

Case Name: *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

Docket No.: 16-44-O

Filing Party: Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

Exhibit No.: B-O-35



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Herman Bounds Jr., Ed.S., Director
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Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology ("Board"). The Board is responsible for licensure of cosmetology schools as well as the licensing of individuals to practice cosmetology and related fields within the Commonwealth.

The Board regulations require accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting agency within five years of the issuance of the license. After initial accreditation, a licensed cosmetology school is required to maintain accreditation as a condition of biennial renewal of the school license. Thus, accrediting agencies are an integral part of the Board's role of ensuring cosmetology schools are operated in a manner that complies with our regulations and the Cosmetology Act and provide students with the appropriate education.

Please accept this letter as acknowledgement that Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) is accepted by the Board.

Please contact me at (717) 783-7200 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Shana M. Walter, Counsel
State Board of Cosmetology