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| Of interest to | Individuals with responsibilities for recruitment and admissions; students, student representatives and staff from student representative bodies, professional, statutory or regulatory bodies and policy makers. |
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| Related documents | <u><i>Chapter B2: Recruitment and admission to higher education - Draft for consultation</i></u> |

Dear colleague,

I am writing to notify you that we are now consulting on the draft content of a further Chapter of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, *Chapter B2: Recruitment and admission to higher education*.

This Chapter focuses on the policies, processes and practices related to recruitment and admission of students to higher education. It offers a framework for assuring quality and provides guidance to higher education providers and those involved in recruitment and admission. Concerns about recruitment and admission to higher education become matters of public debate from time to time and this Chapter provides information for the general public about what constitutes sound practice in this respect. It will also be helpful to potential applicants, prospective students and their advisors, as well as to current students who are considering whether to undertake further studies.

This new Chapter is a revised version of the *Code of practice for the assurance of academic quality and standards in higher education, Section 10: Admissions to higher education*, updated to reflect the current context for recruitment and admission in the UK. It sets out what all UK higher education providers expect of each other in terms of their policies, procedures and practices relating to recruitment and admission, and what students and the general public can therefore expect of all providers.

The revision and drafting of this Chapter has been undertaken by an expert advisory group drawn from representatives working in the area of recruitment and admission within different types of providers and relevant sector bodies across the four nations of the UK.

We hope that this consultation process will stimulate discussions about the key principles underpinning recruitment and admission to higher education and the ways in which higher

education providers' policies, procedures and practices can reflect these principles in the context of their own missions and strategic aims.

We welcome contributions to this consultation from anyone with an interest in recruitment and admission to higher education in the UK, including representatives from all four countries, staff who are involved in recruitment and admission, prospective students and their advisors, student representatives and staff from student representative bodies, sector and representative bodies, professional, statutory or regulatory bodies and employer groups.

The consultation will be open until the end of Thursday 1 August 2013. Please submit responses through the [online survey](#). The final version of the Chapter will be published at the end of October 2013.

We will be running consultation events during the consultation period. Please see our [website](#) for further details.

If you would like further information relating to this consultation document or consultation process, please contact Dr Melinda Drowley m.drowley@gaa.ac.uk or Dr Cathy Kerfoot c.kerfoot@gaa.ac.uk.

I look forward to your response to this consultation and to your continued engagement as the UK Quality Code for Higher Education is developed.

Yours sincerely



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