

### Review Specification for Swansea – Renewal of Recognition of Recognised Qualification Review

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#### Background

1. Swansea University currently provides the following qualification which is due to expire on 14 December 2019: Master of Osteopathy – 4 years full time.
2. Swansea wishes to renew this qualification. A copy of the current Recognised Qualification award and the last Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) Report is attached for information.

#### QAA Review

3. The GOsC requests that the QAA schedules a combined renewal of recognition review of the following qualification: Master of Osteopathy – 4 years full time.
4. The format of the review will be based on the GOsC/QAA Handbook (<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews-and-reports/how-we-review-higher-education/general-osteopathic-council-review>) and the *Osteopathic Practice Standards* (<http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/standards/>). Associated guidance will also include the *Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education* (2015) (<http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/training-and-registration/becoming-an-osteopath/guidance-osteopathic-pre-registration-education/>).
5. In addition to the usual review format, the GOsC would like to ensure that the following areas are explored:
  - a. The implementation of the new assessment arrangements - detailed scrutiny of the underpinning evidence.
  - b. The clarity and consistency of the presentation of the data provided in relation to student numbers and progression compared to previous years and implications in terms of progression and standards – this is important to understand progression and standards.
  - c. The way in which the external examiners are appointed (external examiners follow through an individual cohort rather than considering the whole course as a whole) to explore any implications which may arise from this model. This is a wider university approach and would best be explored, in terms of implications for standards.
  - d. The process of completion and monitoring of the annual monitoring report and equivalent to provide assurance that the feedback mechanisms and actions identified are being followed through to maintain standards. Whilst there are only limited actions which do not have an update, this is an important issue as ensures that actions are monitored and progressed shows

that issues are managed and monitored at an early stage rather than being managed at crisis point.

6. The provisional timetable for the Swansea University RQ review will be as follows:
- June 2018 – Committee agreement of review specification and statutory appointment of Visitors.
  - October/November 2018 – Submission of self-evaluation document
  - Visit in December 2018/January 2019 – Visit (including observation of teaching and learning both clinical and academic and opportunities for discussions with staff and students.)
  - February/March 2019 – Draft Report sent to Swansea for comments– statutory period.
  - March 2019 – Preparation of Action Plan to meet proposed conditions (if any).
  - June 2019 – Recommendation from the Committee to Council to recognise the qualification.
  - July 2019 – Recognition of Qualification by the General Osteopathic Council.
  - Before December 2019 – Approval by the Privy Council.

This timetable will be the subject of negotiation with Swansea, GOsC and the QAA to ensure mutually convenient times.