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Details of the Manual Review Process

The current ABFSE Accreditation and Policy Manual is available on the ABFSE website. While the Manual has undergone many updates in the past decade it has not been reviewed in its entirety.

Goals of the Manual review project:

1. Make the Manual easier to navigate and find needed information.
A new approach to pagination and table of contents is part of that process.
2. Consolidate information so that answers can be found in one location eliminating the need to search multiple locations to find an answer.
3. Update language and add detail to satisfy the US. Department of Education expectations for recognized accrediting agencies.

note: minor changes/additions to Standards 3 & 9 are necessary.

Review the draft Manual and the summary of revisions.

Use the Comment Form (emailed to Trudy Ellmore trellmore@abfse.org) to provide your feedback by **October 15, 2025**.

Attend the October 9 Town Hall for more information.

COA will finalize the Manual at the October meeting in order to respond to US Department of Education expectations.