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Engineering Accreditation Board

Statement on future joint visit arrangements August 2023

As indicated in a statement published in October 2022 (Annex A below), the Engineering Accreditation (Board) EAB is reviewing its operations, including future arrangements for joint accreditation visits.

University departments that had participated in an EAB visit during the preceding five-year period or had an EAB visit planned were invited in autumn 2022 to respond to a short consultation survey. Seventeen responses were received for twenty-four university departments contacted. Responses confirmed that:

- All respondents value EAB visits and associated services.
- All responding departments would be very likely or likely to pay a fee to support any future joint visit secretariat.

EAB visits currently scheduled will go ahead as planned during the 2023/24 academic year.

The Professional Engineering Institutions (PEIs) that make up the EAB have agreed that:

- The EAB will not continue in its current form, with the Engineering Council providing the secretariat, after the 2023/24 academic year (after 31 August 2024).
- Any further submissions requesting EAB visits during the 2023/24 academic year:
 - will be considered on a first-come first-served basis, and
 - must be received by the EAB secretariat by 1 October 2023, and
 - will be subject to EAB secretariat and PEI availability.
- PEIs will continue to discuss future arrangements for joint accreditation visits where multiple PEIs visit a university department to consider accreditation of one or more programmes in which they have a shared interest.
- The 2024/25 academic year will be a transition year during which:
 - PEIs will share responsibility for providing secretariat for joint accreditation visits.
 - Submissions and visit reports for visits to be held during 2024/25 should be completed using existing EAB documentation for accreditation against AHEP 4.
 - Priority will be given to visit university departments that had an EAB visit during the 2019/20 academic year as they will be due a joint visit in 2024/25
 - Any additional requests for joint accreditation visits will be considered by PEIs on a case-by-case basis. Departments are urged to contact the [PEIs](#) directly.
 - Any other joint visits that are usually managed without being EAB visits will continue as usual.

Arrangements to support joint accreditation visits beyond the 2024/25 academic year will be confirmed in due course. A preferred option is now being explored in depth, which, if viable, could be introduced progressively from 2025/26 onwards as the long-term replacement for current EAB visits.

If you have any questions, about the review or arranging joint accreditation visits to be held during the 2023/24 or 2024/25 academic years, please contact eab@engc.org.uk in the first instance.

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Annex A

Statement on the future of EAB – October 2022

The Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) is an independent body, made up of professional engineering institutions (PEIs) that accredit degree programmes. The EAB is reviewing its operations, including future arrangements for joint accreditation visits. No decisions have yet been made, EAB visits currently scheduled will go ahead as planned and any requests for EAB visits to be held before the end of the 2023/24 academic year will continue to be considered. To inform this review and consideration of options to support future joint visit arrangements, EAB is currently seeking views from HEIs that have recently participated in EAB visits or have EAB visits scheduled. Further communications will be issued in the coming months as the review progresses. If you have any questions, about the review or about EAB visits more generally, please contact eab@engc.org.uk in the first instance.