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Re-accreditation:

Processes and Procedures

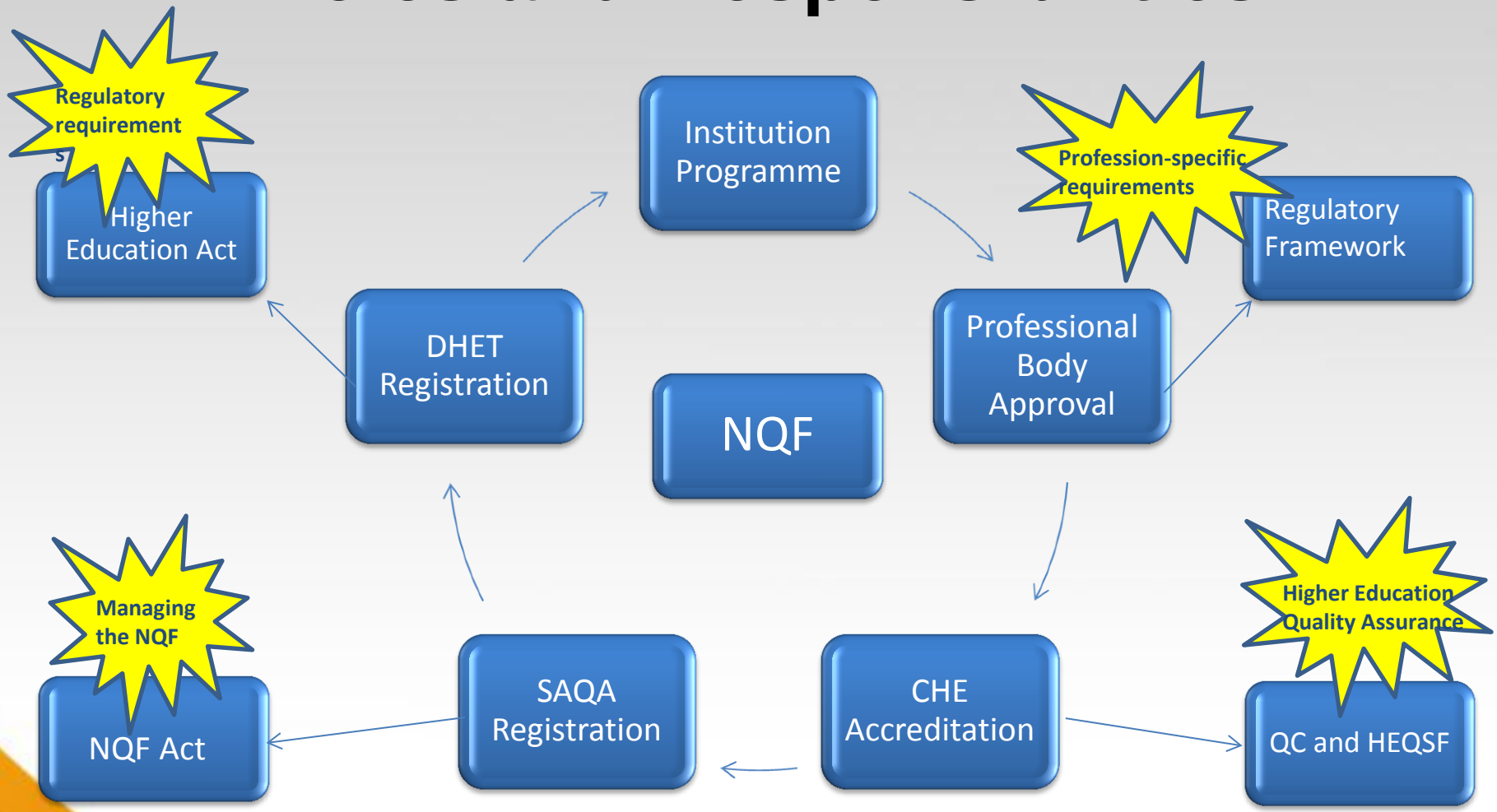
