Annual Report Portal

Instructions

2021

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See separate documents for:
- Sustaining Fees Instructions
- Financial Reporting Instructions
1. Annual Reporting Basics

Per the CEA Policies and Procedures, Section 8.5.1, all accredited programs and institutions must submit annual reports and sustaining fees throughout the periods of both initial and reaccreditation. The annual report consists of three components:

1. Annual review
2. Financial reporting
3. Sustaining fees

The due date for the annual report is February 15, 2021.

CEA will host a webinar on January 6, 2021 at noon to review the Annual Report package requirements for accredited sites. The webinar recording will be published at www.cea-accredit.org/resources. An additional Q&A webinar will be delivered February 9, 2021.

2. Changes for the 2021 Annual Report Forms and Process

3. Start Here for the Annual Report Portal

The CEA primary contact at your site will create a profile by signing up at CEA Annual Report Portal (CARP). Instructions to create a profile are on the CEA Resources webpage. After the profile is verified, CEA staff will associate each profile with your site record. You may see a “Server Error (500)” if you attempt to explore the portal before your profile is connected to your site.

If you need more than one account for your site, the primary contact must request additional accounts by providing the site name, site ID, individual’s name, role/title, and email associated with the account at AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org. All requests for CARP accounts made by the CEA primary contact will be approved. If you need to change the primary contact, send an email to info@cea-accredit.org.

Note that the Sustaining Fees section must be completed before you can complete the Annual Review section.

Multi-site organizations must submit a separate response for each accredited branch.

Because this is the first year of using the CARP, we will ask sites to provide contact information for three people: 1) the primary contact; 2) the program director; and 3) the person completing the form. If the contact information is the same for any of these people, please copy and paste the information.

For each subsection of the report, the dashboard will display incomplete as a status if any required responses are missing. Most sections will automatically lock after you click submit. To make changes to a locked section, email AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org.

There are three components of the Annual Report: 1) Sustaining Fees, 2) Financial Reporting, 3) Annual Review. The CEA Annual Report Portal has three section headers with several subsections to gather the required information.
Section 1: Contact Information
This section confirms contact information and the name of the accredited entity for CEA records. It is the site’s responsibility to inform CEA of any changes or updates that occur outside of the annual report submission window.

If all the information listed is correct, click in the checkbox. If not, follow the continued instructions.
If applicable, type in the physical addresses of any auxiliary locations.

If any of the above contact information is incorrect, choose all that apply. A CEA staff member will contact you within 3-5 business days.

Type of programs:
- Intensive
- Foreign Language
- Youth
- Teacher Training Certificate
- Other
For this year only, provide contact information for three people: 1) the primary contact; 2) the program director; and 3) the person completing the form. If the contact information is the same for any of these people, or if that position doesn’t exist at your site, please enter the primary contact information again.

This is pre-filled from the profile of the person completing the form.
Clicking submit locks each section and sends the information to CEA staff. Once the section is locked, you must contact CEA staff to make any changes. Email us at AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org to unlock a section.
4. Instructions for the CEA Annual Review Section

Using the online form (pictured below), sites submit the following information for the Annual Review subsections:

**Annual Review Subsection 1: Contact Information**
See above.

**Annual Review Subsection 2: Eligibility Attestation**
This section verifies that the program or institution continues to meet CEA eligibility requirements.

Clicking submit locks each section and sends the information to CEA staff. Once the section is locked, you must contact CEA staff to make any changes. Email us at AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org to unlock a section.
Annual Review Subsection 3: Enrollment and Faculty Data

This section verifies that the program or institution continues to meet CEA eligibility requirements.

The data in this section are used to monitor significant fluctuations in student and faculty numbers and to monitor continued compliance with specific standards.

**Student enrollment and faculty numbers**

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For definitions, instructions, and other information access the CEA Resources page, [https://cea-accredit.org/resources](https://cea-accredit.org/resources).

• If you have not completed Sustaining Fees section, the calculation of difference below will be inaccurate.

NOTE: If the numbers for 2019 are zero (because your site was not required to submit its annual review form last year) or incorrect, contact AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org.

Fill in the table with your student weeks and faculty numbers for 2019 and 2020. Provide the numbers for the entire calendar years 2019 and 2020 if your program/institution was in operation at that time, even if it was not accredited. The difference between 2019 and 2020 will calculate automatically.

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- **Full-time faculty:** Faculty who hold positions defined by the program or institution as being 1.0 FTE (full-time equivalency) and who are available for assignment during the scheduled hours of operation.

- **Part-time faculty:** Faculty who hold positions of less than 1.0 FTE (full-time equivalency) as defined by the program or institution.

- **Student week:** An enrollment calculation based on the Sustaining Fees procedures. Example: One student enrolled for one week is one student week. Note: Student weeks is not the number of weeks the program operates.

