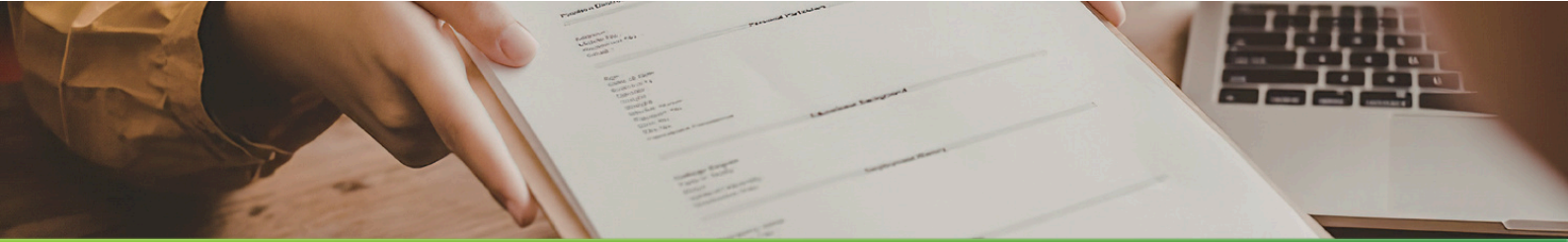


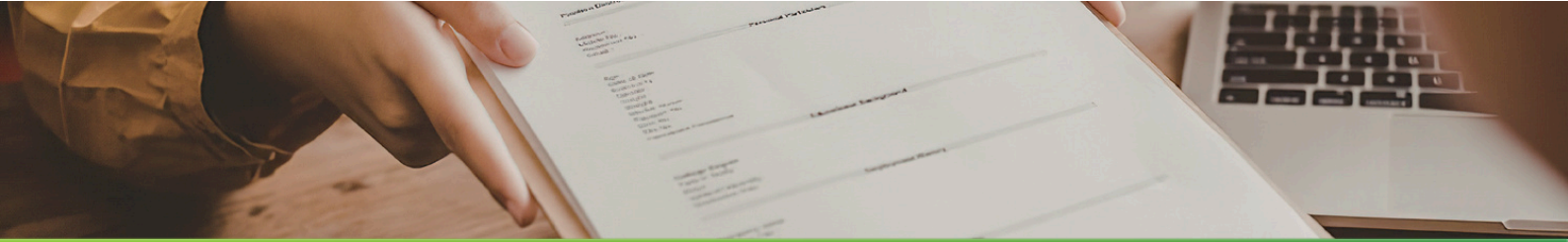


Guidance on the Backdating of Degree Accreditation Applications

For undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes



1. Under the 2016 Standards and Core Competencies, applicants could request the accreditation backdated to previous cohorts. However, with the publication in April 2023 of the 2025 Degree Accreditation Standards and the Registered Associate Nutritionist (ANutr) Core Competencies, this process is no longer permitted.
2. Instead, programmes can apply to have the accreditation start at an early academic year, though the accreditation cannot be backdated beyond the 2023/24 Academic Year, as this is the first full academic year after the publication of the 2025 Degree Accreditation Standards and the ANutr Core Competencies.
3. A backdating request will not be accepted if the date is over 3 years. Under registration rules Direct Entry (DE) applicants have three years after graduating to apply for entry onto the UKVRN.
4. Cohorts who are already enrolled on the programme at the point where the accreditation starts are not covered.
 - *i.e. a cohort that began in January 2023 would not be eligible for DE, as they would have enrolled on the course prior to the accreditation being awarded in 2025.*
5. To request consideration of backdating, please use Form A to inform us which cohort you would like the accreditation to begin from.
6. We will also require you to provide us with the last validation date of the programme.



7. If you have requested to backdate, the Accreditation Committee will need to ensure that we are satisfied that the programme was meeting the ANutr Core Competencies at that point; this might require additional mapping of the programme.
8. We may also seek confirmation that the programme has not been altered through structural modification to meet the ANutr Core Competencies. A structural modification would be where substantial changes have been made to a module.
9. Where modules have been modified to meet ANutr Core Competencies, we can only accredit from the point the modification was made.
10. As backdating is now part of the formal application process, there is no additional fee.

If you have any questions around backdating of the programme please feel free to contact the Quality Assurance Officer at:

accreditation@associationfornutrition.org



www.associationfornutrition.org

Registered Charity No. 1136624
Registered Company No. 6488331

Version	Details	Date
1.0	Initial Guidance adopted and published	April 2026