Quality Assurance Workshop

18 February 2015

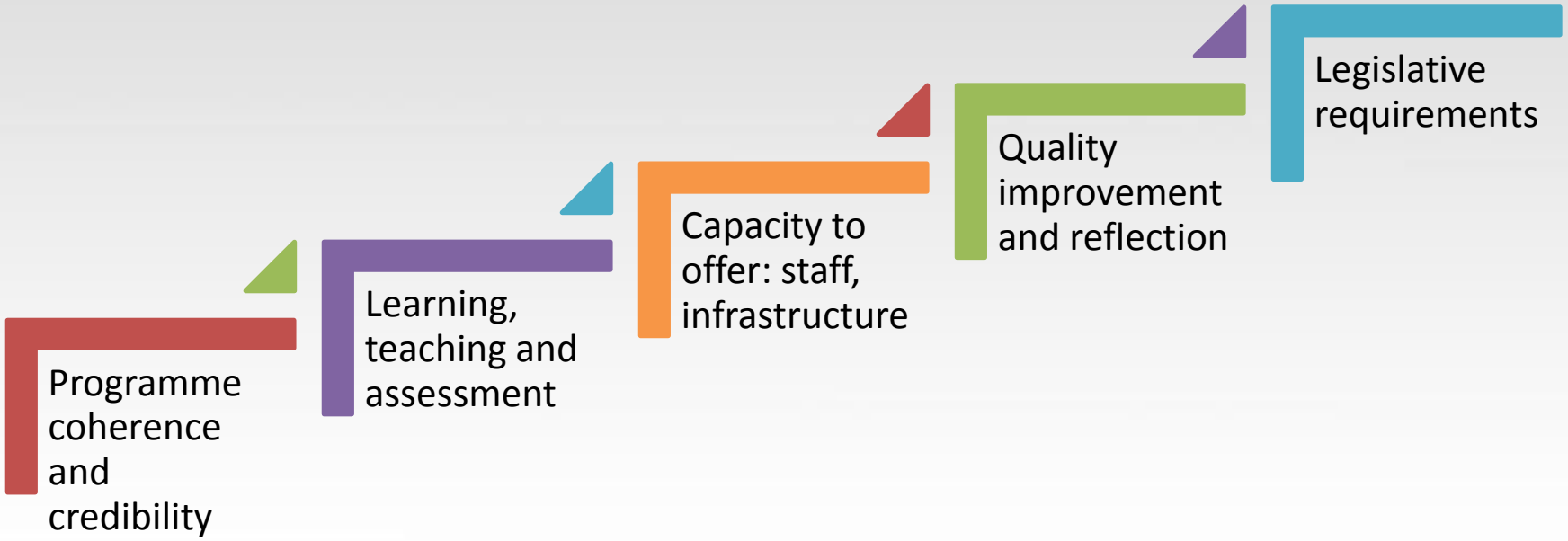
Why are PHEIs required to re-accredit their programmes?



