



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 Course
Current approval period	February 2022 – February 2025
Area to which this change relates	Programme content/structure, Assessment
Proposed change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of face-to-face days in Modules 1 and 2, streamlining of clinical skills teaching • Removal of Pharmacology and Calculations assessment from Module 1 as this was a requirement of another regulator that is no longer applicable. • Significant Event Analysis Assessment replaced with Critical Reflective Essay in Module 2 • New Pharmacist only Application form replaces longer combined application form.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants will no longer be interviewed. • DBS checks will be carried out by employers. • Change from holding Tripartite meetings to e-mails being sent to the DPP checking on the student and asking the DPP to get in touch if they have any concerns.
Outcome	Approved
Date approved	4 th September 2023