Policy Title: ACAOM Access to School Data Policy

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Related Policies: ACAOM Integrity in the Accreditation Process Policy; ACAOM’s Certification and Licensing Examination Authority Acknowledgment and Release

References: 34 CFR Part 602; 20 U.S. Code § 1099(b)

Responsible Official: ACAOM Executive Director

Policy Summary: This policy describes the Commission’s authority to access relevant data collected and managed by ACAOM preaccredited (Candidate) and accredited programs/institutions.

As an integral part of the Commission’s review of programs/institutions for candidacy or accreditation status, the Commission must review and assess relevant program outcome data that provide appropriate measures for assessing the quality of AOM education and training. One of the critical program outcome measures assessed by the Commission relative to compliance with ACAOM’s Eligibility Requirements, and its Standards and Criteria for Accreditation, involves certification and licensure examination pass rate data for students and graduates of ACAOM applicant, pre-accreditation (Candidate), and accredited programs.

As a condition of continued participation in ACAOM’s accreditation review process, programs/institutions must explicitly acknowledge and agree to ACAOM’s right to receive such data directly from the relevant examination authority to ensure that the Commission has access to reliable exam pass rate data. Additionally, programs/institutions must execute ACAOM’s “Certification and Licensing Examination Authority Acknowledgment and Release,” which expressly permits relevant certification and licensing examination authorities to provide direct Commission access to these data.