

LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

2017 LAND TRUST STANDARDS AND PRACTICES AND LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION: WHAT'S NEW?

Transitioning to Indicator Elements

- The accreditation program will transition from reviewing "indicator practices" to reviewing "indicator elements"; this change matches the revised Standards
- The core concepts from the indicator practices are still in place, ensuring ongoing public trust and support
- Elements from high-risk areas were added, positioning accredited land trusts for the next decade
- Low-risk or redundant concepts were dropped, keeping the accreditation program cost-effective and relevant
- The accreditation elements were selected based on lessons learned by the Commission over the last decade, feedback from land trusts, and advice from a 13-member advisory group

Draft Requirements and Feedback Opportunities Coming Soon

- The core accreditation requirements will largely remain the same
- Requirements for new indicator elements will be drafted with input from land trusts and will balance benefits gained, risks avoided and cost to implement
- There will be opportunities to comment on the new requirements later this year before they are finalized in early 2018

Understanding When the Changes Apply

- In 2017 the application materials are the same
- In 2018 transition application materials will be in use
- By 2019 the revised Standards will be fully integrated into the accreditation program and the updated requirements will apply
- See the attached timeline for when and how this affects first-time and renewal applicants

Where to Go for More Detailed Information

- Visit the Alliance website: www.landtrustalliance.org/topics/land-trust-standards-and-practices/revision (The Alliance will have background information on all indicator elements by May 1, 2017 to help with implementation)
- Visit the Commission website: www.landtrustaccreditation.org/standards-revision
- Sign up for Commission eNews and confirm your land trust's accreditation contact: info@landtrustaccreditation.org

What You Can Plan For

February 2017 | Alliance Board Approves Revised Standards

March 2017 | New Standards Available Online for Download

June 2017 | Every Alliance Member Land Trust Must Pass a Resolution Adopting the Revised Standards Before Renewing Membership

Summer 2017–Spring 2019 | Alliance Educational Resources Updated and Created for Revised Standards

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Winter 2020 | Update Process Complete



Fall 2017 | Accreditation Commission Seeks Input on Requirements Related to New Indicator Elements

Winter 2018 | Accreditation Commission Releases 2018 Edition of the *Requirements Manual*

Accreditation Application Updates

NO CHANGE

All applicants use existing application; first-time is paper and renewal is electronic.

To ensure all 2018 applicants have advance notice, the transition application for 2018 will be published in summer 2017.

TRANSITION YEAR

All first-time and renewal applicants use a transition application modified with deletions and an addendum.

To ensure all 2019 renewal applicants have advance notice, the new renewal application will be published in summer 2018.

NEW RENEWAL APPLICATION

Renewal applicants use new electronic application that conforms to revised Standards. First-time applications will not be accepted in this year.

To ensure all 2020 first-time applicants have advance notice, the new electronic first-time application will be published in summer 2019.

NEW FIRST TIME APPLICATION

First-time applicants use new electronic application that conforms to revised Standards. Paper application discontinued.