The aim of the QA newsletter is to provide:

- a summary of changes in QA procedures and processes recommended by Education Board and the Graduate School Board;
- an update on external QAA (Quality Assurance Agency) reviews, consultations and developments;
- an update on developments in collaborative provision,
- a note of Kent Vision (SITS)-related matters.

More information can be accessed through the relevant weblinks below and any queries should be forwarded to qa@kent.ac.uk.

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1. **Code of Practice for Taught Programmes of Study**
   **Annex C: Approval and Withdrawal of Programmes**

   The *Proforma for the use of External Advisers in Programme Approval* has been updated with some additional questions.

   The proforma is available listed under Annex C of the Code or Practice at
   [https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes/index.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes/index.html)

   The full Code of Practice for Taught Programmes of Study may be viewed at
   [https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes/index.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes/index.html)

2. **Credit Framework**
   **Annex 9: Concessions Applications**

   The following new paragraph has been inserted in the Annex:

   [Insert new paragraph here]
The University accepts that a student may exceptionally have a legitimate non-concessionary reason for missing a coursework deadline, such as participation in a high level (e.g. national) sporting event or a job or placement interview, and that in such a case an appropriate School response might be to reschedule the coursework deadline or, in an extreme case or where rescheduling will not be appropriate, to disregard the coursework.

Annex 9 may be viewed at https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/credit-framework/creditinfoannex9new.html

The full Credit Framework may be viewed at https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/credit-framework/index.html

3. Collaborative Provision: Policies and Procedures

Part 2 of the Collaborative Provision: Policies and Procedures has been amended as follows in order to improve the timetable for Periodic Strategic Reviews.

2.8.3 Timing of Reviews

2.8.3.1 Reviews will usually take place at least six months, and no less than four months, prior to the renewal of the partnership and expiry of the related Memorandum of Agreement.

2.8.3.2 Six Two months prior to the Periodic Strategic Review the University will begin to undertake renewed Due Diligence checks and Risk Assessments on the partner organisation.

Part 2 of the Collaborative Provision: Policies and Procedures may be viewed at https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/collaborative/procedures/collabprocedures2.html#strategic_review

4. Collaborative Partnerships Developments

A register of all approved partner institutions can be viewed at https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/collaborative/documents/collabprovregister15-02-17.pdf