



'Developing and Managing Articulation Agreements'

**A Joint seminar of the Council of Validating Universities (CVU)
and the Northern Universities Consortium (NUCCAT)**

Thursday 15th December 2011, 10.30am-3.00pm at
The Studio, The Hive, 51 Lever Street, Manchester M1 1FN
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Seminar aims:

'Articulation' describes the process by which students who have completed a programme of study of one organisation may use the credit achieved to gain entry to year two, three or four of another institution's programme by means of a formal progression agreement. Academic approval is based on a judgement of equivalence, both in content and level, between the articulation programme and the award to which entry with advanced standing is being sought. However, while the provider of the articulation programme retains responsibility for its own provision the receiving institution will also wish to satisfy itself that procedures exist to assure the programme's continuing standards. This seminar aims to explore some of the challenges pertaining to the approval and maintenance of articulation arrangements, including:

- Recognising overseas and other UK (including non-QCF) qualifications
- Establishing academic equivalence, e.g. mapping to programme learning outcomes, FHEQ and subject benchmark statements; use of NARIC for overseas qualifications
- Monitoring and review of articulation programmes, e.g. annual monitoring requirements, access to programme provider's QA documentation, external verification reports etc.
- Designing formal articulation agreements.

Draft Programme:

1030	Registration
1100	Introduction: QAA definition of articulation and related issues (<i>Sarah Butler, Assistant Director, Development and Enhancement Group, Quality Assurance Agency</i>)
1120	Developing and managing articulation arrangements - Case studies x 2 (<i>Dr Allan McKinley, International Development Officer, University of Birmingham; Neil Owens, Assistant Registrar, Kingston University</i>)
1215	Panel discussion and Q&A
1245	Lunch
1330	Articulation agreements and associated legal issues (<i>Speaker TBA</i>)
1415	Breakout discussion groups
1445	Feedback and Q&A
1500	Close

To book:

Please complete and return the attached booking form by Wednesday 30th November 2011. A one-off Seminar rate of **£100** has been agreed for representatives of CVU, NUCCAT or SEEC Member institutions. The booking fee for Non-members is **£140**. Refreshments and lunch are included.

Kind regards

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