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GLOBAL COMMISSION FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION & QUALITY ASSURANCE, INC.

OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION FEE SCHEDULE

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Transparent Fees. Independent Decisions. Quality Without Favoritism.

Fees support application processing, evaluation, quality assurance, monitoring, public verification, and accreditation administration.

Fee Schedule Overview

The following fees apply to GCTEQA accreditation and quality-assurance services beginning October 3, 2026, unless a written invoice, agreement, scholarship, waiver, or approved special arrangement states otherwise.

Important
Payment of any fee does not guarantee eligibility, accreditation, renewal, approval of a substantive change, removal of monitoring, success on appeal, or any other favorable decision. Accreditation decisions are based on applicable GCTEQA standards and documented evidence.

ACCREDITATION CANNOT BE PURCHASED.

1. Initial Accreditation & Readiness Fees

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Preliminary Eligibility Screening	$250	Initial review of legal status, mission, institutional type, scope, and general eligibility. Applied before a formal accreditation application when requested.
Accreditation Readiness Review	$1,000	Optional pre-application quality review of policies, governance, programs, evidence organization, and readiness gaps. Does not guarantee accreditation.
Formal Accreditation Application	$500	Application intake, administrative processing, institutional file creation, scope review, and preliminary completeness review.
Initial Institutional Accreditation Review	$3,500	Comprehensive institutional evaluation under the GCTEQA standards, including evidence review, interviews/virtual review when applicable, evaluation report, and decision preparation. Site travel, if required, is separate.

2. Continuing Education & Specialized Provider Fees

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Continuing Education Provider Accreditation	$1,500	Review of qualifying non-degree continuing education, professional development,

		certification, ministry training, coaching, leadership, and similar providers.
Additional Program / Specialized Program Review	$750 per program	Focused review of a new or separately evaluated program, certificate, department, or specialized offering when separate review is required.
Institutional Quality Review - Non-Accreditation	$1,500	Independent institutional quality review for organizations not seeking full accreditation. May result in findings/recommendations, not accredited status.

3. Annual & Continuing Compliance Fees

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Annual Institutional Accreditation / Compliance Fee	$750 annually	Annual reporting, compliance monitoring, public status verification, directory maintenance, and continuing accreditation administration.
Annual Continuing Education Provider Fee	$500 annually	Annual compliance and status administration for accredited continuing education providers.
Focused Monitoring / Corrective-Action Review	$500	Review of required corrective actions, monitoring reports, focused evidence, or compliance follow-up outside the ordinary annual cycle.

4. Renewal & Reaffirmation Fees

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Institutional Renewal / Reaffirmation Review	$2,500	Comprehensive reaffirmation review, updated self-study/evidence assessment, compliance history review, interviews or virtual review, and decision preparation.
Continuing Education Provider Renewal	$1,000	Renewal/reaffirmation review for an accredited continuing education provider.

5. Substantive Change Fees

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Standard Substantive Change Review	$350	Routine review of an institutional name change, ordinary leadership change, relocation, modest program addition, or similar material change requiring review.
Complex Substantive Change Review	$750	Review of ownership/control change, merger, acquisition, legal-entity change, new degree level, major delivery-model expansion, significant branch/location expansion, or other complex change.

GCTEQA determines whether a substantive change is standard or complex based on the nature, scope, risk, and level of review required.

6. Appeals & Special Reviews

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Accreditation Appeal	$1,000	Administrative and independent review costs associated with an eligible formal accreditation appeal.
Site Review / Special Institutional Review	$1,500	Professional review fee for a required on-site or specially convened evaluation. Travel and direct expenses are additional.
International Verification Supplement	$500	Additional administration for international legal/authorization verification, regulatory context review, and documentation complexity. Translation/authentication costs, if needed, are separate.

7. Direct Travel & Third-Party Expenses

When a review requires on-site travel, external verification, translation, document authentication, courier service, venue costs, or another direct third-party expense, those costs are normally billed separately from the accreditation review fee.

