

## Accreditation and Recognition Fees As of January 2017

### Recognition Fees

The BTM Forum has an annual fee payment scheme for *Recognized* programs. The idea is simple -- schools pay a one-time fee (\$4,500 plus applicable taxes) at time of the accreditation visit to pay for the accreditation team travel expenses. The new fee payment scheme now spreads these costs on a pro-rated annual equal installment basis over the period of *Recognition*; there would be no additional cost to the institution (other than their annual installment) for the accreditation visit in the year in which it takes place.

#### Example:

School introduced a new program in 2012. First graduates will be in 2016

School seeks *Recognition* status in **2013** - \$1000 annual fee

2014 - \$1000 annual fee

2015 - \$1000 annual fee

2016 - \$1000 annual fee. Accreditation visit takes place. Assumption is that the school is accredited.

2016 to 2022 – Annual BTM Forum Support Fees \$1,500

2022 – Re-Accreditation Desk Review (no cost) – Re-accreditation period if successful – 6 years

2028 – Accreditation visit

Despite the advantages of the new annual instalment payment scheme for Recognized programs, an institution may opt out of the annual scheme, and continue to pay the full accreditation fee at the time of accreditation. The BTM Forum however, would strongly prefer all accredited institutions to operate under this new annual fee payment arrangement.

Please note the following conditions associated with the annual Recognition instalment scheme:

- a) An institution entering the annual instalment plan must undertake to remain in the plan and pay the annual instalments up to and including at least the year of that institution's accreditation visit.
- b) The BTM Forum undertakes that neither the accreditation fee nor the annual instalment will be increased up to the date of the institution's next accreditation.
- c) If an institution, which is a member of the annual instalment scheme, decides not to seek accreditation, then no refund of paid annual fees will be made.

d) Access by faculty to all BTM Forum Joomla content development modules (especially open-licensed textbooks, developed collectively by teams of faculty, and hosted on our Moodle server).

e) Free BTM membership and certification for all faculty (certification at Fellow rank, covering initial and annual renewal fees).

### Newly Accredited Programs

First time accredited institutions, which did not have a prior *Recognition* status; pay the regular accreditation fee (\$4,500 plus applicable taxes) and will thereafter enter the annual BTM Forum Support Fee schedule.

The annual BTM Forum Support Fee has been set at \$1500 (plus applicable taxes).

#### **The BTM Support Fee Provides:**

- a) “free” re-accreditation reviews after six years
- b) Right to use the BTM brand
- c) BTM TalentMash services (including National BTM Competition)
- d) Access by faculty to all BTM Forum Joomla content development modules
- e) Free BTM membership and certification for all faculty (certification and annual fee)

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