

External quality assurance in Norway

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2003: A change in the steering of higher education

- Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education:
A system of sanction and reward
- Three elements stand out as definitely new:
 - The general possibility to apply for a change in institutional status through accreditation
 - NOKUT's right to revise given accreditation of study programmes, institutions or parts of institution
 - NOKUT's duty to conduct cyclical audit of the QA-systems, giving approval or not

NOKUT's responsibilities higher education (Act ...)

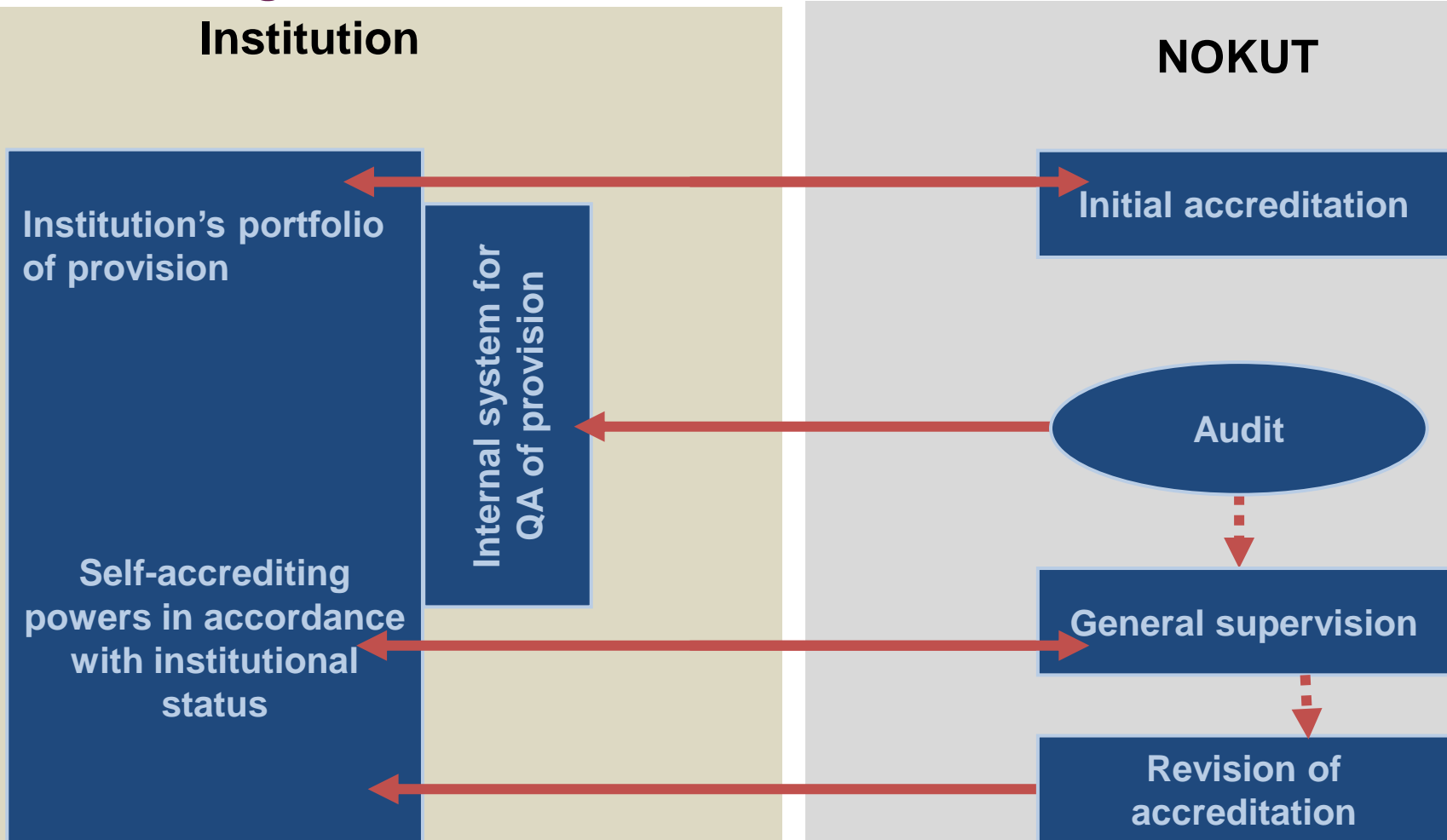
From 2003

- accredit institutions and study programmes
- revise the accreditations
- evaluate the institution's internal quality assurance systems
- make evaluations in order to assess the quality of higher education

+ from 2010

- «other instruments»
- «strive to help the institutions in their development work»

The Norwegian model for quality assurance of higher education



Relations NOKUT and *universities*

From 2003

- relations connected to sanctions: Evaluation of system of internal QA; revision of accreditation.
- relations connected to rewards: None – except for the NEW UNIVERSITIES
- Neutral relations: Evaluations in order to assess quality

From 2011

- «other instruments»?
- «strive to help the institutions in their development work» ?