For faculty, do not count the number of full-time (or part-time) faculty positions; count the individuals employed over the period of the calendar year. Each individual faculty member should be counted only once even if teaching in several sessions. Include administrators in faculty counts if teaching is part of their work assignment.
**Provide an explanation**

The items below are required to be filled out only by sites reporting at least a 20% increase/decrease in enrollment and/or faculty numbers. If a breakdown by program or main/auxiliary location is needed to explain significant increases/decreases compared to the previous year, include that information in your response.

**Student weeks ≥ + 20%**

If reporting a significant increase in enrollment, (1) what do you attribute the increase to (e.g., new marketing strategies, a stronger recruiting budget, new partnerships, new programs, etc.) and (2) how has the program or institution managed the increase in terms of facilities, faculty, and personnel?

**Student weeks ≤ - 20%**

If reporting a significant decrease in enrollment, (1) what do you attribute the decrease to (e.g., COVID, loss of recruiting personnel, organizational restructuring/lack of stability at the institution, strong local competition, student dissatisfaction with faculty/facilities/school policies, etc.) and (2) what have been your coping strategies (e.g., furloughs, moving to a smaller location) and (3) are you doing anything to bring in/retain more students (developing new programs, implementing tuition discounts, hiring a new marketing director, etc.)

**Faculty > ± 20%**

If reporting a significant fluctuation in faculty numbers, provide an explanation below.

**Annual Review Subsection 4: Student Achievement Data**

The information in this section is used to monitor student progression and pass rates and to verify continued compliance with student achievement, length and structure, and program review and development standards. There are eleven questions followed by file upload prompts.

- **IMPORTANT:** For the purposes of this report, the data and analysis in this section should focus only on your main post-secondary Intensive English Program(s). It is not necessary to include pass/fail data and analysis for other educational offerings within your CEA scope (e.g., part-time programs, ESP or test prep courses, foreign language programs or courses, TESL/TEFL teacher training certificates, or youth programs or courses). The data for these additional programs will be reviewed at the time of the Interim report or the next reaccreditation review.

### 4.1. Program length and structure information

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<td>1. Specify the number of proficiency levels offered by your primary IEP. (If multiple specialization options are available at a certain level, count them as one level).</td>
<td>Number</td>
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| 2. Describe the level structure specified above. | Examples:  
- 8 levels, from Intro to Advanced  
- 5 General English levels from Foundations to High Intermediate plus multiple specialization options at |
3. Specify the number of weeks allocated by the curriculum to the mastery of each level during a regular term. | Number

4. The number of weeks of full-time study to complete the program for a theoretical student who starts at the lowest level and progresses as quickly and efficiently as possible to complete the highest level without skipping/repeating any levels and taking just one specialization option per level. | Number

**Note:** This calculation is number of levels X number of weeks per level.

5. The previous calculation is based on the information about the number of levels and the number of weeks per level that you provide. If the number of weeks per level varies per level (for example while most of your levels are 10 weeks, the upper level is 16 weeks), provide an explanation. | Explain if the number of weeks per level varies.

4.2. Analysis of the data and follow-up actions

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| 6. Provide any information on your program progression policies that will help staff understand the pass/fail data provided in the next section. Specifically, explain how ‘pass’ or ‘fail’ is determined. | Examples:
- *Pass = course grade of 80% with the final exam grade no lower than 75%.*
- *Pass = semester GPA of 3.0 with no course grades below 2.0*
- *Our 12-week levels are split into 4-week blocks that can be taken in any order; students are required to complete the final tests for each block with a minimum score of 70% on each test to progress to the next level.*

7. Does your site currently have a reporting requirement for the Length and Structure of Program of Study Standard 2 due anytime in 2021? | Yes or No
8. What is your target pass rate for the program and its levels/courses? Is there a specific threshold that triggers a review?

Example:
- At our site, we expect about 80% of students to be able to pass their courses on first try. If any course shows a pass rate of below 70%, the academic coordinator looks closely at the reasons that may have contributed to the lower pass rates.

9. Year-to-year comparison:

Are your 2020 pass rates (for courses, levels, and the program as a whole) higher, lower, or about the same as the year before? What has changed and what do you attribute the changes to?

Note: Factors that may be monitored or reviewed in order to explain unanticipated or unacceptable passing or progression rates for a course, level, or the program as a whole may include, for example, the profile of students in the course, level, or program; the curricular load assigned to the period(s) of instruction; the amount of time allotted to instruction; assessment practices; etc.

10. Within-the-year comparison:

Are there any significant inconsistencies of pass rates across levels, skills, and sessions? If there are any unanticipated patterns of progression, such as problematic/unexpected trends or low pass rates, state the reasons and describe the follow-up actions (if any) that have been or are being planned/implemented.

Note: Factors that may be monitored or reviewed in order to explain unanticipated or unacceptable passing or progression rates for a course, level, or the program as a whole may include, for example, the profile of students in the course, level, or program; the curricular load assigned to the period(s) of instruction; the amount of time allotted to instruction; assessment practices; etc.

