

Guidance Note on Academic Accreditation: Annex E

Location of Study

This annex provides information that is additional to that in the main guidance note on academic accreditation. The following wording is suggested for use in communications with universities through, for example, professional engineering institution websites and accreditation decision letters. Professional engineering institutions may wish to contextualise the final wording in their own communications with universities to accommodate their registration processes.

Statement for Universities and other HE Providers on Location of Study

If accreditation is sought for a degree programme that is delivered on multiple campuses (including through franchise or partnership* arrangements) professional engineering institution(s) must be invited to visit all centres involved in delivery, or informed of campuses for which accreditation is not sought. A visit is usually required to each campus for which programme accreditation is sought to enable professional engineering institutions to consider evidence from a range of indicators including human, physical and material resources, and meeting(s) with students. If a programme is delivered at more than one campus students will only be considered to have completed an accredited programme if they have completed the programme at a campus** for which accreditation is confirmed.

If a degree is delivered at multiple campuses the university must either agree with the accrediting professional engineering institution(s) a means of clearly presenting the location of study/accreditation status of each degree awarded or ensure that the degree is accredited for delivery at every campus. Please note that it is not acceptable to some professional engineering institutions for the accreditation status of the award or delivery campus to be referred to only on the graduate's degree transcript or the back of degree certificates as these are not used in their membership processes.

Universities involved in delivering and/or awarding of degrees delivered on multiple campuses must either secure accreditation of engineering provision in all locations, or make it absolutely clear in any material referring to the programmes where such programmes have not been accredited. Professional engineering institutions may refuse to accredit programmes if they believe that universities (or their partners) are not being sufficiently clear about the non-accredited status of franchised degree programmes and/or degrees delivered through collaborative partnership(s) and/or at different campuses.

*Partnership in this context refers specifically to partnership arrangements pertaining to the delivery of an accredited degree.

**Completed at a campus means that the student registered at that campus and, with the exception of distance or work based learning students, they completed the majority of their studies including final assessments at that campus.