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1. Purpose

This policy details the terms and conditions for the provision of information on the Oman Academic Accreditation Authority (OAAA) website and the use of that information by its stakeholders and other interested parties.

2. Scope

This policy applies to OAAA staff preparing information for access via the OAAA website, and the use of that information by its stakeholders and other interested parties.

3. Policy Statement

The OAAA website aims to provide relevant information to its stakeholders and other interested parties. The OAAA has not made nor makes any representation or warranty, expressed or implicit, as to the accuracy or completeness of information contained in the OAAA website. All parties accessing the OAAA website and making use of the information contained on the website must satisfy themselves as to the accuracy and currency of that information. The OAAA disclaims all liability, expressed or implied, arising out of the use of, or inability to use, or in connection with, the information contained in the OAAA website.

The following Terms and Conditions apply:

- a. The OAAA will strive to ensure that the information provided is accurate, current and properly authorised to be in the public domain.

- b. The OAAA reserves the right to change the terms and conditions included in this Policy at any time.
- c. Website users are responsible for regularly reviewing the OAAA's terms and conditions. Continued use of the website constitutes acceptance of any changes made to the terms and conditions.
- d. The OAAA will strive to provide a bilingual website and simultaneously provide content in Arabic and English.
- e. For optimal viewing of the website, the OAAA recommends the following:
 - Minimum screen resolution of 1024 X 768
 - Internet Explorer 6 or higher; or Netscape 6 or higher; or Firefox 2 or higher
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader 7 or higher
 - Java script enabled
 - Cookies enabled
- f. The OAAA website will, from time to time, require the use of cookies in order to facilitate access to restricted areas requiring permissions, or to enable transactions related to the activities of the OAAA. Cookies will not be uploaded to external, public computers.
- g. The OAAA will, from time to time, host open Discussion Boards. Persons wishing to post messages to the various Discussion Boards may be required to register their name and email with the OAAA. Messages are not subject to approval by the OAAA prior to being posted on the website. The OAAA disclaims all liability, expressed or implied, arising in connection with messages posted to Discussion Boards hosted on this website. The OAAA reserves the right to remove any messages that may be perceived as libelous or offensive, and reserves the right to cancel the registration of any person to an OAAA discussion list at its complete discretion.
- h. The OAAA will, from time to time, post photographs and/or audio-visual content of OAAA related events to this website. These photos/audio-visuals may identify individuals. Individuals may contact the OAAA if there is an objection to any or all photographs/audio-visuals being posted. The OAAA will ensure that these requests are

respected. If a photograph/audio-visual has already been posted, the OAAA will remove it at the earliest possible opportunity.

- i. Intellectual property rights (including copyright) that subsist on the website and its content are owned by or licensed to the OAAA. Subject to applicable legislations OAAA employees, other stakeholders or members of the public may not reproduce, adapt, store, communicate, distribute or sell the data or any part of it without the prior written consent of the OAAA. The OAAA logo and any image, name or trademark, whether registered or not, and used on this website to identify the OAAA and its services are the property of the OAAA and may only be used with the prior written consent of the OAAA.
- j. Links to third party websites from the OAAA website are provided solely as a convenience for OAAA employees, other stakeholders and members of the public. The OAAA is not responsible for any of these websites or their content. Inclusion by the OAAA to links to third party websites does not in any way constitute an endorsement or representation by the OAAA about them or the products, services and information found there. The OAAA disclaims all liability, explicit or implied, arising out of the use of, or in connection with, the information contained in websites linked to, or from the OAAA website.

4. Procedure

The OAAA is committed to its website being of value to the Omani higher education sector and other stakeholders, and therefore will welcome any clarification/feedback or requests for additional information or updates on the content of the website. The following procedure should be followed by stakeholders and interested parties when requesting clarification or to report any factual inaccuracy related to the content of the website; and by the OAAA in processing and responding to this feedback:

- a. The online Feedback Form is completed by the website users to send their requests for clarification or to report any factual inaccuracy related to the content of the website.
- b. The Content Management System (CMS) is regularly checked by the OAAA IT Department for any new feedback received.
- c. The feedback is acknowledged, analysed and directed to the appropriate department for action.

- d. If the content on the website needs to be amended or updated, changes will be made as required.

4. Abbreviations

CMS	Content Management System
DCEO A&F	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Administration and Finance
OAAA	Oman Academic Accreditation Authority

5. Definitions

N/A

6. References

Royal Decree No. 65/2008 Copyright and Related Laws, Sultanate of Oman

7. Document History

Version	Date Approved	Approved by	Brief Description
1	2006	OAC Board	This first version contained the principles and terms and conditions pertaining to the use of OAC Website. The website and its Policy were developed by <i>Digital Fusion</i> .
2	24 March 2016	OAAA Board	Policy was updated to reflect current approved Policy Document Template.