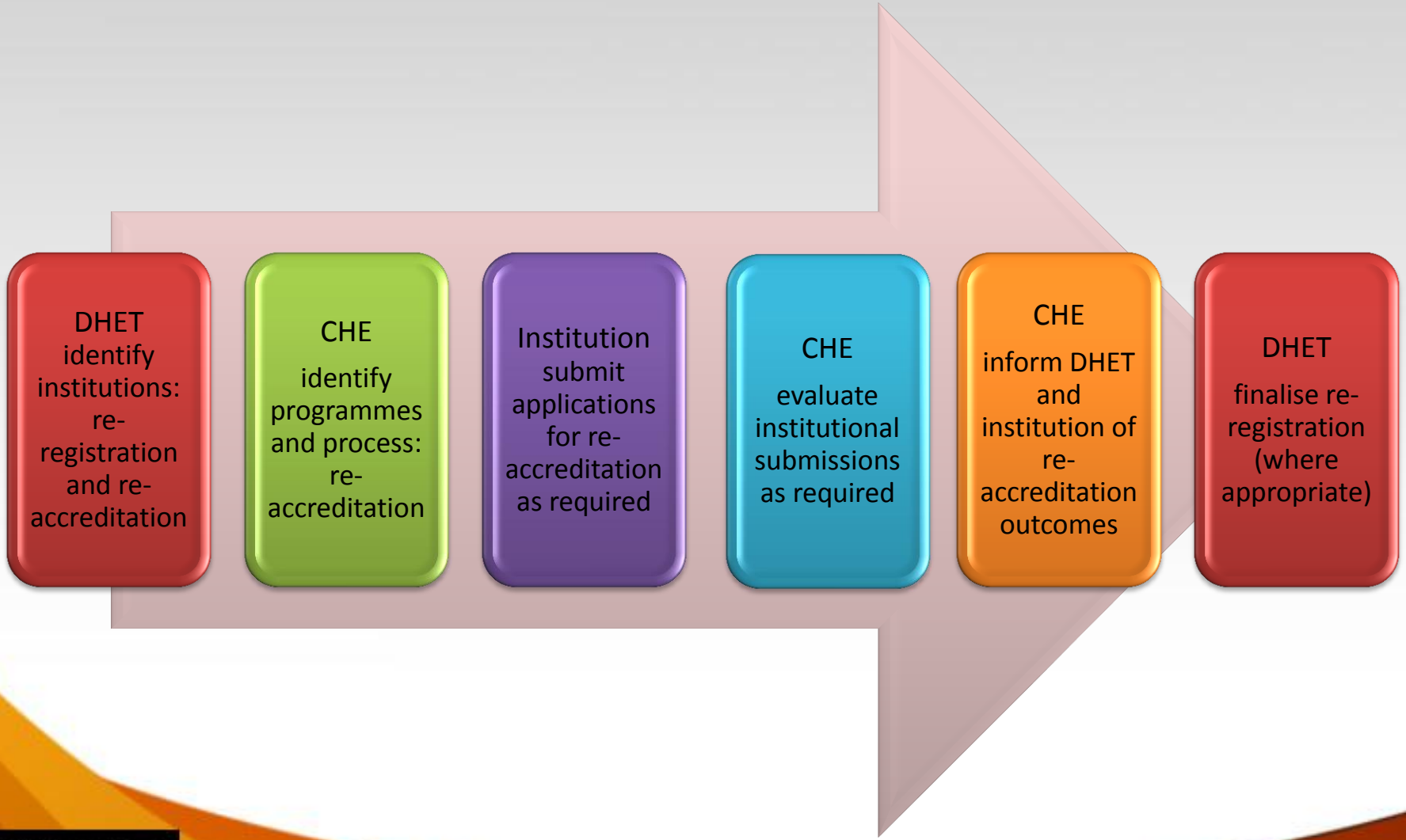
Roles and Responsibilities



Purpose of Accreditation and Re-accreditation



Re-accreditation process



Accreditation applications and systems

Programme Accreditation

HEQC-online system

New programmes, new sites, conditions, deferrals, representations, site visits

Re-accreditation (PHEI)

HEQC-online system and offline SER

Existing programmes, 1st and 2nd cycle, programme and SER review

HEQSF-alignment

HEQSF-online system

Existing programmes, alignment with HEQSF policy, Category A, B and C

Institutional Classification

Type A

- 1st cycle re-accreditation
- New HEQSF-aligned programmes
- Re-accreditation evaluation of all programmes
- HEQSF-online system

Type B

- 2nd cycle re-accreditation
- New programmes / complete cohort AND recommendations
- Re-accreditation evaluation of programmes and SER
- HEQSF-online system and offline submission with annexures

Type C

- 2nd cycle re-accreditation
- No new programmes / no HEQSF-alignable programmes
- Re-accreditation evaluation of SER
- Offline submission with annexures