### 4.3. Pass-fail and/or progression data

After answering these questions, provide 2020 pass/fail data (or other numerical evidence of student achievement rates, such as progression rates) for your primary intensive English program used by your program/institution to monitor the effectiveness of program length and structure. Note that direct evidence of achievement of SLOs must form the basis of the progression decisions (and thus reported pass/fail data reflect progression decision based on direct evidence of achievement of SLOs).

- **IMPORTANT:** Please see Instructions for Student Achievement prior to completing this section. These instructions include specific data requirements as well as guidance for sites with rolling enrollments.

11. Provide 2020 pass/fail data (or other numerical evidence of student achievement rates, such as progression rates)
Annual Review Subsection 5: Regulatory Compliance
This section verifies that the program or institution continues to meet eligibility requirements.

This section is to verify regulatory information. There are six questions.

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<td>1. Is the program or institution subject to any local, state, federal, governmental, or national approval or licensing? (e.g., regional accreditation, state licensing boards, etc.) If yes, list the agency and required approval or license.</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
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<td>2. Is the program or institution approved and/or licensed as required? If no, explain the status of approval and/or licensure for the program or institution.</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
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<td>3. Has the program or institution’s regulatory compliance status changed over the past year? If yes, please explain and provide documentation of continued compliance if not already reported to CEA.</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
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<td>4. Has the program or institution’s SEVP certification changed since the last annual report? If yes, please explain and provide documentation if not already reported to CEA. Please note that attaining initial SEVP certification for sites that were not certified at the time of accreditation requires formal substantive change reporting. Contact Masha Vassilieva at <a href="mailto:mvassilieva@cea-accredit.org">mvassilieva@cea-accredit.org</a> for more information.</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
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<td>5. Has the program or institution been the subject of any adverse action by an accrediting, local, state, or federal agency? If yes, please explain and provide documentation.</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
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<td>6. Have there been any changes to the corporate structure or ownership since the last annual report not previously reported to CEA? If yes, submit a copy of documents of incorporation.</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
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**Annual Review Subsection 6: Attestation**

This section verifies that the program or institution continues to meet CEA eligibility requirements.

The undersigned authorized representative of the program or institution attests to the accuracy of information contained in the four parts of the Annual Review section.

**Initials**

**Full name**

Complete the [CEA Annual Report Portal](mailto:AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org) by February 15, 2021. Failure to submit the report by the due date may result in administrative probation, including the loss of voting rights as a member of the Constituent Council.

Please direct any questions about completing this form to [AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org](mailto:AnnualReport@cea-accredit.org).
5. Instructions for Student Achievement Data

For programs with fixed enrollment dates:

- Do not submit raw data or a list of students. Aggregate your data by level and term (and class, if applicable).
- Provide pass and/or progression rates by level (%) and by session/term/semester. If your program allows split placement, it may be useful to include data for skill areas or courses within each level.
- Provide an annual average (for each level and for the program as a whole).
- If student enrollment is low, include not only percentages but numbers of students as well.
- Data should be presented in a format that allows for easy at-a-glance comparison across levels, skills areas, and/or sessions. Below is a sample chart that may be useful for programs with fixed session start/end dates. This is not a prescribed format and is provided for illustrative purposes only.

<table>
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<th>Pass rates</th>
<th>Level 1</th>
<th>Level 2</th>
<th>Level 3</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>#pass</td>
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<tr>
<td>Term 1</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>56%</td>
<td>28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>77</td>
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For programs with rolling enrollment dates:

- CEA length and structure standards require all programs to validate their curricular design and program length and structure by providing evidence that an acceptable percentage of students are able to complete each level within a specific time frame. Programs with rolling enrollments typically do not aggregate data by session; instead, they track the amount of time (weeks) it takes an average student to complete a level successfully (or the % of students who are able to complete a level successfully within the time frame specified for each level by the program’s curriculum). Programs with many short-term students may limit their data collection to students who were enrolled for a certain minimum number of weeks (please specify this in your report). For programs that allow students to take a level up exam whenever they wish, such test scores will not provide evidence of effective curricular design since many students won’t be ready for the test when they attempt it; instead, sites should consider tracking the number of weeks it takes an average student to attain a passing score on the level-up/level exit test.
- Do not submit raw data or a list of all students in the program. Aggregate your data by level. For some programs, it may be useful to aggregate the data by course or skill area within each level.
- Provide an annual average for each level and for the program as a whole.
- Data should be presented in a format that allows for easy at-a-glance comparison across levels, skills areas, and/or sessions. Below is a sample chart that may be useful for programs with rolling enrollments. This is not a prescribed format and is provided for illustrative purposes only.

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<th># of weeks allotted to level by the curricular design</th>
<th># of students enrolled in each level for at least 12 weeks</th>
<th># of students able to progress to the next level within 12 weeks</th>
<th>% of students able to progress to the next level within 12 weeks</th>
<th>Average # of weeks it took students to progress to the next level</th>
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<td>Level 1</td>
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<td>Level 2</td>
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<td>Level 3</td>
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<td>60%</td>
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<td>Total 2020</td>
<td>107</td>
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