

Annual Good Standing

What is Good Standing?

All courses at Leeds Beckett are subject to an annual confirmation of validation status, based on maintenance of good standing in respect of academic standards and quality. Confirmation of validation status on an annual basis replaces the former six-year revalidation cycle.

When is Good Standing Considered?

The good standing of Undergraduate courses will be considered by a University Validation Panel annually each **November**. The good standing of taught Postgraduate courses will be considered each **March**. All courses will be considered which have active student enrolments.

What Indicators are considered by the Panel?

The University Validation Panel's consideration of good standing takes account of indicators and contextual information relating to quality and standards. These indicators include:

- Scorecard data published in relation to the most recent academic year
- Confirmation that executive summaries and action plans have been produced for the most recent academic year referencing course level Monitoring, Annual Review and Enhancement (MARE) activities
- Feedback from external examiner reports
- Confirmation in executive summaries that appropriate mechanisms are in place to represent the student voice
- PSRB accreditations which are due to expire in the upcoming academic year and supplementary information concerning latest accreditation reports
- Currency and relevance of the curriculum: this will be informed by the date the course was last considered by a validation panel and the number of modifications proposed by course teams during the most recent academic year
- Student complaints upheld during the most recent academic year
- Additional contextual information related to collaborative delivery

The Panel's consideration of these indicators will take account of actions specified in course level action plans to address any areas of concern or sub-benchmark performance.

What Preparation by Course Teams is Required Prior to Good Standing Consideration?

Prior to the convening of the Good Standing University Validation Panel, course teams should complete their course-level Monitoring, Annual Review and Enhancement activities, as normal. Course teams should ensure that actions are in place to address any areas of sub-benchmark performance, negative external examiner feedback, upheld student complaints or any difficulties securing appropriate student representation for the course.

Quality Assurance Services will request the submission of executive summaries and action plans by a specified deadline. Academic Quality Support Officers will collate these and submit on behalf of your school.

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Outcomes of Good Standing

Given the breadth of provision under consideration, courses will be considered in categories relating to each indicator. Where courses have been considered in multiple categories, they will have an outcome in respect of each indicator.

Outcomes of the Panel's consideration may be to confirm good standing, to confirm good standing subject to conditions and/or recommendations or to not confirm good standing. A full list of possible conditions of good standing are outlined within the [Academic Regulations](#) *Section 13.4.3d: Outcomes of the Process for the Maintenance of Validated Status*. Conditions may include:

- **Submission of an updated executive summary and/or action plan**
An updated executive summary and/or action plan may be required to evidence specific actions in place to address areas of sub-benchmark performance, negative external examiner feedback, upheld student complaints or any difficulties securing appropriate student representation for the course.
- **Submission of a Critical Appraisal of the course**
Where a critical appraisal is requested by the Panel, this should include a review of the operation of the course, reflection on the current performance of the course including areas of sub-benchmark course performance and identification of actions to be implemented to enhance the course.
- **Confirmation of an appropriate response provided to a negative external examiner response**
If a negative external examiner response has been given to any of the three key questions about standards set, student achievement and/or conduct of processes, good standing may be conditional on receiving confirmation that an appropriate response has been provided, including evidence that any agreed actions have been met.
- **Submission of outstanding reports of last PSRB accreditation review/ confirmation exercises**
Where the report or written confirmation of the latest accreditation activity for a course has not yet been shared with QAS for the purposes of maintaining the institutional PSRB Register, good standing may be conditional upon the submission of the outstanding report or written confirmation from the accrediting body.
- **Referral of the course for Enhanced Monitoring**
See [Academic Regulations](#) *Section 13.7.2: Enhanced Monitoring* for further details of this process.
- **Referral of the course for redevelopment with a full validation panel required at the culmination of that process**
- **Referral of the course for further scrutiny and feedback from external expertise or students**

Other outcomes may be agreed by the Panel, where these are deemed appropriate based on the relevant indicator(s).

The Panel will agree deadlines by which conditions should be met. The Panel will reconvene after this deadline to consider responses to conditions and to confirm whether good standing can now be recommended.

Contacts and Further Information

- [Academic Regulations](#), Section 13: Validation, Monitoring and Review
- Quality Assurance Services: QAS@leedsbeckett.ac.uk
- [Monitoring, Annual Review and Enhancement](#) QAS staff webpage