Re-accreditation: inclusions and exclusions

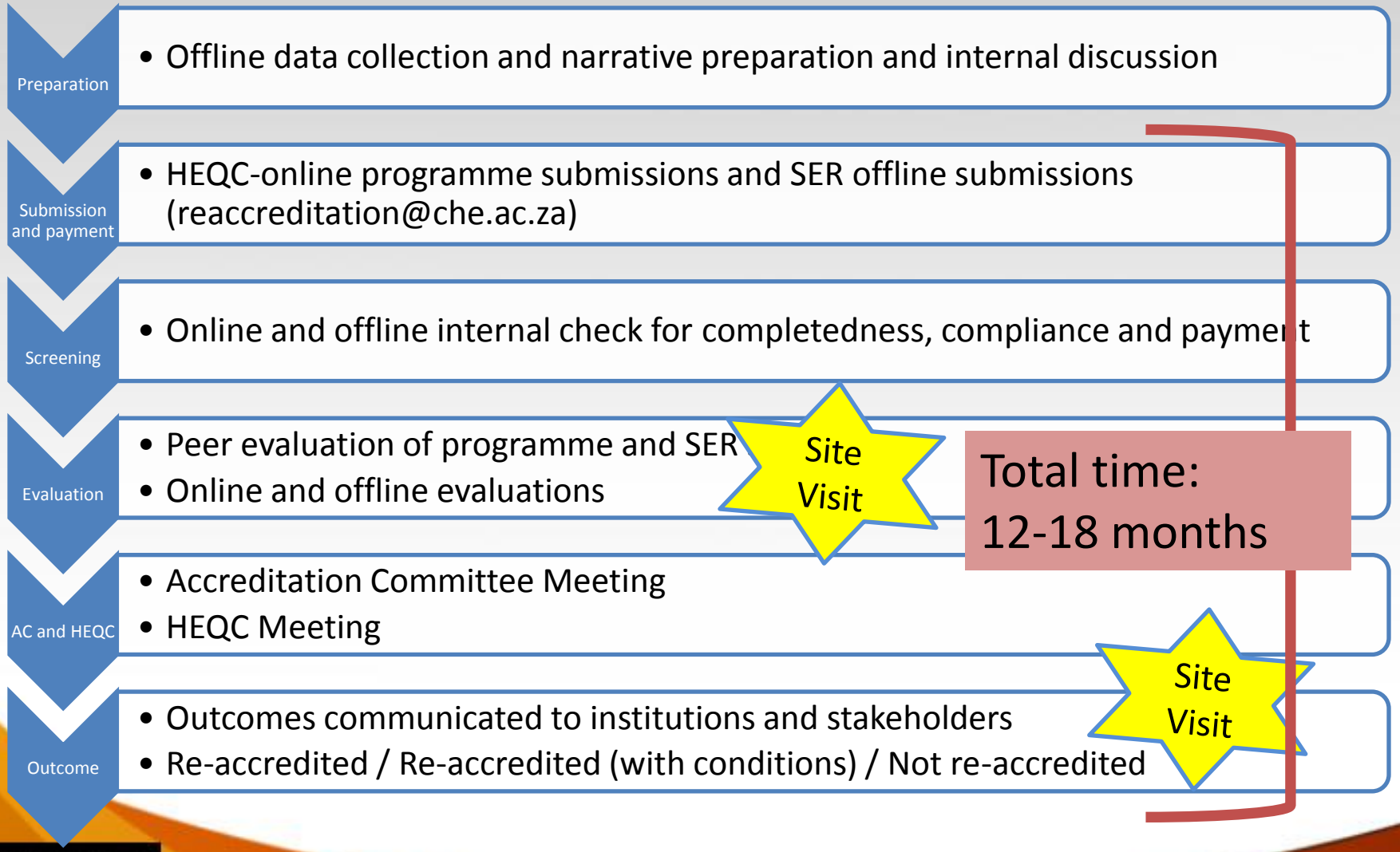
Excludes

- Programmes without a graduated **cohort of students** (will be reviewed in the next cycle)
- **Non-HEQSF-aligned programmes** (1st cycle)

Includes

- All registered and accredited higher education programmes, modes of delivery and sites of delivery / tuition centres
- 1st and 2nd cycle applications

