



DESIGNING A VOLUNTARY INSPECTION SCHEME FOR MICRO-CREDENTIALS

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Why is BAC launching a MC Scheme?

- Provider base covers independent, further and higher education in UK and internationally
- Has experience with accrediting providers of short courses (not necessarily leading to certification)

What the Scheme is?

- Voluntary, not linked to any regulatory requirements
- Open to UK and international providers of MCs
- There are no restrictions on the size or nature of the MC provision
- Applied at institutional level, for the whole of the MC provision
- Tests the robustness of the management and quality assurance arrangements for MCs
- Provider can apply before/during/after MC delivery
- Provider can change MC provision during accreditation cycle of 4 years

What the Scheme is NOT?

- Not inspecting programme by programme or course by course
- Not inspecting subject/discipline content

Where will the focus lie?

- Connection to lifelong learning
- Policy specificity for MC-related activities
- Recognition and stackability arrangements, if available
- Design and planning processes (if modules of larger degree, what adjustments)
- Agility in monitoring and review
- Closure triggers and their efficiency
- Transparency on prerequisites for enrolment
- Ability to cater for diverse groups of learners
- Arrangements for intense engagement with the labour market, for all MC stages
- Flexibility on staffing arrangements and appropriateness of appraisal procedures

What evidence may be requested?

- Records of interaction with industry representatives
- Policy on course/programme closures
- Agreements regarding recognition, articulation, stackability and/or internal frameworks

FINALLY....



How is it being rolled out?

- Pilot of 4 months, during this time fees are waived for all provider applying
- Pilot will launch with a provider briefing on **12 October 2022** (registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/micro-credentials-mc-scheme-bac-pilot-briefing-for-providers-tickets-427138441577>)

To find out more, register for the pilot briefing for providers or contact us at British Accreditation Council
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Thank you!

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