

## **Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) Policy**

### **1. Internal and external reference points**

- 1.1 The London Metropolitan University policy and process for PSRBs have been developed in consultation with the QAA Quality Code published in March 2018, the QAA Advice and Guidance on Course Development and Design and External Expertise published in November 2018 and internal reference points such as the Academic Regulations and General Student Regulations.

### **2. PSRBs**

- 2.1 Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) are a diverse group of professional and employer bodies, regulators, and those with statutory authority over a profession or group of professionals. PSRBs engage with higher education as regulators. They provide membership services and promote the interests of people working in professions; accredit or endorse courses that meet professional standards, provide a route through to the professions or are recognized by employers.
- 2.2 London Met aims to deliver courses with an inclusive and up to date curricula, prepare students for employment, and encourage Course Teams where possible, to work with PSRBs and seek accreditation for courses.
- 2.3 Course Teams must recognize the differing types of PSRB accreditation that can be sought, including accreditation, recognition, endorsement, approved and prescribed. This must be accurately reflected in course documentation and marketing information for students.
- 2.4 Course Teams should consider PSRB requirements and accreditation at the course design stage. Where possible, accreditation events should take place alongside the validation or periodic review event. PSRB accreditation can be sought after a course is validated and course teams are responsible for ensuring that accreditation requirements are met.
- 2.5 Schools must provide AQD with evidence of PSRB approval. This allows the AQD PSRB register to be updated and provides information for internal and external purposes such as the Unistats return. When an accreditation is due to expire, PSRBs will liaise with the School about the process for re-accreditation.
- 2.6 AQD will report annually to the last School Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee (SLTQC) of the academic year on the status of a School's PSRB accreditations
- 2.7 The AQD register of PSRBs is checked and updated annually (based on information confirmed by SLTQCs) and is then submitted to the University's Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee.