**Validation of programmes where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) is the awarding body**

The University offers a number of externally accredited professional programmes for which the University itself is not the awarding body. The curriculum, assessment and quality assurance strategies for such programmes are largely – in some cases wholly – determined by the external awarding body, thus limiting the scope for discussion and modification at the validation stage. The procedures described below will therefore normally apply to such programmes.

**Documentation**

1. The documentation submitted for validation will normally comprise:
	* the application form for accreditation, where such a document exists;
	* the syllabus provided by the external body, where such a document exists;
	* an abridged programme document using the template provided in Appendix AC5a. The precise content of each section will depend on the external body’s practices and requirements;
	* the external accreditation report, centre approval form or other evidence of accreditation of the University by the external body.

**First stage validation**

1. The first stage validation process will normally comprise:
	* submission of the validation documentation to the Head of Academic Office for comment using Appendix AC5b;
	* the accreditation process required by the external body.
2. For the purposes of first stage validation, the external body is deemed to fulfil the role of external advisors.

**Second stage validation**

1. The second stage validation process normally comprises submission of the validation document and the completed AC5b form to the Academic Standards Committee for information.