



The British Association of
Sport and Exercise Sciences

BASES Accreditation Partnership Scheme Agreement- guidelines

Introduction

What is the BASES Accreditation Partnership Scheme?

As the professional body for sport and exercise sciences in the UK, BASES develops partnerships with key employers and deployers in the sport and exercise science sector to help raise standards of practice, support sport and exercise scientists to develop in their careers and support employers to safeguard their employees and clients. One of BASES main strategies in delivering these objectives is to support more practicing sport and exercise scientists to become BASES Accredited.

The BASES Accreditation Partnership Scheme enables organisations employing sport and/or exercise science staff to support their employees to apply for BASES Accreditation via a 'streamlined' direct application route.

What is the 'streamlined' direct accreditation route for BASES Accreditation?

All employees of a BASES Accreditation Partner organisation working in a sport and/or exercise science role, who meet the requirements detailed below, will be eligible to apply for BASES Accreditation via the 'streamlined' direct application route; this involves the development and submission of a condensed accreditation application portfolio containing a supervisor report written by an Accredited BASES member or BASES Fellow.

In order to be eligible to apply for BASES Accreditation via the 'streamlined' application route, applicants must:

- be employed / deployed by a BASES Accreditation Partner organisation
- hold an undergraduate degree in sport and exercise science (or equivalent subject) that covers the required scientific knowledge, technical skills and application of knowledge and skills
- hold a relevant postgraduate qualification in sport and exercise science (or equivalent)
- have at least three years of experience as a practitioner
- have a regular working relationship (which will include the following interdependent characteristics: trust, professionalism, respect, effective communication, diversity of thought, openness to new ideas, and varied interaction) with a BASES Fellow or a BASES member with an active BASES Accreditation (Sport and Exercise Scientist Accreditation or High Performance Sport Accreditation), who will provide a Supervisor Report (see requirements below).

A direct application for BASES Accreditation via the streamlined route must include the following:

- Evidence of appropriate undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications (photocopies of formal certification):
 - BUES endorsed BSc or completed Evidence of Knowledge template + transcripts
 - MSc or completed Master's Level Equivalency Mapping template

- Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 x A4 pages*)
- Professional references in support of competence in current practise from two different knowledgeable sources, including a mentor, line manager, athlete, coach or client
- Supervisor Report – report from a BASES Fellow or BASES Accredited member who can attest to the competence of the applicant in relevant areas. The report, a maximum of 2 x A4 pages should include: Nature of relationship; Length of time, and in what capacity they have known the applicant; Frequency of contact; Comments on competency / quality of work / performance impact; a commentary on how the practitioner has developed during the period of their professional relationship; strengths and weaknesses; commitment to personal development; adherence to relevant ethical practice; recommendations (based on weaknesses above) for areas of development for the applicant to focus on
- Personal Statement, providing a brief overview of current role and how their work philosophy has evolved; how they have embraced CPD proactively; and what it is they do in their role to truly impact on performance (max. 4 x A4 pages*)
- Case study (max. 6 x A4 pages*) to include:
 - explanation of the issue and needs analysis
 - underpinning technical/theoretical rationale for the intervention
 - the intervention package put in place including how this was conducted
 - the resultant impact on performance or outcome
 - strong personal reflection/evaluation of the process (does not need to be at the end of the case study)
- Completed competency mapping chart

*When maximum length of document is indicated, one page of A4 should be Ariel font size 11, 1.5 spacing, normal margins.

Becoming a BASES Accreditation Partner

Any organisation employing at least 3 members of sport and/or exercise staff can become a BASES Accreditation Partner. Organisations must meet the criteria below and complete the BASES Accreditation Partner Form to demonstrate how the organisation's values, policies, procedures and support structures ensure high standards of practice and support the professional development of sport and/or exercise science practitioners; and safeguard clients and service users.

Criteria:

To be eligible, an organisation must:

- Have at least two to three senior members of staff who fulfil one of the following criteria
 - Is a BASES Fellow
 - has been BASES Accredited for more than three years
 - holds High Performance Sport Accreditation
- Have at least two members of staff (in addition to senior members of staff above) who are BASES members and could achieve / be working towards BASES Accreditation

- Commit to support all relevant members of staff (i.e. those working in sport and/or exercise science roles) to obtain BASES Accreditation
- include BASES Accreditation as a preferred or required qualification when recruiting sport and/or exercise science staff
- Commit to operating in accordance with the BASES Code of Conduct
- Demonstrate via the BASES Accreditation Partner Form that the organisation meets BASES requirements for maintaining professional standards in sport and exercise science

For more information and application form please contact Suzanne Watson

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