

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.4.9

EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

COVER SHEET

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Unit 30B1: Access Diploma (SRC)

*Presenter: Professor R Fee*

To consider a proposal for a one-year extension to the period of approval for Access Diploma (SRC).

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**REQUEST TO EXTEND APPROVAL AND POSTPONE REVALIDATION**

**Form CA6b)**

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**SECTION A: FACULTY REQUEST**

FACULTY: AHSS

SCHOOL: Communication and Media

REVALIDATION UNIT NUMBER AND NAME: Access Dip (SRC) Unit No 30B1

MONTH/YEAR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED: November 2020

**PERIOD OF EXTENSION REQUESTED:**

(eg one year to include the September 2018 intake) One year to include the 2021 intake – extension to November 2021.

**COURSE(S):**

(Identify specific courses unless the whole unit)

6759 AccDip Adult Learning General PT  
6959 AccDip Adult Learning Science FT  
6734 AccDip Adult Learning Soc Sci Hum FT  
6727 AccDip Ad Learn Soc Sci Hum PT  
6733 AccDip Ad Learn Soc Sci Hum FT  
6737 AccDip Ad Learn Science PT  
6958 AccDip Ad Learn General PT  
6760 AccDip Ad Learn Science FT  
6731 AccDip Ad Learn Soc Sci Hum PT  
6735 AccDip Ad Learn Soc Sci Hum FT  
6958 AccDip Ad Learn Sci PT  
6995 AccDip Ad Learn Sci PT  
7102 AccDip Ad Learn General PT

**REASON FOR REQUEST:** Impact of Covid 19 pandemic has delayed preparation for revalidation as staff re-focus on immediate needs of course delivery and assessment.

**CURRENCY AND VALIDITY:**

(Please confirm that the curriculum remains current and valid and provide evidence of this (eg extract from most recent external examiner reports and those of relevant professional, statutory and regulatory body)

These courses remain valid. See ACR Self-evaluation with FPM report attached.

**STANDARDS AND QUALITY:**

(Please confirm that quality is high and there are no concerns. Provide evidence of this through external examiner reports and annual monitoring datasets and reports)

Quality of delivery remains high. No concerns. EE report and action forms from June 2019, plus ACR Self-evaluation with FPM report attached.

PSRB (if applicable):

(Please confirm that any deferral will be accommodated by the PSRB and that accreditation will be ongoing for the full duration of the deferral)

NA

DEMAND: Courses recruiting well.

FACULTY PARTNERSHIP MANAGER'S ASSESSMENT (for partner institutions only):

These courses are running smoothly. Recruitment remains healthy, and enhancement activities to improve progression are ongoing. Preparation for the revalidation has been impacted significantly by the pandemic, and staff whilst continuing to work systematically towards the revalidation, need the space to focus on teaching and student support in this current year.

**FACULTY CONFIRMATION:**

SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Dean (Education)

DATE: 26-05-2020

The completed form should be returned to the Academic Office, Room J410, Tower Building, Coleraine.

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**SECTION B: ACADEMIC OFFICE COMMENTS:**

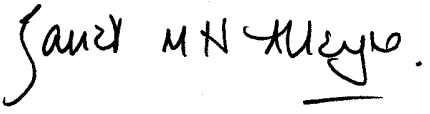
This unit was scheduled to be revalidated in 2020/21 academic year and it was planned to use a single panel to review the entire provision of AHSS access courses across the four colleges involved. The Academic Office acknowledges that preparations for the proposed revalidation would be complex and require significant co-ordination and that the operating context arising from the pandemic means that the proposed revalidation in 2020/21 presents significant difficulties. It is proposed that the period of approval is extended by a year so that the revalidation would take place in 2021/22. The external examiner is supportive of the programmes and indicates that there are no fundamental risks to quality and standards and that the programmes are operating very well.

SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Policy and Standards Manager

DATE: 28 May 2020

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**SECTION C: QUALITY ENHANCEMENT ASSESSMENT (reflecting annual monitoring data)**

  
SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
Head of Quality Enhancement

DATE: 28 May

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**SECTION D: ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(delegated authority from Senate)**

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

DECISION: Approve (Yes/No)

Late requests (in-year and no imminent Committee meeting) (actioned by Chair on behalf of ASQEC)

DECISION: Approve (Yes/No)

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair ASQEC

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REPORTED TO ASQEC:

Academic Office  
July 2019