



NIAD-QE

National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education

Quality Assurance in Higher Education and NIAD-QE

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National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality
Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE), Japan

NIAD-QE: Who we are

National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE)

- An incorporated administrative agency created under the Japanese Act on General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agency and the NIAD-QE Act.

1991

Established: **NIAD**
Awarding academic
degrees

2000

Renamed: **NIAD-UE**
+ Evaluating
universities

2016

Merged:
NIAD-UE + the Center for National
University Finance and
Management (CUFM) = **NIAD-QE**

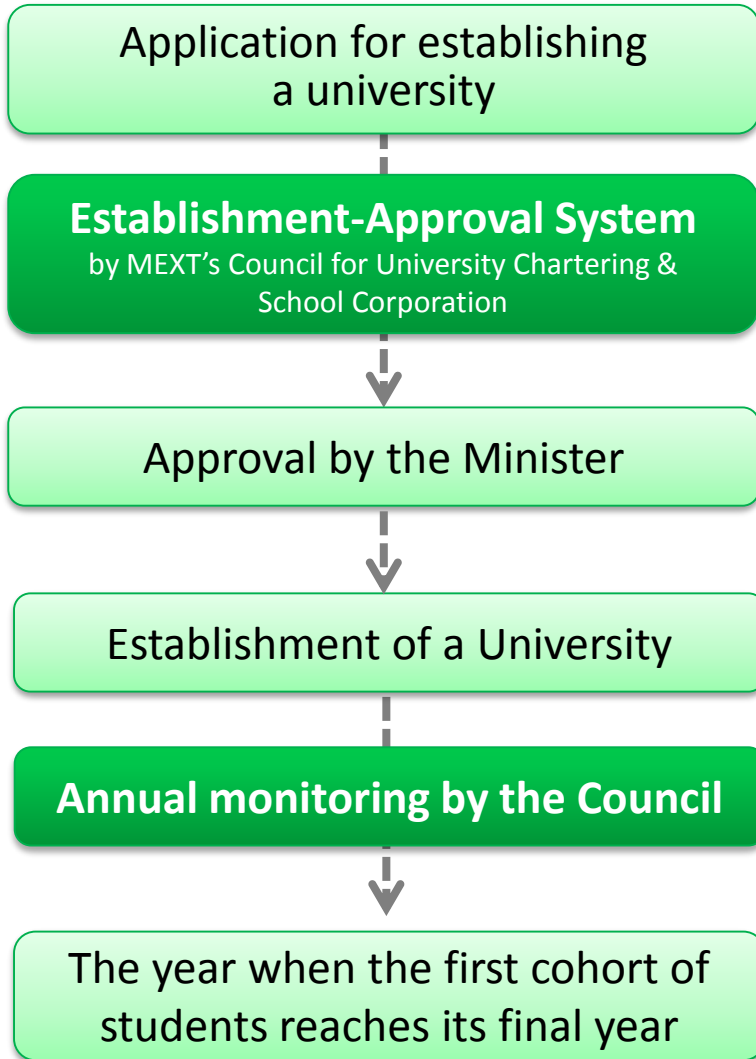
NIAD-QE: What we do



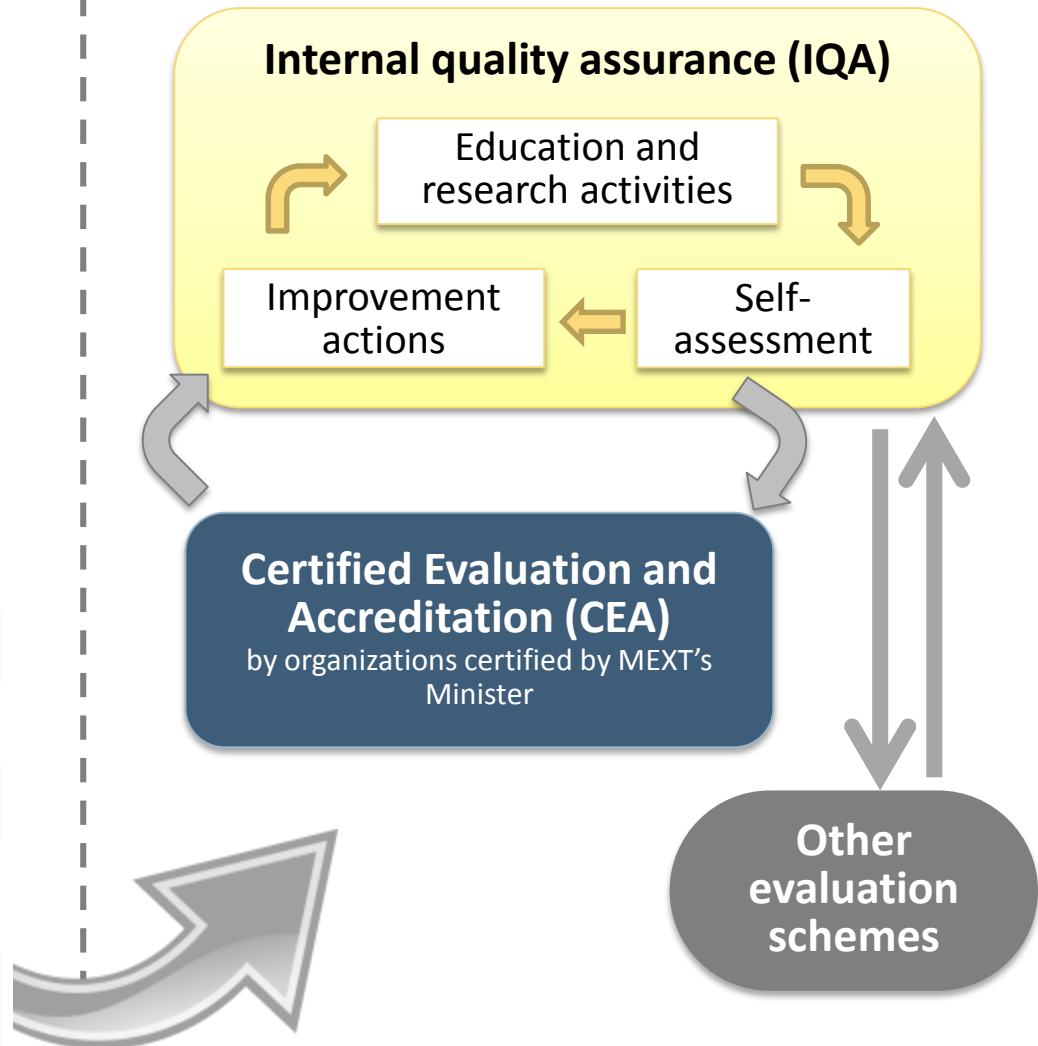
- I. Evaluation and Accreditation**
- II. Awarding of Academic Degrees**
- III. Cooperation in Quality Assurance**
- IV. Research Activities**
- V. Loans and Grants for Facility Construction**

'Ex-Ante' and 'Ex-Post' Approach

'Ex-Ante' Approach



'Ex-Post' Approach



Outline

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation (CEA) was introduced in 2004 as a **mandatory third-party review** scheme under the 2002 amendment to the School Education Act.

Institutional level

All universities, junior colleges and colleges of technology are obliged to be evaluated by **an CEA organization** at least once every 7 years.

Professional graduate school level

A university with professional graduate school additionally needs to undertake a process of CEA at the school level, at least every 5 years.

Certified CEA Organizations

- CEA is to be carried out at the request of an institution. A university can apply to any one of 3 institutional CEA organizations of universities for evaluation.
- **NIAD-QE is certified by the MEXT's Minister** as an CEA organization of universities, colleges of technology and graduate law schools.

