

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	Queen's University Belfast (QUB)
Course	Independent prescribing programme
Current approval period	August 2022 - August 2026* *12 months extension issued from August 2025
Area to which this change relates	DPPs/Learning in practice
Proposed change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• QUB currently require that a minimum of 45 hours of the 90 hours learning in practice is spent under the direct supervision of the Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP).• The proposal is to reduce this to a minimum of 30 hours under the direct supervision of the DPP.
Outcome	Approved

Date approved	April 2024
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