

Approved change to an accredited course or qualification

Introduction

As part of the standing conditions of approval of education and training the course provider/awarding body must seek approval from the GPhC for any substantial change (or proposed change) which is, or has the potential to be, material to the delivery of an accredited/recognised course/qualification. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. the content, structure or delivery of the course/qualification;
- b. ownership or management structure of the institution;
- c. resources and/or funding;
- d. student/trainee numbers and/or cohorts and/or admissions policy;
- e. partnership, sub-contracting, licensing or franchise agreements;
- f. staff resource associated with the course/qualification
- g. any changes imposed, or conditions or action plans set by other regulators or through internal or external quality management processes.

The information below is a summary of an approved change to the course of education and training since the last approval event.

Summary and outcome	
Provider/Awarding organisation	University of Birmingham, School of Pharmacy
Course/qualification	Independent prescribing
Current approval period	February 2022 - February 2026* (*twelve months extension issued from Feb 2025)
Area to which this change relates	Cohorts/Student numbers/Structure
Proposed change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of cohorts from 3 to 2 per academic year • Increase in the total number of students from 180 to 280 per academic year (140 students per cohort) • Increase in number of pharmacist students from 150 to 240 per academic year (120 per cohort)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change from current 3 module approach totalling 40 credits to 1 x 30 credit module with no change in content.
Outcome	Approved
Date approved	May 2024