

Advisory visits

Definition:	To prepare HEIs for an accreditation visit and to increase the likelihood of success for HEIs without currently accredited degrees.
Trigger:	ADAMS (following Initial request and review process) or at the request of the Department.
Protocol:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ new to accreditation ○ whose accreditation has lapsed for 2 or more years ○ who have undergone significant changes since their last accreditation visit ○ who are seeking accreditation at a new level. • The output from an advisory visit is a report recommending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether the programmes are accreditable - If yes, then in what timeframe - Also what actions the Department needs to take in order to prepare for accreditation • May result in the HEI seeking an accreditation visit • The information required to undertake this review is defined in ADAMS.
Supporting Documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-20 Accreditation Information Pack (PA B 30) • Submission Guidance • REPORT_AdvVisit_2019-20 (PA B 18) • If full Advisory Visit is not appropriate we have an alternative procedure called Accreditation Consultation (see PA B 2a and PA B 2b)



