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| Name of Assessor | Click here to enter text. |
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***Guidance*** *The AU scheme approval process requires the standing Academic Scrutiny Panel to be convened to look at new study schemes or significantly revised versions of existing schemes. External assessors are asked to comment, from the point of view of a subject expert in the relevant discipline area, on the scheme proposal. The comments form an important part of the documentation. The panel will be guided by the comments of the external assessor on the academic rationale, content and construction of the scheme, and whether it addresses QAA and other relevant external subject benchmark statements. If further information on any aspect of the proposal is required, please contact the Academic Registry. This form should be completed and sent to the Academic Registry (*[*qaestaff@aber.ac.uk*](mailto:qaestaff@aber.ac.uk)*) by the specified date so that the Academic Scrutiny Panel may consider your comments*

*Note on modules:*

*Individual modules are approved as a separate exercise at faculty level, but the Academic Scrutiny Panel will receive full details of all* new *modules which form part of the scheme under consideration. Existing modules will also be listed in the scheme approval paperwork, and full details are available online through the module database, which has an index of modules by code and by department:* [*https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/modules/*](https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/modules/)

*All modules at Aberystwyth are identified by a seven-digit code. The letters indicate the subject, and the first number indicates the level of study (against the QAA’s FHEQ Aberystwyth level 1 = FHEQ 4, through to level M = FHEQ 7). The last two numbers are the credit weighting, with ‘00’ used for the first semester of a long thin module taught over two semesters. For example, EN20220 is a level 2, 20 credit module in the Department of English & Creative Writing.*

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| Assessor’s Report to Scrutiny Panel | | |
| 1. | Were you provided with sufficient documentation on which to judge the validity and cohesion of the proposed scheme development? | YES  NO |
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| 2. | Are you satisfied that the proposed scheme of study engages with the relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statement and any other external benchmarks statements relevant to the subject area, e.g. requirements of professional bodies? | YES  NO |
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| 3. | Are you satisfied that the level of proposed scheme of study is appropriately articulated against the QAA Framework for Qualifications in Higher Education? | YES  NO |
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| 4. | Do you have any specific comments on the following points, which the panel will consider in detail:  i) Is there evidence of demand for the scheme and are the entry requirements at an appropriate level?  ii) Is the curriculum content and design appropriate for achieving the intended learning outcomes of the scheme?  iii) Is the curriculum organised such that the demands made of the learner in terms of intellectual challenge, skills, knowledge, conceptualisation and learning autonomy increase progressively?  iv) Is the assessment regime suitable to measure achievement of the intended outcomes?  v) Is there evidence of sufficient external consultation during the development of the scheme?  vi) Are there adequate resources, i.e. staff, library, IT and any specialist requirements, to deliver the scheme effectively?  vii) Are there any special features of the scheme that have implications for its viability, management or delivery, or for the regulations of the University? | |
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| 5.1 | Do you recommend approval of the scheme to the Panel? | YES  NO |
| If yes, please answer Questions 5.2 and 5.3 as appropriate If no, please explain in detail your objections to the proposal, on a separate sheet if necessary  Click here to enter text. | | |
| 5.2 | Are there any conditions which you would recommend **must** be fulfilled prior to its commencement? | YES  NO |
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| 5.3 | Are there any recommendations which you think the scheme’s proposers should consider? | YES  NO |
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| 6. | Do you have any general observations which you wish to make known to the Panel, the University or the proposing department? | YES  NO |
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