



Version 10a of the BAS Accreditation Handbook, dated 12th March 2024, has now been uploaded to the BAS web pages, replacing the previous version.

The new version has fewer pages because of formatting changes to save paper, and contains a very small number of minor content revisions:

- In **1.5 The BAS approach to and understanding of EAP** on page 4, a reference to Hyland & Shaw (2016) has been added.
- In section **1.6 The Criteria for BAS accreditation**, the criteria are now presented within a grey box with roman numerals denoting section I and section II items, e.g. I.1, I.2, I.3 etc., and II.1, II.2, II.3 etc..
- Also in section **1.6**, subsections previously grouping the **II Course Content, Delivery and Assessment** section by theme have been removed.
- In section **1.8 The cost of BAS accreditation**, specific figures have been taken out of the handbook and are now instead listed on the web pages.
- In the introduction to **2. Becoming accredited and being reaccredited**, the term *pre-visit* has been replaced by *guidance visit* in sections **2.2.1 Applying for accreditation the first time**, **2.12 Summary of the accreditation process** and throughout.
- In section **2.12**, changes have been made to the post-visit timeline: assessors now have 3 weeks from the end of the visit to draft the report, institutions then have two weeks to fact check the draft, and finally, unless the decision is withheld until further discussion by the BAS Committee, the ratification of the visit outcome will be communicated to you within seven weeks of the visit.
- In **6.3 Interim review of accredited courses and maintenance of standards** there is now an enhanced set of questions to guide institutions in writing their interim reports, and support reflection and development.