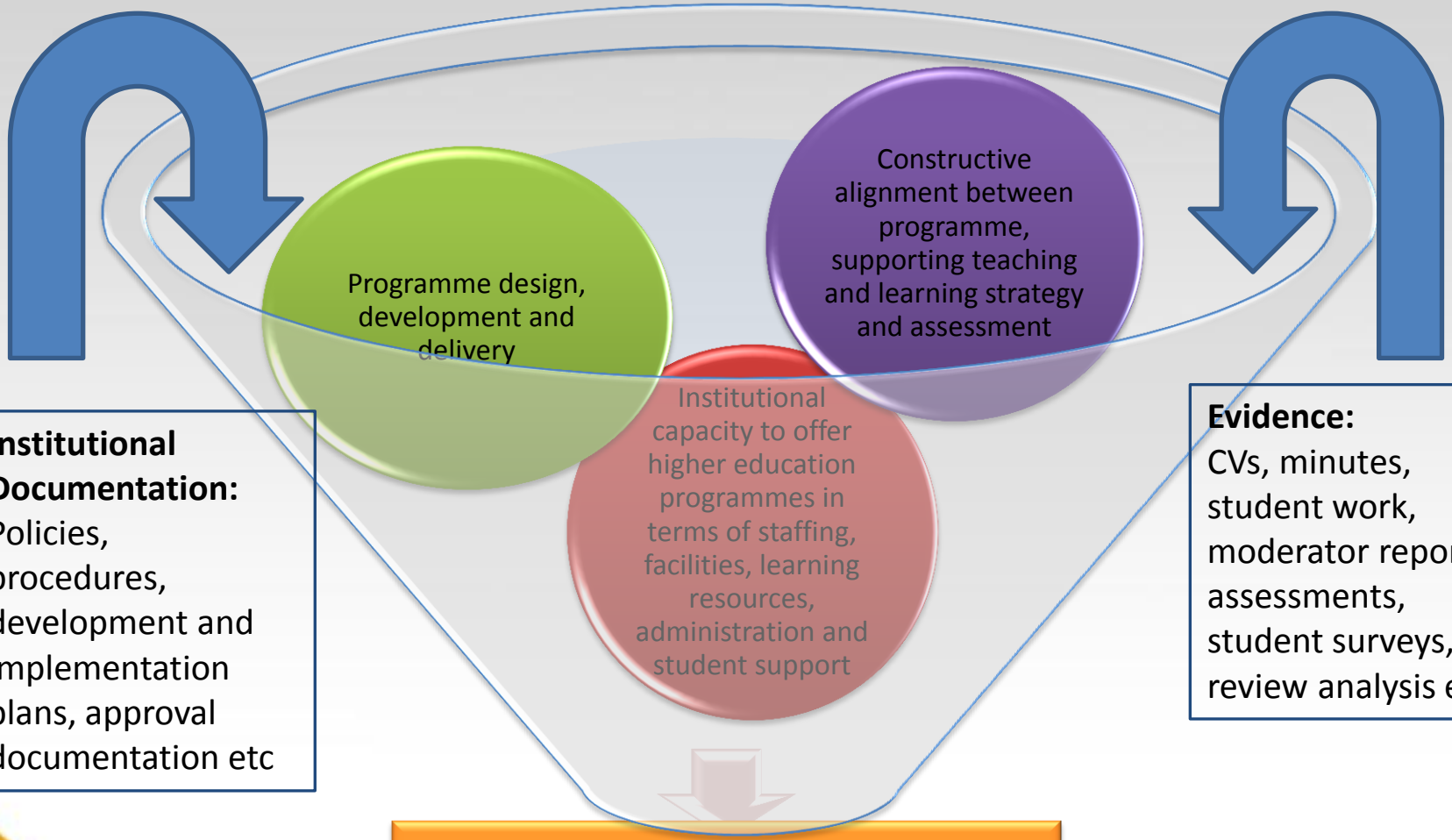
Re-accreditation Procedures and Timeframes



Re-accreditation evaluations

Internal	External	Recommendations
Checklisting and Screening - completedness	Subject-matter expert, peer evaluator	Directorate Recommendation
Background of previous evaluations and outcomes	Site visit panel (where applicable)	Accreditation Committee Recommendation

