng, KZN, Western Cape) is methodically fulfilled and concluded
October 2013	Appoint research desk within the Institute to undertake path finding in respect to accreditation initiative
Oct – Dec 2013	Undertake sustained research and consultation in respect to accreditation initiative
November 2013	Inauguration of the Institute's Accreditation Office
January 2014	Launch of the Office of the Programme Director (postgraduate diploma programme)
January 2014	Dr Christian Dreyer appointed as Programme Director of the envisioned postgraduate diploma programme
February 2014	Management Body decision ratified to comprehensively transform to facilitate the envisioned postgraduate diploma programme
December 2014	Central Campus short course dispensation formally concluded - 20 years after inauguration – final presentations conducted
Jan 2014 – Jan 2015	Defining of Postgraduate Diploma Programme design, outcomes and policies
June 2014 - July 2015	Internal adaptation of institutional model, structures and practices
June 2015	Formal application for programme accreditation submitted to the HEQC (Higher Education Quality Committee) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE)
July 2015	Formal institutional application for registration as a provider of higher education submitted to the DHET (Dept of Higher Education & Training)
13 – 14 September 2016	The report and recommendation from the CHE Accreditation Directorate submitted to the Accreditation Committee for final recommendation on November 17.
17 November 2016	Higher Education Quality Committee meets as scheduled, but did not reach a decision on this accreditation application. Application to serve at the next meeting of the HEQC - date to be announced
23 November 2016	In response to the HEQC's postponement, as announced, the Institute sets a revised starting date for the programme.
24 November 2016	The CHE announces a supplementary HEQC meeting, scheduled for 6 December 2016, to consider application.
NEW: 09 December 2016	Success! The CHE formally extends provisional accreditation to the Postgraduate Diploma Programme, “ <i>Technical Conservation Studies</i> ”. (Programme set to launch January 17, 2018)