

Saint James School of Medicine, Anguilla and St Vincent & the Grenadines

Initial Provisional Accreditation on Probation extended for one (1) year

July 2018 Update: *Initial Provisional Accreditation on Probation extended for one (1) year*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 29-31, 2018 considered and accepted the progress report in response to concerns previously raised. The Authority agreed to extend the Initial Provisional Accreditation on Probation for one (1) year (effective the date of CAAM-HP's letter of July 31, 2018) and advised that the school prepare for a full site visit to both campuses in 2019.

July 2017 Update: *Pending*

The CAAM-HP thanked Saint James School of Medicine for the work done in preparing the accreditation instruments and the arrangements made for the visiting team to its St Vincent & the Grenadines campus on June 7, 2017.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* assessment team comprising:

1. Professor Joseph Michael Branday (Team Chair)
2. Dr Ronald A. Aaron (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Elaine Williams

The Authority noted the update from Saint James School of Medicine confirming that it was a single school with two (2) campuses in Anguilla and St Vincent & the Grenadines.

In light of this, the Authority decided to defer the decision with respect to the campus in St Vincent in order to assess both campuses as a single entity.

Saint James School of Medicine was asked to submit a detailed progress report for the period 2016 - 2017 covering developments at the Anguilla campus by November 30, 2017.

The 2016 progress report detailed the good efforts being made to address the issues highlighted in CAAM-HP's letter and the site visit report. There were, however, some areas that were in transition, therefore the impact of the activities could not be determined.

July 2016 Update: *Initial Provisional Accreditation extended with probation for one year, 2016-2017 (Anguilla)*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 27-29, 2016 considered and accepted the progress report of June 2016 in response to CAAM-HP's letter of July 25, 2015 as well as the report of the May 2015 site visit.

The CAAM-HP noted the efforts made to address the issues highlighted in its letter and the site visit report. However, clarification is required as to whether Saint James School of Medicine is a single institution with two (2) campuses, in Anguilla and St Vincent and the Grenadines. The Authority decided to extend Initial Provisional Accreditation on Probation for one (1) year from 2016-2017. This decision is in respect of the Anguilla campus only.

The Authority asked that all promotional material, electronic or otherwise, accurately reflect the institution's current accreditation status.

July 2015 Determination: *Initial Provisional Accreditation extended with probation for one year, until 2016 (Anguilla)*

The CAAM-HP thanked the Saint James School of Medicine for the work done in preparing the accreditation instruments and the arrangements made for the visiting team to the medical school in Anguilla and its clinical affiliates in Chicago, May17-22, 2015. This was the first full accreditation exercise for the school.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 23-25, 2015 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* assessment team comprising:

1. Professor Russell Pierre (Team Chair)
2. Dr Gordon Lutchman (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Peter Bell

Decision: In light of the issues flagged in the site visit report, CAAM-HP decided to extend Initial Provisional Accreditation with Probation for one (1) year, for Anguilla only, so that the problems identified in the site visit report can be addressed during which time it is hoped that the issue of the three campuses will be clarified.

July 2014 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered the progress report on developments at the St James School of Medicine, Anguilla since the start of operations in February 2010 and in response to CAAM-HP's letter of October 12, 2013.

The meeting was still concerned about attrition rates and progression to USMLE. The meeting also sought clarification about the duration of rotations.

The meeting also noted that the school is due for its first full accreditation visit in 2015.

October 2013 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held October 11-12, 2013 considered the progress report from the St James School of Medicine, Anguilla.

The meeting sought clarification of progression to the USMLE and felt there should be better tracking of students starting at the campus. In addition, the meeting sought more information on the Vth semester where students are prepared for USMLE 1 and the Introduction to Clinical Medicine.

June 2012 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 22-23, 2012 acknowledged that significant improvements have been made at the Saint James School of Medicine, Anguilla since the start of operations in February 2010. However, the meeting had a number of concerns such as, increase in student numbers *vis-à-vis* facilities, details of faculty to be hired and student assessment. CAAM-HP also recognised that the school had a major decision to make in light of the pending expiration of the lease and as such looks forward to an early decision to ensure adequate planning for continuity of the programme during any period of change.

June 2011 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 24-25, 2011 received a progress report on developments at the St James School of Medicine, Anguilla since the start of operations in February 2010.

Having noted from the site visit report that the proposed facilities and committees were in place, the meeting made the following recommendations:

- Consideration be given to the earlier introduction of teaching of Communication Skills and the Principles of Ethics.
- The acquisition of a broader range of anatomical models and imaging illustrations for anatomy teaching.

Also, the school was advised to start preparations for a full-scale institutional survey in 2014.

In the meantime the periodic visits will continue with the next suggested date scheduled to coincide with the final course preparation for the USLME 1 at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

September 2009 Determination: *Initial Accreditation as a Developing School*

Following on the visit of the reviewer in August 2009, the CAAM-HP in September 2009 accorded Initial Accreditation as a Developing School to the St. James School of Medicine, Anguilla. The CAAM-HP determined that the school may begin to accept applications for enrollment.

February 2007 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation*

Application for initial provisional accreditation was received from the St. James School of Medicine (SJSOM) for the establishment of an offshore medical school on the island of Anguilla. In February 2007, a review was done by the following persons:

1. Sir Graeme Catto
2. Professor E. R. Walrond

Decision: The CAAM after examination of the reports agreed that provisional accreditation be granted on the following conditions:

1. That the school in its promotional material, state clearly, that it is provisionally accredited.
2. That the conditions for the requirements in the document Accreditation Guidelines for New and Developing Schools, be followed.

The CAAM will wish to visit in six months time to monitor the progress the school is making towards setting up the facilities for the admission of the first class of students.