

THE GRADING SYSTEM

A. GRADING SYSTEM FROM 1998 to 15-03-2002

A significant outcome of the Assessment is the final Institutional grading. If the overall score is more than 55%, the institution gets the “Accredited status” and any score less than that will lead to “Not Accredited” status. The accredited institutions were graded on a five-point scale with the following scale values. Till 15th March 2002 the following grading system was adopted.

<i>Grading System</i>	
<i>Grade</i>	<i>Institutional score</i> <i>(Upper limit exclusive)</i>
5 star	≥ 75
4 star	70 – 75
3 star	65 – 70
2 star	60 – 65
1 star	55 – 60

B. GRADING SYSTEM FROM 16-03-2002 to 31-03-2007

NAAC reviewed and revised its grading system and adopted the revised grading system from 16th March 2002. If the overall score is more than 55%, the institution gets the “Accredited status” and any score less than that will lead to “Not Accredited” status. The accredited institutions were graded on a nine-point scale with the following scale values:

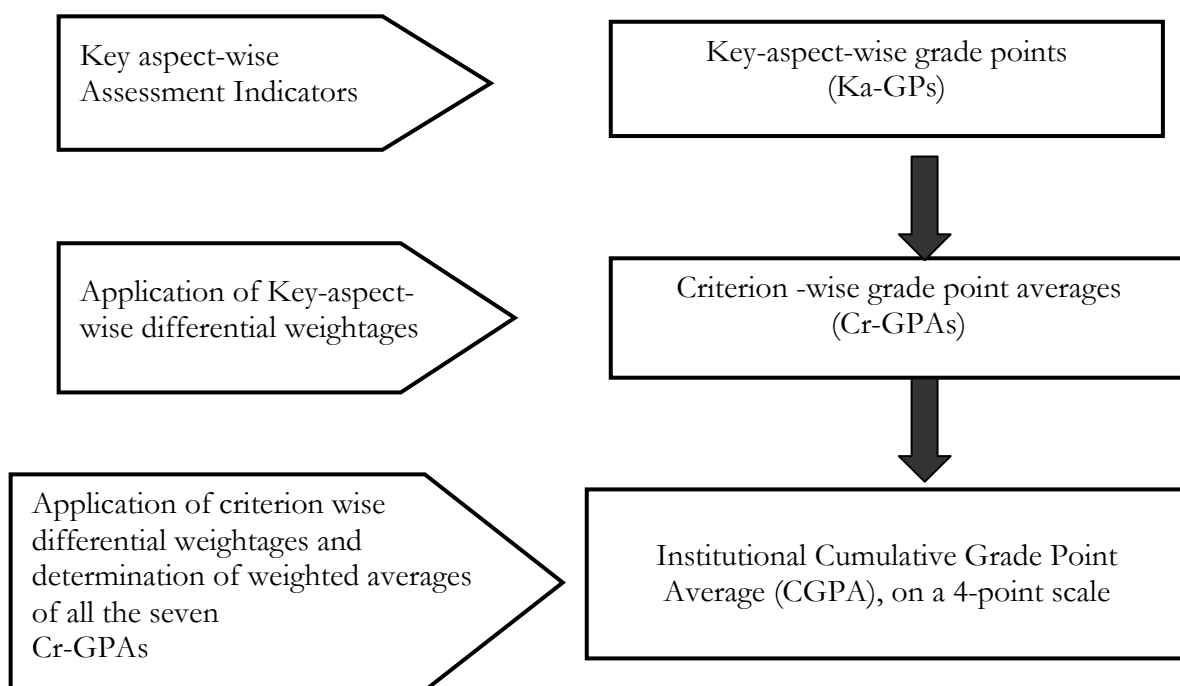
<i>Grade</i>	<i>Institutional score</i> <i>(Upper limit exclusive)</i>
A ⁺⁺	95-100
A ⁺	90-95
A	85-90
B ⁺⁺	80-85
B ⁺	75-80
B	70-75
C ⁺⁺	65-70
C ⁺	60-65
C	55-60

The grade will also be supplemented by a qualitative report by the team that would highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the institution under various criteria. Institutions, which do not attain the minimum 55% points for accreditation, would also be intimated and notified indicating that the institution is “ASSESSED AND FOUND NOT QUALIFIED FOR ACCREDITATION”. The range of marks of each letter grade, and actual total marks obtained as well as criterion-wise marks will be intimated to the institution and notified. The period of accreditation status is valid for five years from the date of approval by the Executive Committee of NAAC.

All the Institutions listed are assessed and accredited under the system A and B mentioned above.

C. THE NEW GRADING SYSTEM (From 1st April 2007)

Under the new grading system, a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is arrived at, which reflects the quality status of the institution. The serial methodology of determining the institutional CGPA on a four-point scale is illustrated below:



The final declaration of the accreditation status of an institution would be as per the following table:

<i>Range of institutional Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Performance Descriptor</i>
3.01 - 4.00	A	Very Good (Accredited)
2.01 - 3.00	B	Good (Accredited)
1.51 - 2.00	C	Satisfactory (Accredited)
≤ 1.50	D	Unsatisfactory (Not accredited)

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