

# New programme approvals (validation) an overview

## What is Validation/approval?

Validation ensures that a newly developed programme is fit for purpose before students begin their studies on it. It is a peer review process involving a panel of DMU staff and students and external experts.

The panel will promote best practice and help to enhance the new programme and the student experience.

## Why do we formally approve?

The panel considers the academic viability of the new programme, its academic standards, academic quality and the opportunities it will offer students to learn and develop.

Any new programme and its proposed learning outcomes/modules need to meet the Office for Students Sector-recognised standards.

Provide students with the best opportunity to learn and achieve

## Approval process

