

U.S. Department of Education Staff Report

to the

Senior Department Official on Recognition Compliance Issues

Recommendation Page

1. **Agency:** National Association Of Schools Of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation (1966 / 2014)
(The dates provided are the date of initial listing as a recognized agency and the date of the agency's last grant of recognition.)
2. **Action Item:** Petition for Continued Recognition
3. **Current Scope of Recognition:** The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions offering art/design and art/design-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education.
4. **Requested Scope of Recognition:** Same as above.
5. **Date of Advisory Committee Meeting:** 05/22/2018
6. **Staff Recommendation:** Renew the agency's recognition for five years.
7. **Issues or Problems:** None

Executive Summary

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENCY

The National Association of Schools of Arts and Design, (NASAD) Commission on Accreditation (COA) is both a programmatic and an institutional accreditor. The principal purpose of this agency is the accreditation of freestanding institutions and art/design units that offer degree-granting and non-degree-granting programs and the accreditation of programs within institutions accredited by a national recognized regional accreditor. However, only its freestanding schools may use accreditation by the agency to establish eligibility to participate in Title IV, HEA financial aid programs. The agency accredits 23 institutions in 13 states and the District of Columbia where the accreditation by NASAD COA may enable them to participate in Title IV programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The agency is presently the gatekeeper for these 23 institutions. The agency is seeking its continued waiver of the Secretary's "separate and independent" requirements

Recognition History

The NASAD COA was granted initial recognition in 1966 and have been periodically reviewed for renewal of recognition since that time. The agency submitted a compliance report at the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity's (NACIQI) Spring 2014 meeting. The agency was granted renewal of its recognition for the remaining three and 1/2 half years and has not received a complaint since the last period of recognition.

The Department has not received written complaints regarding NASAD during this review period. Also, there were no third-party comments regarding the agency's petition for continued recognition.

PART II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The agency meets the requirements of the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition.

PART III: THIRD PARTY COMMENTS

The Department did not receive any written third - party comments regarding this agency.