

Endorsement of Initial Teacher Education Qualifications

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<p>Future of the Endorsement Service provided by Standards Verification UK</p> <p>In line with the intentions signalled in <i>Skills for Growth</i>, the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) is reviewing the arrangements by which regulated initial teacher training qualifications for the FE/learning and skills sector gain the approval of the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Until such time as revised arrangements have been determined and put in place, Standards Verification UK (SVUK) will be providing a transitional endorsement service. This will consist of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an information and support telephone/email helpline operated from SVUK offices for awarding institutions or newly appointed ITT course leaders/product managers endorsement@svuk.eu • processing of variations to endorsement such as changes to delivery centres etc

- dissemination of any revised guidance materials or other updates required during this transition period
- maintaining the published tables of endorsed qualifications
- conducting routine data collection.

Awarding institutions should note that, in common with other publicly funded bodies, SVUK's grant from BIS for 2010-2011 has been substantially reduced. As a consequence **SVUK is no longer able to offer a reviewer service**. Awarding institutions should therefore not expect contact from, or arrange development or monitoring visits from their previously assigned reviewer(s).

The expectation is that **future arrangements will be lighter touch**, reflecting that the main workforce reforms and associated qualifications are becoming more embedded, and therefore will not require a separate service for the endorsement of qualifications, in addition to other quality assurance and improvement arrangements. With this direction of travel in mind, the intention is to minimise any potential disruption during the transition.

Awarding institutions with currently endorsed provision should be aware that during the transition period **revalidated or re accredited qualifications will be considered as continuing to be endorsed**. New provision may also be developed and introduced, though this is likely to be subject to early review once the new arrangements are put in place.

Any **awarding institution new to providing regulated qualifications** for the FE/learning and skills sector **will be required to wait** for the new arrangements for their proposed qualifications to be considered.

During April 2010 **BIS will convene a group** representing those most affected by this change to agree the arrangements to replace the current endorsement process. It is expected that the new arrangements will be in place by October 2010.

Information on currently endorsed initial teacher training qualifications for the FE/learning and skills sector can be found at <http://www.standardsverificationuk.org>