

Annex B: Summary of TEF and minimum requirements assessments

The quality system	
Minimum requirements assessment (mandatory)	TEF rating (optional)
Purpose	
Assess whether a provider meets the minimum requirements of conditions B1, B2, B3 and B4	
	Determine whether quality is at a higher level
Criteria	
Student experience • Course content • Course delivery • Assessment and feedback • Student support • Learning resources • Student engagement	Student outcomes • Continuation • Completion • Post-study outcomes
Criteria are judged as satisfactory or unsatisfactory	Criteria are judged as outstanding, high quality, satisfactory or unsatisfactory

Evidence: Student experience	
NSS indicators where available	Sufficient NSS indicators
• Provider submission demonstrating the requirements of conditions B1, B2 and B4 are met • Additional information and a site visit if the provider is selected for an enhanced assessment • Other relevant information (e.g. Ofsted and PSRB findings)	
	• Additional evidence in the provider submission about quality exceeding the minimum requirements • Independent student submission
Evidence: Student outcomes	
Any available student outcomes indicators	Sufficient student outcomes indicators
Provider submission of contextual evidence about any indicators of concern identified by the OfS	
	Provider submission optionally addressing performance in other indicators

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Assessment	
• Small assessment team consisting of academic assessors, student assessors and an OfS staff member • A lead assessor from each team presents the team's recommendations to the Quality Assessment and TEF panel • Quality Assessment and TEF panel makes decisions on the assessment outcomes • Providers can make representations about Requires improvement, Bronze or Unsatisfactory outcomes	
Outcomes	
Outcome for each aspect is published by the OfS and the provider	
Each aspect is assessed as either Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory	Each aspect is assessed as either Gold, Silver, Bronze or Requires improvement
Consequences	
• Student recruitment limits would apply to providers with either a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory outcome • Providers would not normally be eligible to apply for degree awarding powers • Reassessment is normally based on the lowest outcome: - Satisfactory: three years - Unsatisfactory: two years	• Student recruitment limits would apply to providers with Bronze or Requires improvement ratings • Providers with Bronze or Requires improvement ratings would not be eligible to apply for or extend degree awarding powers • Reassessment is normally based on the lowest rating: - Gold: five years - Silver: four years - Bronze: three years - Requires improvement: two years