GENERAL INFORMATION

Overview of GCTEQA Accreditation and Quality Assurance - 2026

About GCTEQA

The Global Commission for Theological Education & Quality Assurance, Inc. (GCTEQA) is an independent private accreditation and quality-assurance organization serving eligible theological, religious, faith-based, values-centered, and mission-driven educational institutions.

GCTEQA's approach emphasizes institutional integrity, lawful operation, governance, educational quality, learner protection, assessment, technology, public accountability, and continuous improvement.

Who May Seek Review

- Universities, colleges, seminaries, Bible colleges, ministry schools, and religious education institutes.
- Online, hybrid, campus-based, and self-paced educational institutions within their lawful scope.
- Continuing education providers and eligible professional or mission-driven training organizations.
- Institutions from diverse faith and religious traditions that can demonstrate lawful operation and alignment with applicable GCTEQA standards.

Core Review Areas

- Mission, identity, and institutional integrity.
- Legal establishment and authorization.
- Governance, leadership, and ethical conduct.
- Financial responsibility and sustainability.
- Educational programs and curriculum.
- Faculty and instructional qualifications.
- Admissions, student services, and learner support.
- Assessment and educational effectiveness.
- Online learning, technology, and information security.
- Student protection, continuity, public accountability, and continuous improvement.

Typical Accreditation Journey

1. Eligibility Screening: The institution submits preliminary information to determine whether it appears eligible to apply.
2. Application: Eligible institutions submit the formal application and required intake materials.
3. Self-Study and Evidence: The institution evaluates itself against applicable standards and submits supporting evidence.
4. Evaluation: GCTEQA reviewers examine documents, conduct interviews or demonstrations when needed, and prepare findings.
5. Decision: An authorized decision-making body considers the full record and issues a written decision.
6. Continuing Compliance: Accredited institutions remain subject to monitoring, annual compliance, substantive-change requirements, and renewal or reaffirmation.

Accreditation Is Not Purchased

Application, screening, technical assistance, payment of fees, or participation in a review does not guarantee accreditation. Decisions must be based on documented evidence and demonstrated compliance with applicable standards.

Important Limitations

GCTEQA accreditation is a private quality-assurance designation. It does not itself establish governmental permission to operate, degree authority, U.S. federal student-aid eligibility, professional licensure eligibility, immigration eligibility, guaranteed transferability, or guaranteed acceptance of credentials. Institutions are responsible for complying with the laws and requirements that apply in every jurisdiction where they operate or serve learners.

Recommended Starting Point

Prospective applicants should first review GCTEQA eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, fee schedule, public-disclosure requirements, and applicable policies. Institutions that are unsure whether they are ready should submit the Request for Eligibility Screening before beginning the full application.