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Accreditation and Recognition of **Graduate Apprenticeships**

Meeting National Industry and Education Standards

What is UVAC?

The University Vocational Awards Council (UVAC) was established in 1999 to influence and promote the development of vocational education and training with Higher Education Institutions and Further Education Colleges.

It is committed to working with employers, Sector Skills Councils and the National Council for Work Experience to develop and implement an education and industry approved national standard for Graduate Apprenticeships as a contribution to enhanced graduate employability.

Graduate Apprenticeships

Graduate Apprenticeships are intended not only to improve employability of graduates but also to expand higher education opportunities to employees. Graduate Apprenticeships are based upon frameworks defined by the relevant Sector Skills Council and bring together Key Skills and NVQs/National Occupational Standards with undergraduate or post-graduate degrees.

What is the Graduate Apprenticeship Kite-mark?

The UVAC kite mark process is designed to recognise and accredit the standard of the Graduate Apprenticeships delivered by institutions. Institutions with accredited programmes will be eligible to display the joint UVAC and relevant Sector Skills Council recognition mark on all certificates and programme related materials. The kite mark is obtained for identified individual Graduate Apprenticeship programmes and is valid for three years following successful accreditation.

Benefits of the Kite Mark

The UVAC Graduate Apprenticeship kite mark is intended to provide national recognition for HEIs, industry, undergraduates/graduates, and employees a high quality of provision that meets the national industry and education specification within the relevant framework. The successful completion of the accreditation process will result in achievement of Sector Skills Councils/Sector Bodies recognition and UVAC accredited status.

Steps to Accreditation

- 1 Request Application form
- 2 Return completed application form to UVAC with supporting documentation. (Usually validation documentation referenced to the UVAC accreditation criteria)
- 3 Programme(s) documentation is reviewed by UVAC/Sector Representative or UVAC/Sector Representative attends validation event as appropriate.
- 4 Education and Accreditation Committee recognises Programme.
- 5 Formal certificate of accreditation with kite mark is issued for 3 years.

Cost of Accreditation Services

UVAC member institutions:

£375 for each individual Graduate Apprenticeship accredited.

Non UVAC member institutions:

£475 for each individual Graduate Apprenticeship accredited.

If an institution is submitting 6 or more programmes for accreditation at one time then a discount scheme will apply.

UVAC member institutions will receive a discount of 25% for a collective submission and Non UVAC members will receive a 10% discount.