Definitions for Accreditation Status

**ACCJC Accreditation Actions** – The historical data provides five years of accreditation actions reported by ACCJC on behalf of the college. Accreditation actions are reported biannually, February and July. If a college has received an ACCJC Accreditation Sanction, then the Sanction will be presented for subsequent terms until ACCJC reports Sanction Removal.

**ACCJC Policy Changes** – The accreditation actions definitions offered in the historical data reflect those presented in ACCJC's *Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions* reports from August 2004 through June 2015. After June 2015, ACCJC transitioned to new accreditation actions. The goals your college will identify this year will come from the actions presented in the July 2016 Edition of ACCJC's *Accreditation Reference Handbook*. For more information, please refer to ACCJC's *Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions* (See Pages 51-58).

**Actions Status Codes** – The abbreviated status codes below (initials) associated with each of the ACCJC actions are not officially used by ACCJC. The initials used in the Indicator Portal were developed by staff at the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to help colleges identify their accreditation goals.

**ACCJC Actions are defined below:**

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<th>Accreditation Status Code</th>
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<td>FA-N¹</td>
<td><strong>Fully Accredited – No Action</strong>: Status code denotes that a college was fully accredited and without Sanctions during the time period between ACCJC Comprehensive Visits and evaluations.</td>
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<td>FA-RA</td>
<td><strong>Fully Accredited – Reaffirmed</strong>: Status code denotes that ACCJC has reported a Reaffirmed accreditation status after their Comprehensive Visit and evaluations. This college is not on any kind of Sanction.</td>
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<td>FA-SR²</td>
<td><strong>Fully Accredited – Sanction Removed</strong>: Status code denotes that the college was reported to be off Sanction and Reaffirmed during a time period NOT coinciding with an ACCJC Comprehensive Visit and</td>
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¹ ACCJC's *Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions* does not officially offer names for their sanction removal actions. However, ACCJC's biannual Newsletters and Commission Actions on Institutions reports designate colleges as either "Sanction Removed" or "Sanction Removed and Reaffirmed" to demonstrate when colleges had an accreditation sanction removed. Those sanction removal designations were adopted in this goals framework to help colleges identify accreditation goals.

² Cf. footnote 1.

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evaluations. Sanction Removal resulted from one of the following: Special Visit, Appeal, or Special Report to ACCJC.

**Fully Accredited – Sanction Removed and Reaffirmed:** Status code denotes Sanction Removed and accreditation Reaffirmed upon ACCJC Comprehensive Visit and evaluations.

**Fully Accredited – Warning:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation status as issued Warning. A college on Warning Sanction remains fully accredited by ACCJC. Learn more about the Warning Sanction (see pages 51-58).

**Fully Accredited – Probation:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation status as imposed Probation. A college on Probation Sanction remains fully accredited by ACCJC. Learn more about the Probation Sanction (see pages 51-58).

**Fully Accredited – Show Cause:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation status as ordered Show Cause. A college on Show Cause Sanction remains fully accredited by ACCJC. Learn more about the Show Cause Sanction (see pages 51-58).

**Fully Accredited – Pending Termination:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation status as Pending Termination. A college on Pending Termination Sanction remains fully accredited by ACCJC.

**Accreditation Terminated:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation as Terminated. A college on Termination Sanction had their accreditation with ACCJC withdrawn.

**Withdrawal of Accreditation:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation as Withdrawn. A college with the Withdrawal of Accreditation standing is no longer accredited by ACCJC. The institution must complete the entire accreditation process beginning

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3 Cf. footnote 1.

4 Pending Termination” is not an official ACCJC accreditation action listed in the Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions; however, it has been used by ACCJC to indicate that a college remains fully accredited while their accreditation status is under review.

5 After July 2015, the Accreditation Termination action is no longer part of ACCJC’s Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions; however, this action will remain in the historical data, as it represents an action by ACCJC.

6 In July 2015, ACCJC made changes to their Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions, and among these changes were the new accreditation actions. This is one of ACCJC’s new actions.

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with Eligibility Review and then Candidacy to regain its accreditation. Learn more about the Withdrawal of Accreditation Sanction (see pages 51-58).

**Fully Accredited – Restoration:** Status code denotes that ACJCC has reported the college’s accreditation status as Restoration. A college on Restoration Sanction remains fully accredited by ACCJC. Learn more about the Restoration Sanction (see pages 51-58).

**Initial Accreditation:** Status code denotes initial year of accreditation with ACCJC. This college is fully accredited with ACCJC without any kind of Sanction. Learn more about the Initial Accreditation (see pages 51-58).

**Re-application for Accreditation:** Status code denotes that the college seeks to complete, again, the entire accreditation process, starting with the Eligibility Review and then Candidacy, to regain accreditation. Learn more about Re-application for Accreditation Status (see pages 51-58).

\(^7\) Cf. footnote 6.

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