

If only Recommendations are identified then these would be communicated to the College for a response by the programme team along with the revised documentation in the usual way.

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The College will submit revised documents containing a response to any Conditions and Recommendations, within six weeks of the report being sent to the College. The revised document(s) should be submitted to AQSC at the University, highlighting clearly in the body of the text where revisions have been made.

Panel Decision and Conditions and Recommendations

Following necessary clarifications from the Programme Team, the Panel will take a decision on the revalidation proposal, and will recommend one of the following to the University.

- (a) To validate/revalidate the programme as it stands for the following five years.
- (b) To validate/revalidate the programme for the following five years subject to a number of Conditions (changes which must be satisfactorily addressed prior to the commencement of the delivery of the programme) and/or Recommendations (areas that the Programme Team are invited to review but which are not considered essential changes).
- (c) Not to validate/revalidate the programme at this stage due to substantial concerns about one or more aspects of the programme, e.g. staffing/resources, academic content/coherence, etc. The Panel will then advise the College as to whether or not a resubmission of the proposal is possible and, if so, the time-scale for resubmission.

The recommendation will be reported by AQSC to the appropriate University committees and/or representatives.

Following this, the programme will be submitted for final approval to the Director of Quality Assurance and Enhancement, who has delegated authority from Senate.

If, following consideration by the Panel of the revised documentation, there remain substantive issues with the programme which need wider discussion within the University; these may be referred to the Regional Provision Teaching Committee (RPTC) for wider consideration.