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## The UK Quality Code for Higher Education

### Guidance for using the Quality Code in Enhancement led Institutional Reviews (ELIR) in 2013-14

The following is designed to make explicit which version of each Chapter of the Quality Code should be used in Enhancement led Institutional Reviews (ELIR) being conducted in 2013-14.

It makes clear which new or revised Chapters have reached the end of their implementation periods in time to be used in this year's reviews. Two Chapters (*Chapter B4* and *Chapter B10*) reach that point in January 2014 and are therefore included.

Remaining Chapters of the Quality Code were published on 31 October 2013 and will be used in ELIRs from August 2014.

An [Implementation timeline](#) illustrating which Chapter comes into effect when for review purposes is also available on the QAA website.

Chapter	URL
A1: The national level	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A1.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A1.aspx</a>
A2: The subject and qualification level	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A2.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A2.aspx</a> Subject benchmark statements accessed at: <a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/AssuringStandardsAndQuality/subject-guidance/Pages/Subject-benchmark-statements.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/AssuringStandardsAndQuality/subject-guidance/Pages/Subject-benchmark-statements.aspx</a>
A3: The programme level	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A3.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A3.aspx</a>
A4: Approval and review	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A4.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A4.aspx</a>
A5: Externality	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A5.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A5.aspx</a>
A6: Assessment of achievement of learning outcomes	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A6.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-A6.aspx</a>

B1: Programme design and approval	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B1.pdf">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B1.pdf</a>
B2: Admissions	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B2.pdf">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B2.pdf</a>
B3: Learning and teaching	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B3.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B3.aspx</a>
B4: Enabling student development and achievement	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B4.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B4.aspx</a> (Effective January 2014)
B5: Student engagement	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B5.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B5.aspx</a>
B6: Assessment of students and the accreditation of prior learning	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B6.pdf">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B6.pdf</a> <i>The Guidelines on the accreditation of prior learning in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are currently held separately at:</i> <a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/Guidelines-on-the-accreditation-of-prior-learning-September-2004.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/Guidelines-on-the-accreditation-of-prior-learning-September-2004.aspx</a>
B7: External examining	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B7.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B7.aspx</a>
B8: Programme monitoring and review	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B8.pdf">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B8.pdf</a>
B9: Complaints and appeals	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B9.pdf">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/Quality-Code-Chapter-B9.pdf</a>
B10: Managing higher education provision with others	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B10.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B10.aspx</a> (Effective January 2014)
B11: Research degrees	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B11.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/quality-code-B11.aspx</a>
Part C: Information about higher education provision	<a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/Quality-Code-Part-C.aspx">www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/Quality-Code-Part-C.aspx</a>

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