

Standards for Learning Providers

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Standard 6: Student Support

Students are provided with a safe and supportive learning environment which enables them to achieve the Outcomes and prepares them to practise as an architect.

Providers will be able to demonstrate that they can meet this standard by:

~~6.2 Ensuring that students have access to guidance and support to access work-based learning where it is a requirement of the qualification.~~

6.2 Taking a coordinating role in facilitating trainees' acquisition of the Practice Outcomes, where it is a requirement of the qualification.

Coordination will include using an ARB approved Trainee Record of Experience to support trainees in understanding their progression towards achieving the Practice Outcomes, maintaining a list of suitable employers, and offering advice where trainees have concerns about their employment.

~~For qualifications that will include a work placement (including apprenticeships), the application will contain an overview of the provider's and employer's commitments and responsibilities during the period(s) that students will be in the workplace; and how the provider will monitor those placements. This will include the frequency and nature of the provider's contact with the employer and with the students.~~

Further information that would be included in the Accreditation Handbook

For qualifications that require a demonstration of the Practice Outcomes through practical experience, the application will evidence the coordinating role the provider has taken to facilitate the trainees' experience through employment. That coordinating role will include:

- An appointed individual/s provided with sufficient resource to coordinate the provider's relationship with employers.
- Offering support to trainees to help them find available work placements, including maintaining a list of potential employers to aid them.
- Reasonable assurance that those on the list of available employers are, and remain, suitable practices at which trainees can acquire relevant experience to meet the Practice Outcomes. While the employer does not need to be geographically close to the provider, the provider should be able to maintain contact with the employer for this assurance. It is also recommended that trainees gain experience within the UK as this will help them meet the Outcomes covering regulations, standards, codes of practice and policies related to the development of the built environment.
- Making trainees and employers aware of the ARB guidance on Professional Practical Experience.
- Providing advice to trainees where they have shared concerns about workplace behaviour or employment conditions, referring them to specialist organisations where appropriate.
- Providing trainees with an ARB approved Trainee Record of Experience, in which they will record their progress towards meeting the Practice Outcomes.
- Using the ARB approved Trainee Record of Experience to individually advise trainees about what practical experience they require to meet the Practice Outcomes, how they can acquire it and reflecting with them on their progress.