

Endorsement of Initial Teacher Education Qualifications

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Change to the schedule of panels for endorsing ITT qualifications	
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<p>Background</p> <p>Initial teacher training qualifications for the lifelong learning sector must be ‘approved by the Secretary of State’ prior to their delivery to the sector to ensure that they meet all the requirements. The endorsement process carried out by Standards Verification UK (SVUK) is the mechanism by which this approval is gained. Over 420 generic and Skills for Life ITT qualifications have been introduced since September 2007.</p> <p>New Panel Process for ITT Qualifications</p> <p>SVUK is now looking to make improvements to the endorsement process to ensure an efficient and cost-effective supply of endorsed ITT qualifications and details regarding a pilot of an endorsement process will be issued shortly. As part of these changes, along with lighter-touch monitoring, a reduction in the number of new applications and new awarding institutions seeking endorsement, the ITT endorsement panels will now only take place three times during each academic year. SVUK may convene additional panels should the need arise.</p>

Panel Dates for the rest of the 2008-2009 academic year and for the 2009-2010 academic year

ITT endorsement panels will be held at the end of the following months:

2008-2009 academic year:

July 2009

2009-2010 academic year:

October 2009

February 2010

July 2010

Institutions intending to submit applications for endorsement should contact SVUK to discuss submission dates and panel arrangements.

Further information about endorsement and the endorsement process can be found on the SVUK website on page <http://www.svuk.eu/3192.htm>