

#### **IV.4 Confidentiality and the appeal process**

All information exchanged in the review process, including appeals, is strictly confidential. This includes, but is not limited to, all reports, Self-Studies, files, correspondence, discussions, and Decision Documents. During an appeal, the standards at issue are not publicly disclosed until a final decision is made.

##### **IV.4.1 Confidentiality of appeal review**

The following guidelines apply to all persons involved in the appeal process, including the ARC and Executive Board members:

- Confidential information must be used solely in conjunction with duties performed in the review of the appeal;
- Any material or other information related to the appeal process must be disposed of in a manner that protects confidentiality;
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