

Discover Uni data collection - application for addition of a new course accreditation

Completing the application form

- The higher education provider wishing to use the new accreditation should send this form to the relevant accrediting body with a request to complete with information about that accreditation.
- The accrediting body should complete part 1, and then return to the higher education provider to complete part 2.
- The higher education provider should then return the form to liaison@hesa.ac.uk

Please note the guidance given for each question, and the full guidance found at:

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c24061/accreditation_guidance

Part 1: For completion by the accrediting body

About the Discover Uni data collection

The Discover Uni data collection is managed by the Office for Students on behalf of the four UK Higher Education funding and regulatory bodies, and delivered in partnership with the Higher Education Statistics Agency. It provides information on UK higher education courses to help prospective students choose their course. This information is currently published on the Discover Uni website.

Accreditation and Discover Uni

As part of the data collection, higher education providers can select additional accreditation that their courses have been granted and a statement about the accreditation is then published as part of the course information.

In order to be included in the list from which providers select, accreditations need to meet a set of criteria: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c24061/accreditation_guidance.

Use of information

The information below will allow the Office for Students to consider whether the accreditation is eligible for inclusion in the list of accreditations.

If this application is successful, the information provided to answer question 3 will be published on course records on the Discover Uni website (and any replacement website) and the URL provided to answer question 2 will be embedded so that users can access further information on your website. Responses to questions 1-3 will also appear in the [accreditation information table](#) on the HESA website.

1. Name of accrediting body

The Chartered Association of Sport & Exercise Sciences

Does this body already appear on the [accreditation information table](#)?

Yes – formerly British Association of Sport & Exercise Sciences - name change and attained Chartered Status (01 April 2025).

2. Location of accreditation information on website

Please provide the URL for where information about the accreditation may be found on your website. The web page linked to should provide a description of your accreditation process and the value of the accreditation that is understandable to a prospective higher education student.

[CASES Undergraduate Endorsement Scheme | CASES](#)

3. Accreditation statement

Please suggest a brief summary statement describing the benefit of the accreditation (maximum of 300 characters). This statement is intended to be published on the course record on the Discover Uni website and should therefore explain clearly to a prospective student the benefit of pursuing an accredited programme. Examples of statements already in use can be found on the accreditation information table linked above.

The CASES Undergraduate Endorsement Scheme awards endorsement to sport and exercise science degree courses that can demonstrate the requisite mapping of knowledge and skills (totalling 79 competencies) that provide undergraduates with the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills essential to enter into the profession.

The Undergraduate Endorsement Scheme is the recognised standard for all sport and exercise science undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in the UK.

4. Benefit to the student

a) Please indicate which of the criteria below apply to the accreditation:

i.	Graduates are able to practise as a professional in a specific field (for example, they receive a license to practise that is	
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	required by law), or completion of the accredited programme allows them to apply to practise.	
ii.	Graduates are granted chartered status or the completion of the accredited course forms part of a recognised pathway to professional recognition.	
iii.	Graduates are granted exemption from all or some professional exams.	

iv.	Graduates are eligible for entry to membership of a professional association or learned society.	X
v.	The programme has been assessed as meeting externally designated standards and quality thresholds that are recognised by the sector's industry and employers.	X

- b) Please describe how the accreditation fulfils the criteria that you have selected above. Please ensure that your answer refers to the accreditation, not an individual accredited course.

The Undergraduate Endorsement scheme is intended to endorse undergraduate degrees that provide the underpinning knowledge and skills required for a career in sport and/or exercise science – therefore a variety of degree courses will be eligible for endorsement, not just courses with the title “Sport and Exercise Science”.

The completion of a CASES endorsed degree recognises that the student/graduate has fulfilled part of the knowledge/skill requirements required of applications for becoming a Sport and Exercise Accredited member with CASES. The same applies for other routes to Accreditation pathways that CASES offers such as, Supervised Experience and SEPAR (see website further details).

5. Accreditation process

Please explain how your accreditation process meets each of the following criteria, ensuring that all areas are addressed:

- i. Any renewal process: i.e. a time-limited period of accreditation, with further review by the end of the accreditation period; or, where an accreditation is open-ended, a

An endorsed course is awarded endorsement for a period of 5 years. Upon renewal, a new application is made ensuring all the previously endorsed elements of the course still meet CASES requirements and any changes must be highlighted to the reviewing panel at time of application.

process of regular monitoring with the possibility of revocation if the programme fails to meet the standard of accreditation.

- ii. External peer review.

N/A

- iii. A formal decision-making process where the body agrees to grant accreditation or not based on the outcome of the review of the programme.

Each application is reviewed by the CASES Higher Education Endorsement Scheme Advisory Group and assigned two reviewers per application for quality assurance. Members of this group are higher education professionals who hold CASES Accreditation.

- iv. Regular monitoring of academic standards.

5-year approval and inclusion of a course change form mechanism to ensure continued alignment to standards if a course changes mid-endorsement.

6. Further information

Please provide any further information that you consider relevant to consideration of your application.

7. Courses accredited or expected to be accredited

Please list the undergraduate courses that have been granted this accreditation (or that you expect will be in the near future). If the list is extensive and available on your website, you can provide a url at which it can be accessed instead.

All current CASES endorsed courses can be found [here](#).

I confirm that the information above is correct.

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Part 2: To be completed by the higher education provider

I confirm that, if this application is approved, we intend to use the accreditation requested in our Discover Uni return.

Provider name:
Contact Name:
Role:
Email:

Applications will be assessed by the Office for Students. Further information is available at https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c24061/accreditation_guidance.