

## QUESTION

Dear colleagues,

Iceland's ENIC-NARIC office has been asked to evaluate a degree from Nexford University, USA.

The documents state that the recipient graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in January 2023.

Do you know the accreditation status of Nexford University at that time? Any information about the degree or institution would be highly appreciated.

Thank you

Kveðja / Regards,  
Þuríður Ósk Sigurjónsdóttir (Hún/She)  
ENIC/NARIC Upplýsingaskrifstofa / Information Office

## ANSWER 1

Greetings! Nexford University does not have regional accreditation. However, it does have a type of national accreditation from the Distance Education Accreditation Commission (DEAC), which it received in January 2023 (<https://www.deac.org/student-center/directory-of-accredited-institutions/>).

I hope this helps!

Kind regards,  
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## ANSWER 2

Following up to the information from Shelby - you can use the CHEA database to check for accreditation (regional or otherwise) for institutions in the US: <https://www.chea.org/directories>

The institution where I am located (Northeastern University) will not recognize institutions that are not regionally accredited for entry into graduate programs at this time. There are a lot of shifts happening in the US, as you mentioned, so there's certainly going to be some differences from institution to institution in terms of what will be accepted.

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## **FOLLOW UP FROM ORIGINAL POSTER**

Thank you Shelby

In the past, we have only recognized schools with regional accreditation, however, things seem to have changed recently in the US, are you recognizing schools that do not have regional recognition but other accreditations?

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## **ANSWER**

That is a decision made by individual institutions per their own policies. Some schools will recognize credentials from an institution accredited by a Council on Higher Education Accreditation-recognized (CHEA) or US Department of Education-recognized accreditor, while others will only recognize credentials from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation body. I honestly do not know how many institutions would accept a credential which has only DEAC accreditation.

Kind regards,  
Shelby