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1.17 Appeal process

An appeal process is made available to safeguard the rights of institutions and programs that seek ALA accreditation. The only COA decisions that may be appealed are withdrawal of accreditation or denial of Initial accreditation. Accreditation may be withdrawn for several reasons, including serious lack of compliance with the standards, failure to participate in the accreditation process, and failure to meet financial obligations associated with the accreditation process.

The appeal process for accreditation actions falls within the jurisdiction of the ALA Executive Board. Section IV describes the appeal process in detail.