□ List of Institutional CEA Organizations

Target Institution/Schools	CEA Organizations (with Date of Certification)
Universities	Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) [31 Aug 2004] NIAD-QE (14 Jan 2005) Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation (JIHEE) [12 Jul 2005]
Junior Colleges	Japan Association for College Accreditation (JACA) [14 Jan 2005] JUAA (25 Jan 2007) JIHEE (4 Sep 2009)
Colleges of Technology	NIAD-QE (12 Jul 2005)

□ List of certified CEA organizations for professional graduate schools

Target Shools	CEA Organizations (with Date of Certification)
Graduate Law Schools	Japan Law Foundation (31 Aug 2004) NIAD-QE (14 Jan 2005) JUAA (16 Feb 2007)
Management (Business Management, Technology Management, Finance, Management Information)	ABEST21 (12 Oct 2007)
Accounting	Japanese Institute of International Accounting Education (JIAAE) [12 Oct 2007]
Management (Business Management, Accounting, Technology Management, Finance)	JUAA (8 Apr 2008)
Midwifery	Japan Institute of Midwifery Evaluation (JIME) [8 Apr 2008]
Clinical Psychology	Foundation of the Japanese Certification Board for Clinical Psychologists (4 Sep 2009)
Teacher Training (Professional Schools for Teacher Education, School Education)	The Institute for the Evaluation of Teacher Education (31 Mar 2010)
Public Policy	JUAA (31 Mar 2010)
Information, Creative Technology, Embedded Technology, Atomic Power	Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education (JABEE) [31 Mar 2010]
Fashion Business	JIHEE (31 Mar 2010)
Public Health	JUAA (4 Jul 2011)
Intellectual Property	ABEST21 (31 Oct 2011) JUAA (29 Mar 2012)
Beauty Business	Institution for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Professional Higher Education (31 Jul 2012)
Environment, Landscape Architecture	Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture (31 Jul 2012)
Global Communication	JUAA (29 Mar 2016)
Social Welfare	Japanese Association for Social Work Education (2 Feb 2017)
Digital Contents	JUAA (24 Aug 2017)

Fundamental Policies of NIAD-QE's CEA

- Standards-based evaluation and accreditation
- Focus on educational activities
- Contribution to the development of individuality
- Evaluation and accreditation based on self-assessment
- Peer review
- A highly transparent system
- Internationally acceptable evaluation and accreditation

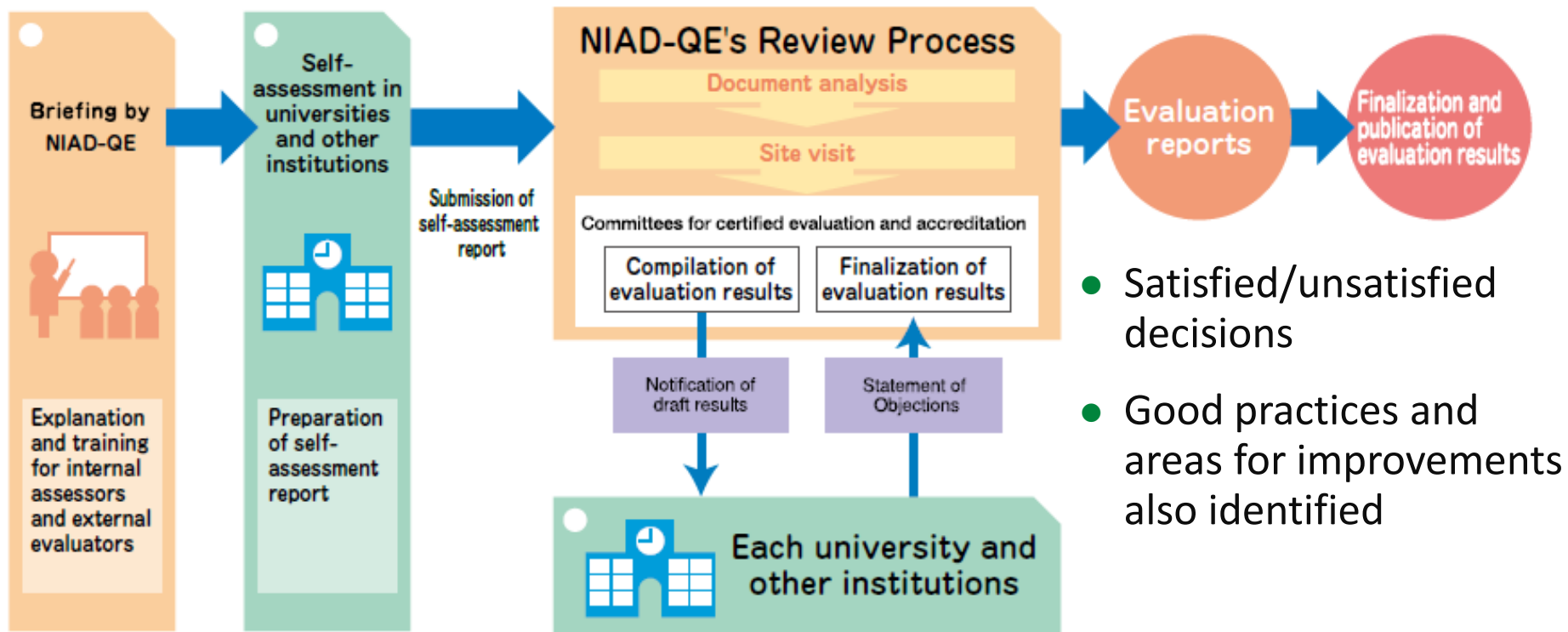
NIAD-QE's Standards for Institutional CEA of Universities

