



New Degree Awarding Powers Assessment by QAA

What we'll cover today

- DAPs criteria
- Preparations for application
- New DAPs plan & evidence
- Preparations for the assessment
- New DAPs test
- Probationary period

DAPs criteria

Overarching criterion

Academic community	Assurance of standards	Quality systems	When demonstrated
emerging self-critical, cohesive	clear commitment	effective (in prospect)	At application
self-critical, cohesive	proven commitment	effective	During and by end of probation

DAPs criteria

Detailed criteria

A1: Academic governance

B1-B3: Academic standards and quality assurance

C1: Scholarship and the pedagogical effectiveness of staff

D1: Environment for supporting students

E1: Evaluation of performance

Evidence requirements (outcomes)

Preparations for application

Upfront preparation by the provider

- Overall arrangements to make awards at the level for which it has applied
- Approved process for, and approval of, proposed programmes
- Timings

New DAPs plan

- Explains how the provider meets or will meet the DAPs criteria in practice by end of probation
- Indicates opportunities for consideration of the provider's arrangements against the DAPs criteria by QAA – academic calendar
- Will be updated throughout probationary period (progress and changes to plan)
- Ease of comparison between different versions of the plan over time

New DAPs evidence

- Contextual information
- Existing evidence from internal processes that demonstrates some criteria, e.g. senior academic authority
- Further evidence about proposed programmes
- Evidence plan (demonstrating processes in operation and their outcomes during probationary period)
- Evidence gathering by team throughout process (observations and meetings)

Preparations for assessment

- Once QAA has received the OfS's referral we will contact the provider to arrange an individual briefing
- Date for upload of provider's New DAPs plan and supporting evidence
- Confirm next steps of the assessment process

New DAPs test

Purpose

- Assess the credibility of the provider's New DAPs plan
- Assess the provider's understanding of the DAPs criteria
- Confirm that the standards set for the provider's proposed courses are at an appropriate level

Details of approval of the proposed programmes

New DAPs test

Comprises

- a desk-based assessment in two stages
- use of subject specialist advice
- visit – 1-2 days, meetings and other activities
- report and advice to the OfS
- report published by QAA after OfS decision has been made

Probationary period: monitoring

Purpose

Confirm provider is:

- setting and maintaining academic standards securely
- making sufficient progress in implementing its New DAPs plan

Quarterly updates and annual self-evaluation reports

Notify QAA immediately any issues that may prevent it from fully implementing its plan

Probationary period: assessment

- Evidence gathering activities
 - Visits by team and individual assessors
 - Desk-based assessment
- Assessment of evidence submitted and gathered during the probationary period
- Report and advice to the OfS
- Report published by QAA after OfS decision has been made

Questions & Answers