International Professional Accreditation

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What is International Professional Accreditation?

- A programme that has been recognised by a Professional Body as meeting the professional criteria established by that body
- A programme that demonstrates the relevance of the award to the industry
- A programme that provides entry to membership of the professional body
Why is it valuable?

- Adds professional value
- External international quality mark
- Demonstrates professional relevance
- Feedback international comparators
What information is required?

1. Nothing that you do not have already
2. Evidence is in your existing documents and materials
3. Links to institution information including policies
4. Not intrusive - no visits
The Key Sections

01 The Programmes
  - Typical Documents
  - Course Handbooks
  - Module Guides

02 The Institution
  - Typical Documents
  - Institution Details
  - Staff & Resources
  - Institution Policies

03 Quality Management Systems
  - Typical Documents
  - Student Data
Section 1: The Programmes

- Programme overview
- Programme aims and learning outcomes
- Admission requirements and selection procedures
- Articulation arrangements
- Modes of study
- Methods of delivery
- Programme structure and content
- Subject (unit) outlines by level of study
- Specialised / professional skills development
- Additional awards
- Industrial placement / internship / work-based learning
- Assessment strategy
- Panel findings
- Commendations / Observations / Recommendations
Section 2: The Institution

- Summary and background
- Ownership structure
- Organisation structure
- Relationships with other organisations
- Collaborative partnerships
- Teaching/training staff, qualifications and experience
- Teaching /CPD requirements for teaching / training staff
- Support staff
- Physical teaching / training facilities
- Practical, professional and skills development facilities
- Learning support facilities including electronic resources
- Student support services
- Promotional materials
- Panel findings
- Commendations / Observations / Recommendations
Section 3: Quality Management Systems

- Programme approvals process
- Policies and procedures
- Review and modifications
- Student and staff feedback mechanisms
- External reviews
- Student performance and results
- Sample certificates
- Panel findings
- Commendations / Observations / Recommendations
Three reviewers from panel review documentation and focus on one section
The Review

Robust 01

Evidenced based 02

Independent 03

Peer reviewed 04

Experienced 05

International 06
Currently 181 programmes are accredited across 19 countries.
THE APPLICATION FORM SAYS IT ALL

USE EXISTING DOCUMENTS BUT MAKES SURE OF LINKS

RELEVANT AND UP TO DATE

ADD NARRATIVE
Not just a scanning exercise

Not academic validation nor approvals

What it is Not!

Not expensive

Not difficult
We look forward to accrediting your programmes