



Full Degree Awarding Powers Assessment by QAA

What we'll cover today

- DAPs criteria
- Preparations for application
- Self-assessment & supporting evidence
- Preparations for the assessment
- Initial assessment
- Scrutiny period

DAPs criteria

Overarching criterion

Academic community	Assurance of standards	Quality systems	When demonstrated
self-critical, cohesive	proven commitment	effective	At application

DAPs criteria

Detailed criteria (taught)

A: Academic governance

B: Academic standards and quality assurance

C: Scholarship and the pedagogical effectiveness of staff

D: Environment for supporting students

E: Evaluation of performance

Evidence requirements (outcomes)

DAPs criteria

Detailed criteria (research)

F: Academic staff

G: National guidance

H: Minimum number of doctoral degree conferrals

Evidence requirements (outcomes)

Preparations for application

Upfront preparation by the provider

- Must demonstrate meets all criteria in full at the point of application
- Not a developmental process - no longer an option for putting application into abeyance

Self-assessment

- Describes, analyses and comments on how the provider meets in practice the DAPs criteria associated with the powers sought
- Contextual information
- Academic calendar

Supporting evidence

- Existing evidence from internal processes
- Further evidence available during scrutiny 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 Self-assessment and supporting evidence
- Confirm next steps of the assessment process

Initial assessment

Purpose

Assess the credibility of the provider's self-assessment and supporting evidence as basis for the scrutiny process

Comprises

- A desk-based assessment
- Outcome and advice to the OfS

Scrutiny period

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

Questions & Answers