

Access to the Register of Assessors

Rev. 3 - Document approved by the Steering Committee on March 23, 2018

Requirements

The access to the register of assessors of the EUR-ACE Agency is allowed to:

- university professors fulfilling the following requirements:
 - are or have been full or associate professors at Italian universities, or teachers comparable to full or associate professors at foreign universities, with at least ten years of teaching responsibility for courses delivered in Engineering Degrees;
 - knowledge of the methodologies and procedures of quality assurance and assessment in the university field;
 - age less than 75 years;
- experts belonging to labour market in possession of the following requirements:
 - practicing the profession of engineer for at least ten years or in an engineering context for at least ten years, occupying a position of responsibility and / or representation;
 - knowledge of the university context;
 - knowledge of the methods and procedures of quality assurance and assessment;
 - age less than 75 years.

The following methods of access to the Register are applied:

- access provided upon passing an examination;
- access upon recognition of the qualification of ANVUR¹ registered expert.

1 ANVUR – Italian National Agency for Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutions

Access provided upon passing an examination

Access to the Register is subject to:

- participation in the training course organized by the Agency, aimed at presenting the 'General Regulations', the 'QUACING Guidelines for the quality assurance of university degree programs in Engineering in line with the ANVUR and EUR-ACE approaches (QUACING Model) 'and the 'QUACING Guidelines for the external evaluation of university degree programs in engineering ', with particular reference to the certification and accreditation process;
- upon passing the final exam.

The final test for accessing to the Register consists in filling out the Assessment Report (QVP) of a Bachelor's Degree Course or a Master's Degree Course in Engineering for at least two Sections. The time available for the exam, including reading the documentation and compiling the QVP, is 8 hours.

The evaluation criteria concern:

- the ability to identify the documentary sources to consult for the assessment of the issues on the QVP check-list (max. 10 points);
- the ability to identify any missing or insufficient / inadequate information and / or data (max. 10 points);
- the ability to identify any elements / aspects to be verified / clarified during the on-site visit and indicate, for each of them, the interlocutor (Review Group, Teachers, etc.) with whom these elements / aspects must be verified / clarified (max. 30 points);
- the ability to identify any reports of good practices / areas to be improved (max. 50 points).

The test is considered as successfully passed upon the acquisition of an overall score equal to or greater than 75.

The Examination Committee is composed of two members of the Steering Committee, one from the university and one from the labour market, appointed by the Agency's Director.

Access upon recognition of the qualification of ANVUR registered expert.

Access to the Register upon recognition of the qualification of ANVUR registered expert is subject to the Director's verification of the knowledge, understanding and sharing of the 'General Regulations', of the 'QUACING Guidelines for the quality assurance of study courses in Engineering in line with the ANVUR and EUR-ACE approaches (QUACING Model) 'and the' QUACING Guidelines for the external evaluation of university degree programs in engineering. In addition, the prospect assessor has to participate as a 'trainee' in an evaluation visit (with the reimbursement of documented expenses only).