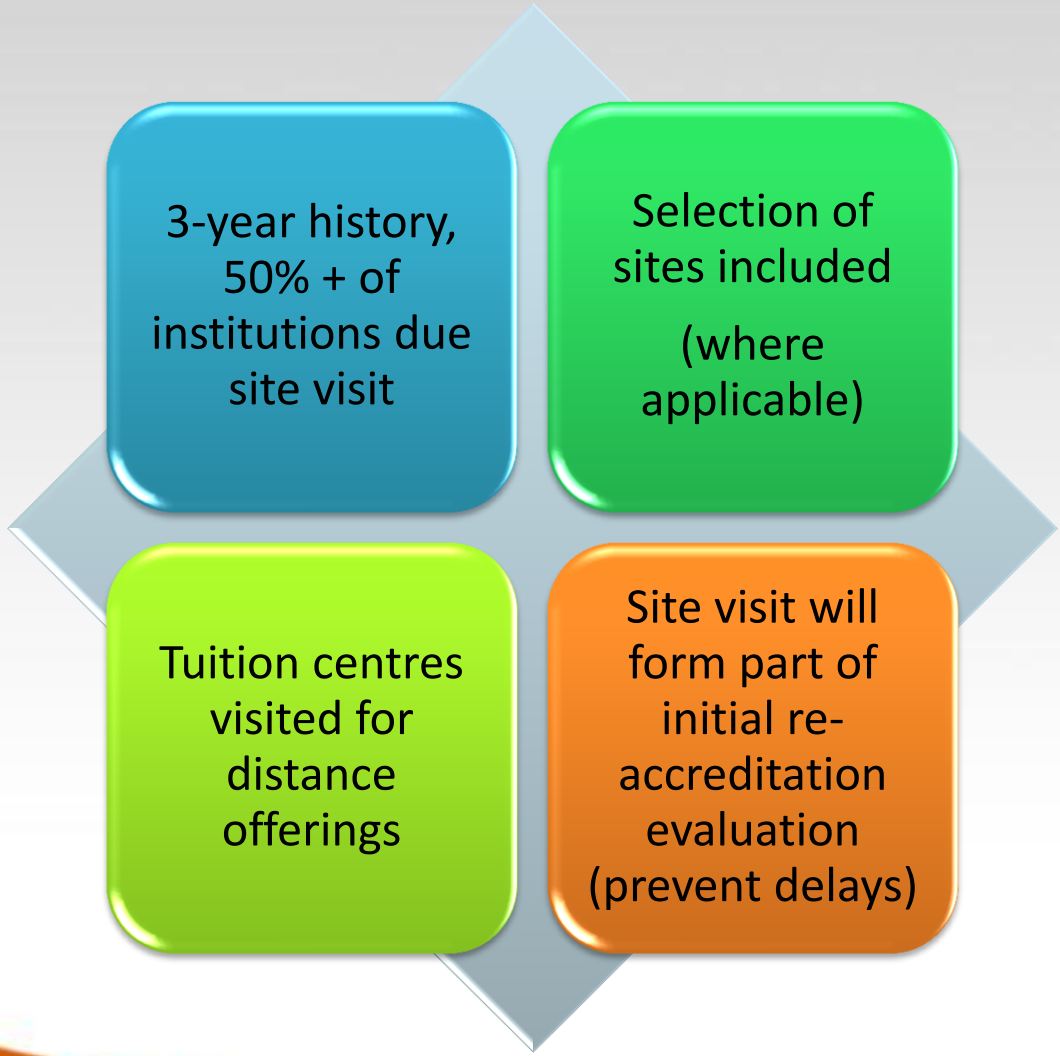
What are evaluators looking for?



Institutional Documentation:
Policies, procedures, development and implementation plans, approval documentation etc

Evidence:
CVs, minutes, student work, moderator reports, assessments, student surveys, review analysis etc

Re-accreditation site visits



Re-accreditation Communication

Re-accreditation Notification, as per DHET Register

Workshop invitation, followed by workshop documentation

Confirmation of programmes, negotiation of programmes available for evaluations

Site visit and / or deferral notification, where necessary and appropriate

HEQC Outcome, following final HEQC decision

For any comments, queries or requests contact reaccreditation@che.ac.za

Update:
Current re-accreditation process

Re-accreditation 2013 (19 institutions, 48 programmes)

- All submissions complete and tabled at Accreditation Committee and HEQC meetings
- 2 outstanding site visits - scheduled

Re-accreditation 2014 (30 institutions, 187 programmes)

- Submissions received: **30 June 2014**
- 21/30 institutions tabled at Accreditation Committee meeting
- Remainder – scheduled for 15 and 16 April 2015
- Site visits currently being scheduled – over 70% institutions

Re-accreditation 2015 (47 institutions, 293 programmes)

- Deadline for submission: **28 February 2015**
- Extensions granted where appropriately requested and motivated
- Over 50% of institutions will be site visited

Redesign Re-accred..

Re-accreditation has been a regular and an organically changing process completed by the Accreditation Directorate since 2008. This process has since matured from being a single off-line application to a multi-pronged evaluation of an institution's programme offering over an extended period of time.

BUT

Is this the most effective way to assess an institution's programme offering and quality assurance mechanisms in order to:

a) meet the DHET's regulatory requirement for re-registration, and

b) ensure that the institution continues to reflect and improve on its higher education practices and offering?

WHAT COULD RE-ACCREDITATION 2016 LOOK LIKE?



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