2nd Cycle (FY 2012-2018)

1. Mission of the University
2. Teaching and Research Structure
3. Academic Staff and Teaching Support Staff
4. Student Admissions
5. Academic Programs
6. Learning Outcomes
7. Facilities and Student Support
8. Internal Quality Assurance System of Teaching and Learning
9. Finance and Management
10. Public Information on Teaching and Learning

Process of NIAD-QE's CEA of Universities

- **The Committee for CEA** is responsible for the whole CEA process. **The Subcommittees** carry out the actual work.
- The **9 month** process spans from 'Submission of Self-assessment report' (End of June) to 'Finalization of evaluation results' (End of March).



2nd Cycle to 3rd Cycle of CEA

- NIAD-QE's 2nd Cycle of CEA of universities ends in March 2019
- Third cycle will begin in April 2019
- Review and revision in line with MEXT ordinance revisions on CEA

Main Points of MEXT Ordinance Revisions: In Preparation of the 3rd Cycle

- More focusing on Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)
- Making use of education and research materials and results from other evaluation schemes
- Setting up follow-up

Main Points of NIAD-QE CEA Revisions In Preparation of the 3rd Cycle

- Change of composition of standards

From 10 standards and the viewpoints established under each standard to 27 standards in 6 areas

- Follow-up mechanism

- IQA standards as essential

NIAD-QE's Institutional Thematic Assessment

- The CEA by NIAD-QE focuses on the quality of overall condition of university activities, particularly the education of regular programs.
- In addition, NIAD-QE provides three Thematic Assessments on the distinctive features of institutions. This differs from those viewpoints of CEA. These assessments are carried out at the request of the university.

Theme A: Research Activities

Theme B: Community Engagement

Theme C: Internationalization of Higher Education

NIAD-QE's Evaluation of Education and Research at National University Corporations (NUCE)

- Mandatory review scheme under the National University Corporation Law: performance-based evaluation.
- National university corporation evaluation committee in MEXT assesses attainment of mid-term (6 years) objectives, mid-term plan and annual plans which were prescribed to national university corporations.
- The Committee delegates the evaluation of their attainment level of mid-term objectives for the areas of education and research to NIAD-QE.
- The evaluation results are reflected on developing next mid-term plan and on making an allocation of the management block grant to each corporation by MEXT.

“Taking another step toward
a better future for higher education”

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