

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION (ABHE) COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION

In accordance with the [2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition](#), Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Institutional

Number of Institutions: 111

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Institutions and programs in the United States, Canada and related territories that offer certificates, diplomas, associate, baccalaureate or graduate degrees aimed at preparing students for Christian ministries through Biblical, church-vocational and general studies. (2007)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial recognition by CHEA in January 2001
Recognition for up to 10 years, September 2011

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2022

Decision: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded continuing CHEA-recognition for a term of seven-years with an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (December 1, 2025).

Additional Determination: ABHE also is to provide a Follow-up report due July 1, 2022. The Follow-up Report is to specifically address Standards 10.B.1./11.B.1 (2021 Standard 2.B.)

Summary of Prior Recognition Actions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 25, 2021: Defer Action on Recognition for one year based on recommendation of the Committee on Recognition. ABHE is to submit a response addressing CHEA Standards 10.A. (accrediting organization's expectations for academic quality), 10.B.1./11.B.1. (providing student achievement and performance data to the public), 11.C.1., (communicating with international entities in countries where accreditation activities are taking place) 12.M.1., and 12.M.2. (engage in self-evaluation).

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting September 19-20, 2011: The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (ABHE). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years with a report in two years. ABHE demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

Additional Determination: ABHE is required to provide a report due in two years on the implementation of accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), *2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*).

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

Profile, scope and recognition information as of February 3, 2022