





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati 

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Effective Date of the Board of Regents  
January 10, 2017 Determination to Deny Renewal of  
Accreditation to Bramson ORT College

**DATE:** March 2, 2017

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents clarify the effective date in its final determination dated January 10, 2017 to deny renewal of institutional accreditation of Bramson ORT College?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Review of Policy.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its March 2017 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Background Information**

On January 10, 2017, the Board of Regents voted to deny the renewal of institutional accreditation to Bramson. Bramson did not appeal the Regents determination, and therefore the determination of the Regents became effective as of January 10, 2017. Subsequently, Bramson informed the Department that a cohort of students is scheduled to graduate on February 17, 2017. Because the Regents January 10, 2017 action went into effect as of January 10, 2017, those students scheduled to graduate on February 17, 2017 could be deemed to have not graduated from an accredited institution. This would unfairly disadvantage these students and is especially important for those students planning to continue their higher education at other institutions.

In light of this new information, the Department recommends extending the effective date of the Board's January 10, 2017 adverse accreditation action to February 20, 2017 so that the students currently enrolled in Bramson and eligible to graduate on February 17, 2017 will not be adversely affected by the non-renewal of Bramson's accreditation. This extension, however, does not alter or constitute a reconsideration of the Regents January 10, 2017 final determination and therefore does not extend Bramson's timeframe for appeal of the Board's January 10, 2017 determination to deny renewal of accreditation.

### **Related Regents Items**

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/117hea1.pdf>

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1213hea1%5B1%5D.pdf>

### **Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents clarify that its January 10, 2017 determination to deny renewal of institutional accreditation to Bramson ORT College became effective on February 20, 2017.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If approved by the Board of Regents, this action will take effect, nunc pro tunc, to January 10, 2017, when the Board of Regents final determination was made, and the Regents determination to deny renewal of accreditation became effective on February 20, 2017.