

New course approval categories

New courses are grouped into three categories which indicate the approval route required. Categories are largely determined by the level of new provision. Courses may move between categories, for example where details changes during development or where those with authority to approve feel further scrutiny is required

Category	Category 1 Dean approval <i>(according to provision)</i>	Category 2 AQSC approval	Category 3 AQSC approval via validation panel
UG/PGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructed entirely from existing provision or a small number of new modules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructed from more significant levels of new content or delivery in an existing area of expertise; and/or A new type of provision or delivery where there is less expertise in the department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A course in a new curriculum area, significantly new method of delivery, or which involves external collaboration Courses which require validation to meet external requirements
PGR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new PGR course in a curriculum area already offered by the University and in which the department can demonstrate appropriate expertise/supervisory capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a course involves a new type of provision or delivery where there is less expertise in the department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A course in a new curriculum area, significantly new method of delivery, or which involves external collaboration
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing established partners only – courses constructed entirely from existing provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing established partners only – courses constructed from all existing provision plus a small number of new modules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing partners – new courses with higher levels of new content or courses in a new curriculum area All courses for new partners
Consultation			
External academic input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG/PGT/Partnerships: Current External Examiner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG/PGT/Partnerships: External academic (meeting the same criteria for External Examiner nomination) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All provision: External academic (meeting the same criteria for External Examiner nomination)
Professional input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG/PGT/Partnerships: Consultation with employer and industry contacts optional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG/PGT/Partnerships: Consultation with employer and industry contacts advisable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All provision: Validation Panel to include employer and industry contacts wherever possible
Student input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG/PGT/Partnerships: Evidence of student consultation and response required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG/PGT/Partnerships: Evidence of student consultation and response to be sought wherever possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All provision: Validation Panel to include student representation wherever possible