
Education and Training Committee – 17 November 2011

Practitioner psychologists - List of approved programmes (historic)

Introduction

At the meeting of the Committee on 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed the list of currently approved practitioner psychologist programmes as well as the list of programmes which were approved historically for specific periods. These recommended lists were based on accreditation information received from the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Following this date the Education Department received further information which resulted in minor changes to the list of currently approved programmes and provided greater clarification for the list of programmes which were approved historically. At the meetings of Committee outlined in Background Information, Committee agreed amended programme lists.

This paper is a follow up to the paper of the 8 September 2011 Committee to address further changes that the Department has received to the list of historically approved programmes. The Committee is now asked to agree the amendments listed in Appendix 1 as final.

Background information

Article 15(8) of the Health Professions Order provides that:

- “(8) The Council shall maintain and publish a list of the courses of education and training, qualifications and institutions –
- (a) which are for the time being approved under this Order: or
 - (b) which have been approved under this Order but which are no longer approved, together with a record of the periods in respect of which they were approved.”

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 5 of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 provides that:

“(1) The HPC and the BPS, and the HPC and the AEP, shall enter into arrangements (which may include financial arrangements) to facilitate the introduction of the new arrangements for the statutory regulation of practitioner psychologists arising out of this Order

“(2) The arrangements entered into under paragraph (1) shall include arrangements to ensure that all the names in the BPS register and the AEP register which are to be entered in the HPC register with effect from the appointed day for practitioner psychologists are so entered.”

In turn, schedule 2(16) of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 outlines amendments to schedule 3 of the Health Professions Order 2001. The amendment of schedule 3 refers to the following definitions;

““AEP register” means the aggregate of the entries in the membership list maintained by the Association of Educational Psychologists (which held its inaugural meeting at the London School of Economics on 14th April 1962 and was founded on that date(49)) that relate to full members of the Association;”;

““BPS register” means the aggregate of the entries in the register maintained by the British Psychological Society (which was incorporated by Royal Charter on 26th February 1965(50)) that relate to holders of practising certificates who are full members of one or more of the divisions of the Society in respect of the following branches of psychology: clinical psychology; counselling psychology; educational psychology; forensic psychology; health psychology; occupational psychology; and sport and exercise psychology;”

It is therefore necessary for the Committee to maintain and publish lists of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists.

List of historically approved programmes

At its meeting of 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed to approve individual programmes and ‘combination routes’ for historical periods, subject to receiving final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing. These decisions became effective from 1 July 2009 and the lists have been published on the website. Following the receipt of final data from the BPS which provided the Department with greater clarification and allowed the individual programmes and ‘combination routes’ to be recorded as one list of historically approved programmes the amended list was presented to Committee on 8 September 2011.

Since the 8 September 2011 Committee, there have been further minor amendments to the list of historically approved programmes following discussions and additional evidence supplied by the BPS. Appendix 1 contains the final recommended list of historically approved programmes. For ease of reference the reason that the changes have been made are noted in the final column of the table in Appendix 1.

Decision

The Committee is therefore asked to agree the following:

- To accept the amendments to the historically approved programmes outlined in Appendix 1.

Background information

- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (11 June 2009).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (22 September 2009).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (25 November 2009).

- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (10 March 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (8 June 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (16 September 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (18 November 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (10 March 2011).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (9 June 2011).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (8 September 2011).

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Amendments to list of historically approved programmes

Date of paper

4 November 2011

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CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee September 2011
University of Aberdeen	Full time	MSc Clinical Psychology	University of Aberdeen	1976	1989	References for one year supervised practice and Certificate for the award from the education provider	First cohort date amended to earlier start date following further information from BPS

OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee September 2011
Glasgow Caledonian University	Full time	MSc Occupational Psychology	Glasgow Caledonian University	2004	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice and Letter from BPS ratifying completion of logbook	Commencement date for final cohort amended due to further information provided by BPS. Final cohort date changed from 2008 to 2007
University of Manchester	Full time	MSc Occupational Psychology	University of Manchester	1986	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice and Letter from BPS ratifying completion of logbook	Programme title changed following further information provided by BPS. Programme title was originally MSc Organisational Psychology
University of Strathclyde	Full time	MSc Occupational Psychology	University of Strathclyde	2004	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice and Letter from BPS ratifying completion of logbook	Commencement date for final cohort amended due to further information provided by BPS. Final cohort date changed from 2008 to 2007