

1 *Adopt 23 NCAC 02D .0304 of the North Carolina Administrative Code with changes as follows:*

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3 **23 NCAC 02D .0304 EXPENDITURES OF STATE FUNDS: ACCREDITATION EXPENSES & DUES**

4 (a) Accreditation expenses relative to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools may be paid from state funds
5 within the institution's current allotment. These expenses shall be limited to payment of travel, subsistence, lodging,
6 and honorarium incurred by members of visiting committees, other bona fide representatives, and members of the
7 staff of accrediting organizations. This Rule permits payment of only those expenses for which an institution is
8 customarily invoiced by an accrediting organization following a visit.

9 (b) The institution may pay from state funds the required annual dues of the Southern Association of Colleges and
10 Schools, and such institutional association membership dues as the board of trustees deems to benefit the institution.
11 Regarding membership dues in the Southern Association, this Rule applies to annual dues of correspondents and
12 candidates for membership, as well as accredited members.

13 (c) The institution may also pay from state funds the fees for accrediting individual programs offered by the
14 institution in the following circumstances:

15 (1) Where such an accreditation is an official prerequisite for graduates of such programs to be licensed,
16 certified, or registered the licensing of graduates of such programs by legally designated professional
17 or occupational ~~licensing~~ boards that license, certify, or register or agencies in the State of North
18 Carolina;

19 (2) ~~State funds may not be used to pay the accreditation costs of any other organizations or~~
20 ~~agencies.~~When the accrediting agency from which the accreditation is sought, is officially listed by the
21 U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation as a recognized
22 accrediting agency or organization; or

23 (3) When the accrediting agency is a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional
24 Accreditors.

25 (d) Except as provided by this rule, state funds may not be used to pay the accreditation costs of any other
26 accrediting organizations or agencies.

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29 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; 115D-55;*
30 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
31 *Amended Eff. March 1, 2009; August 1, 1983; August 17, 1981; September 30, 1977.*