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SAQS ACCREDITATION SYSTEM - HIGHLIGHTS

- It is an international system of strategic audit and accreditation designed for the assessment of Institution in widely different national contexts.
- It is a globally benchmarked system for Mentoring, Quality Improvement, Quality Assurance, Accreditation.
- It recognizes South Asian Diversity of B-School Education Models.
- It is inspired by EQUIS criteria guidelines.
- It encourages B-Schools to undertake Institutional Assessment.
- It involves Academics with strong track record as peer review experts.
- It includes corporate / public system leaders in peer review exercise.
- It respects diversity and context.
- It is the initiative of an international not-for-profit professional body, AMDISA.

SAQS has positioned itself as Quality Assurance System representing the highest standard of achievement for management schools. AMDISA believes that Institutions that earn Quality Assurance, confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review of institutional mission and its alignment, faculty capability, and composition, curricula quality, admission and delivery system, research and executive education, pursuing regional and global network promoting connections with corporate world and making its contribution to community having appropriate academic and physical infrastructure. AMDISA certification is the hallmark of excellence in management education in South Asia, comparable to best schools anywhere in the world.

The financial implications of SAQS are as follows:

US \$ 400/- with Eligibility Application; Once eligibility is accepted, a sum of US \$ 12,500/- would be payable and the next US \$ 12,500/- would be payable at the time of submitting self-assessment report. The mentors and peer review experts' travel expenses will be met by AMDISA; local hospitality is to be provided by the Institutions concerned.

SAQS accreditation will be yes or no. The accreditation period could be 3 years with conditions or full Accreditation for 5 years. There is provision for Re-Accreditation after 5 years.

There is no maintenance fee in the post SAQS Accreditation period.

For further details, please write to execdir@amdisa.org



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B-Schools Granted SAQS Accreditation

Name of the Institution
Asian School of Business Management, Bhubaneswar, India.
Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai, India.
Faculty of Management, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar, India. (Formerly known as XIMB)
ICFAI Business School Hyderabad Campus, Hyderabad, India. (Re-Accredited)
IFIM Business School, Bangalore, India.
IILM Institute for Higher Education, New Delhi, India.
Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, Pakistan.
Institute of Management and Technology, Ghaziabad, India.
Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, India.
International Management Institute, New Delhi, India.
K.J. Somaiya Institute of Management Development & Research, Mumbai, India.
Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India. (Re-Accredited)
NMIMS School of Business Management, Mumbai, India.
Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research, Mumbai, India.
Prin. L.N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research, Bangalore, India.
School of Business and Economics, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan.
Suleman Dawood School of Business, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan.
XLRI School of Business and Human Resource, Jamshedpur, India.



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B-Schools Seeking SAQS Accreditation

Name of Institution
BANGLADESH
Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
INDIA
Faculty of Management, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar, India. (Re -Accreditation) (Formerly known as XIMB)
FORE School of Management, New Delhi, India.
Goa Institute of Management, Goa, India.
IILM Institute for Higher Education, New Delhi, India. (Re - Accreditation)
IILM Institute for Business & Management, Gurgaon, India.
International Management Institute, New Delhi, India. (Re - Accreditation)
Institute for Financial Management and Research, Chennai, India.
Institute of Management, NIRMA University, Ahmedabad, India.
Institute of Management and Technology, Ghaziabad, India. (Re - Accreditation)
Jagan Institute of Management Studies, New Delhi, India.
Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Bangalore, India.
RIMS School of Management and Information Science, Rourkela, India.
NEPAL
Kathmandu University School of Management (KUSOM), Kathmandu, Nepal.
PAKISTAN
UCP Business School, University of the Central Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan.
Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, Pakistan. (Re - Accreditation)



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SOUTHASIANQUALITYASSURANCESYSTEM(SAQS)–INPERSPECTIVE

(An initiative of AMDISA)

AMDISA has evolved the South Asian Quality Assurance System (SAQS), embodying a professional approach and a South Asian perspective. This process began with a national workshop of Deans and Directors of Management Schools, coordinated by AMDISA's Founder - President Dr Dharni P. Sinha in June, 2000. The workshop deliberations concluded that there is a need to develop such a professional system independent of government agencies, and outlined the broad approaches toward that end. Since then, twelve more national and regional workshops have been organized – see List-I. Many of these involved extensive interactions with Deans and Directors from the South Asian Management Schools, and also with representatives of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, and the national management associations in South Asia. AMDISA also received financial support from EFMD during 2004-2006 for developing SAQS.

