

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 Reading
Course/qualification	Independent prescribing
Current approval period	April 2023 - April 2026
Area to which this change relates	Cohorts/Structure
Proposed change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction from 3 cohorts x 50 students per academic year to 2 cohorts x 75 students per academic year. • The enhanced clinical skills component (previously optional) has been incorporated in the 60-credit IP programme. • The two-module credit structure has been replaced by a one module programme of 60 credits. Assessments have not changed. One assessment, case study for each existing module, has combined into a single case study.

Outcome	Approved
Date approved	August 2024