- Airfare, rail, mileage, lodging, and reasonable ground transportation at actual or approved cost
- Reasonable meal/per-diem expenses when applicable

- Translation or certified document services
- Credential, legal, corporate, or governmental verification fees
- Other pre-approved direct review expenses

GCTEQA will seek to communicate anticipated material direct expenses before they are incurred whenever reasonably possible.

8. Public Verification & Administrative Services

Service	Fee	What It Covers / Notes
Public Online Accreditation Verification	No charge	Public directory/status verification available through GCTEQA when offered.
Formal Written Verification Letter	$50	Official written verification of an institution's current or historical GCTEQA status.
Replacement Accreditation Certificate	$75	Replacement or reissued institutional accreditation certificate when appropriate.

9. Payment Timing

- Application fees are due when the formal application is submitted.
- Initial accreditation evaluation fees are due before substantive review begins unless a written payment arrangement has been approved.
- Annual fees are due according to the institution's annual invoice or compliance cycle.
- Renewal fees are due before the reaffirmation review begins.
- Monitoring, appeal, substantive-change, site-review, and special-review fees are due before the associated review proceeds unless otherwise approved in writing.

10. Payment Plans

GCTEQA may approve written installment arrangements for certain institutional accreditation fees. Any payment plan must be authorized in writing and does not alter standards, reviewer independence, or the institution's obligation to pay the full approved amount.

Review activity may be paused when an approved payment schedule is not maintained.

11. Refunds & Cancellations

Refunds are governed by the current GCTEQA Fees, Payments & Refund Policy. In general, many fees become nonrefundable once the associated administrative or evaluation work has materially begun.

- A denial, deferral, monitoring requirement, probation, suspension, or another unfavorable accreditation outcome does not create a refund right.
- Duplicate or verified erroneous payments may be corrected.
- Direct travel and third-party costs already incurred are generally nonrefundable.
- Withdrawal from an accreditation process does not automatically eliminate fees already earned or expenses already incurred.

12. Scholarships, Waivers & Special Initiatives

GCTEQA may establish scholarships, sponsored accreditation initiatives, hardship accommodations, fee waivers, or reduced-fee programs. Such assistance must be approved through an authorized GCTEQA process and must never influence accreditation findings or decisions.

13. Donations Are Separate From Accreditation Fees

A charitable donation, grant, sponsorship, or other contribution to GCTEQA is separate from accreditation fees and cannot purchase, guarantee, accelerate, or influence an accreditation decision.

Donors receive no preferential accreditation treatment.

14. No Expedited Accreditation Purchase

GCTEQA does not sell guaranteed or expedited accreditation outcomes. Review timelines depend on institutional readiness, completeness of evidence, reviewer availability, scope, complexity, and the need for clarification or corrective action.

15. Fee Schedule Revisions

GCTEQA may revise this Fee Schedule for future services through its authorized governance or administrative processes. Unless a written agreement states otherwise, the fee in effect when a service is formally initiated or invoiced ordinarily applies.

2026 Fee Summary

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Preliminary Eligibility Screening	$250
Accreditation Readiness Review	$1,000
Formal Accreditation Application	$500
Initial Institutional Accreditation Review	$3,500
Continuing Education Provider Accreditation	$1,500
Additional / Specialized Program Review	$750 per program
Institutional Quality Review - Non-Accreditation	$1,500
Annual Institutional Compliance Fee	$750
Annual CE Provider Fee	$500
Focused Monitoring / Corrective Action	$500
Institutional Renewal / Reaffirmation	$2,500
CE Provider Renewal	$1,000
Standard Substantive Change	$350
Complex Substantive Change	$750
Accreditation Appeal	$1,000
Site / Special Institutional Review	$1,500 + direct expenses
International Verification Supplement	$500 + external costs if applicable
Formal Written Verification Letter	$50
Replacement Accreditation Certificate	$75

Financial Integrity Notice
All accreditation and review fees support legitimate administrative, evaluation, monitoring, quality-assurance, and related services. Payment does not establish compliance with GCTEQA standards and does not guarantee accreditation.

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