Briefly, SAQS has emerged as a system which provides a quality assurance and accreditation framework based on regional and international experiences and perspectives. It uses a set of criteria developed from business and management schools of high national and international standing. Its policy is determined by a broad-based SAQS Council. The process is managed by the SAQS Committee. The major inputs for the quality assurance and accreditation process are generated by the management school found eligible for SAQS, through its Self-Assessment Report. This is followed by the visit of the international SAQS Peer Review Team/Committee to the school. Based on the Peer Review Report and Recommendations, the final school-wise decisions are made by the SAQS Accreditation Awarding Committee. All these SAQS forums comprise

Chairman and Members who have a wide variety of experiences as senior academic administrators in the South Asian management community. AMDISA Secretariat coordinates SAQS activities.

The various workshops have also been utilized to train about 63 senior academic administrators from the region as Mentors and Peer Reviewers. Mentors guide the interested schools in developing their Self Assessment Reports. Peer Reviewers provide the Schools real added value by offering them the benefits of an international academic and strategic audit.

So far eighteen reputed schools, fifteen from India and three from Pakistan, have availed the services offered by SAQS, and have been accredited by AMDISA. Seventeen more schools, two from Bangladesh, twelve from India, one from Nepal, and two from Pakistan, are in various stages of the SAQS process, after having been found eligible by the SAQS Committee. More schools in the region are expected to seek the academic guidance and strategic audit provided by SAQS in the near future.”

More information can be obtained from Executive Director/SAQS Director at AMDISA Secretariat, University of Hyderabad Campus, Central University Post Office, Hyderabad - 500 046, Andhra Pradesh, India.

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SAOS Workshops since June 2000

- I. AMDISA Workshop on Reinventing Management Education: Closing the Gap between B-Schools and Corporations, at Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, June 23-24, 2000
- II. AMDISA Workshop for Directors and Deans of Business Schools on Institutional Assessment, Quality Improvement and Accreditation, at School of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad, August 25-26, 2000.
- III. AMDISA-AIMS Workshop on Accreditation and Quality Assurance of South Asian Business Schools, in collaboration with Association of Indian Management Schools, at Hotel Narai, Bangkok, during Global Management Forum on June 9th, 2002.
- IV. AMDISA Workshop on Quality Assurance and Accreditation of South Asian Business Schools, in cooperation with Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Jaywardenepura, Colombo, September 5-6, 2002.
- V. AMDISA Workshop on Quality Improvement & Quality Assurance Of South Asian Business Schools, in cooperation with North South University, Dhaka, March 14-15, 2003.
- VI. First Workshop on European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD)-AMDISA Collaboration for Improving Quality Standards of Business Schools in South Asia, at Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, November 11-14, 2003.
- VII. AMDISA – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Workshop on Accreditation of South Asian B-Schools, at Hotel Taj Residency, Kohinoor Hall, Hyderabad January 22nd, 2004.
- VIII. Second Workshop on EFMD-AMDISA Collaboration for Accreditation Initiative, at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, February 11-13, 2004.
- IX. Third Workshop on EFMD-AMDISA Collaboration for Accreditation Initiative, at Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, March 17th, 2004.
- X. AMDISA-EFMD Workshop on Project under European Commission's Asia Link Project on Quality Improvement of Business Schools in South Asia, Phase I, at LUMS, Lahore, November 27th, 2004.

- XI. Workshop for Deans and Directors of Business Schools on Accreditation and Institution Building with the support of Governance and Institutional Development Division of Commonwealth Secretariat, London, at LUMS, Lahore, November 28th, 2004.
- XII. AMDISA-ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad Workshop for Directors and Deans - Leadership, Institution Building and Quality Assurance in South Asian Business Schools, at Centre for Organization Development, Hyderabad on January 27-29, 2005.
- XIII. SAQS Workshop for Peer Reviewers, at Centre for Organization Development, Hyderabad, January 11-14, 2006.
- XIV. SAQS Workshop for Peer Reviewers, at AMDISA Secretariat, University of Hyderabad Campus, Hyderabad, February 4-5, 2010.
- XV. SAQS Workshop for Peer Reviewers, at Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, Pakistan, June 15-16, 2010.
- XVI. SAQS Workshop for Peer Reviewers, at Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA), Hyderabad, India, February 19-20, 2015.

