



Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) Study Period Guidance for Reaffirmation Classes

Reaffirmation Class	Compliance Certification Due	Off-Site Review	On-Site Review	Board Review	Submission Options
2025 B	September 2024	November 2024	Spring 2025	December 2025	Response Report: Response Report for a Recommendation for Standard 7.2 may be submitted to address non-compliance and opportunities for improvement identified by the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee. The SACSCOC Board may offer comment but will not request a Monitoring Report for weaknesses in the institution's Response: "Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. While institutions in the 2025B Reaffirmation Class are not required to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan, the following brief comments are provided to assist the institution in implementing its Quality Enhancement Plan should it choose to do so. These comments should not be construed as directives for the institution nor as a compliance determination."
					Response Report: The institution may elect not to respond to a Recommendation(s) for Standard 7.2. In place of a response, the institution should submit the following: "Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. Institutions in the 2025B Reaffirmation Class are not required to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan. The institution has elected not to respond to the recommendation provided by the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee." Note: If the institution's Response Report for Standard 7.2 was submitted prior to the study period announcement, the institution should contact its Vice President so that a revised document without the Standard 7.2 response can be uploaded by October 3, 2025.
2026 A	March 2025	April 2025	Fall 2025	June 2026	On-Site Reaffirmation Committee: The institution may elect to retain the service of the QEP Lead Evaluator on the Committee. The Committee will review the QEP and provide an analysis and comments for strengthening the QEP but will not provide a review of compliance for Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan). The Committee will insert the following in the Report of the Reaffirmation Committee: "Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. While institutions in the 2026A Reaffirmation Class are not required to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan, the following brief comments are provided to assist the institution in implementing its Quality Enhancement Plan should it choose to do so. These

					<p>comments should not be construed as directives for the institution nor as a compliance determination.”</p> <p>On-Site Reaffirmation Committee: The institution may request removal of the QEP Lead Evaluator from the Committee. The Committee will not review the QEP and will insert the following in the Report of the Reaffirmation Committee: “Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. Institutions in the 2026A Reaffirmation Class are not required to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan and the institution has elected not to submit one for review.” Note: The institution remains responsible for any expenses already incurred.</p>
2026 B (and all subsequent classes until new <i>Principles Review</i> is completed)	September 2025	November 2025	Spring 2026	December 2026	<p>Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee: The institution may elect to submit the optional summary of the Quality Enhancement Plan for review. The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee will insert the following in the Preliminary Report: “Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. While institutions in the 2026B Reaffirmation Class are not required to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan, the following brief comments are provided to assist the institution in planning its Quality Enhancement Plan should it choose to do so. These comments should not be construed as directives for the institution nor as a compliance assessment.”</p> <p>Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee: The institution may elect not to submit the optional summary of the Quality Enhancement Plan for review. The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee will insert the following in the Preliminary Report: “Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. Institutions in the 2026B Reaffirmation Class are not required to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan. No response to this Standard was required.” Note: If the <i>Compliance Certification</i> was submitted prior to the study period announcement, the institution should contact its Vice President, Cluster Coordinator, and Cluster Chair so that the writing assignments can be adjusted to remove review of Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan).</p> <p>On-Site Reaffirmation Committee: Same options as provided for 2026 A above.</p>
Post <i>Principles Review</i> Reaffirmation Classes					<p>When new <i>Principles Review</i> is completed, an implementation schedule will be developed to provide institutions with a timeline for documenting compliance with all new and revised standards, including but not limited to the current Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan).</p>

Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) Study Period Guidance for Fifth-Year Review of QEP Impact Reports

Reaffirmation Class	Fifth-Year Report Due	Fifth-Year Committee Review	Submission Options
2030 A (and all subsequent classes until <i>Principles Review</i> is completed)	September 2025	November 2025	<p>Fifth-Year Report: Institutions submitting a QEP Impact Reports may be considered for recognition as a “Project of Excellence.” (Details regarding peer review and criteria for recognition to be developed.) Referral reports will not be requested for QEP Impact Reports submitted. The Fifth-Year Interim Committee will insert one of the following in the Fifth-year Interim Report:</p> <p>“Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. The institution has adequately described the initial goals and intended outcomes of its QEP, discussed the limited changes made in the QEP, discussed the impact on student learning and/or student success, and described what the institution has learned from the QEP experience. The institution’s QEP is eligible for review for recognition.”</p> <p>Or</p> <p>“Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. The institution did not adequately describe the initial goals and intended outcomes of its QEP, discussed the limited changes made in the QEP, discussed the impact on student learning and/or student success, and/or described what the institution has learned as a from the QEP experience. The institution’s QEP is not eligible for review for recognition. No Referral Report is required.”</p> <p>Fifth-Year Report: Institutions not submitting a QEP Impact report may not be considered for recognition as a “Project of Excellence.” The Fifth-Year Interim Committee will insert the following in the Fifth-Year Interim Report:</p> <p>“Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) is currently under a period of study. The institution elected not to submit a QEP Impact Report for review.”</p>
Post <i>Principles Review</i> Reaffirmation Classes			When new <i>Principles Review</i> is completed, an implementation schedule will be developed to provide institutions will a timeline for documenting compliance with all new and revised standards, including but not limited to the current Standard 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan).