

# Advisory visits

<b>Definition:</b>	To prepare HEIs for an accreditation visit and to increase the likelihood of success for HEIs without currently accredited degrees.
<b>Trigger:</b>	ADAMS (following Initial request and review process) or at the request of the Department.
<b>Protocol:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For departments:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ new to accreditation</li> <li>○ whose accreditation has lapsed for 2 or more years</li> <li>○ who have undergone significant changes since their last accreditation visit</li> <li>○ who are seeking accreditation at a new level.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The output from an advisory visit is a report recommending:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether the programmes are accreditable</li> <li>- If yes, then in what timeframe</li> <li>- Also what actions the Department needs to take in order to prepare for accreditation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• May result in the HEI seeking an accreditation visit</li> <li>• The information required to undertake this review is defined in ADAMS.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting Documentation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accreditation Information Pack (PA B 30)</li> <li>• Submission Guidance</li> <li>• REPORT_AdvVisit (PA B 18)</li> <li>• If full Advisory Visit is not appropriate we have an alternative procedure called Accreditation Consultation (see PA B 2a and PA B 2b)</li> </ul>



