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Bridge Course QA Checklist

The Course QA Checklist has been created to help TPDs ensure that only high quality online educational material is published. The checklist is derived from widely accepted Universal Design for Learning Principles of online education and Principles of Andragogy (adult learning) best practices. In line with these principles, a checklist is available to guide the development of courses and this QA checklist seeks only to assure HEE EoE that the course maintains the reputation of HEE within the educational system by assuring minimum standards are met and promoting improvements in practice.

Course		Reviewer (subject matter expert)	
Author		Review date	
Course can be released for publication YES/NO (if no – see comments in checklist			
below)			

Course development/overall impact

ESSENTIAL Standard	Met	Comments for improvement if not met (all must be met prior to
	(Y/N)	publication)
The course promotes a safe and non judgemental learning environment		
The course promotes the ability of learners to establish their own learning needs		
and learning objectives		
Learners should be involved in evaluating their own learning		
Course authorship and governance are clear, there is a clear review date for		
ensuring content accuracy and relevance		
ASPIRATIONAL Standard		for improvement or for sharing more widely
Learners were involved in course development		
The course should facilitate learners devising their own learning strategies		
The course should enable learners to access support for their learning		

Course information

ESSENTIAL Standard	Met	Comments for improvement if not met (all must be met prior to
	(Y/N)	publication)
Course Details including accurate information relating to Course description,		
duration, attempts allotted, required score, due date, navigation options and		
whether or not the course contains a certificate		
Slide Titles are indicative of the content presented within the page		
ASPIRATIONAL Standard	Comments for improvement or for sharing more widely	

Cover Slide provides a visual representation of the course topic, a brief course	
headline, and introductory statement	
Course Introduction Slide includes contributing authors, their role, grade, specialty.	
Clear and precise curriculum-mapped learning objectives (with respective	
curriculum codes).	
Course Conclusion Slide present and provides concise review/summary of the major	
topics/ concepts or themes. Learning objectives reinforced	
Supplemental resources Slide presents and collates all links and documents into	
one slide for ease of use and to promote autonomous learning and exploration	

Course design and layout

ESSENTIAL Standard	Met (Y/N)	Comments for improvement if not met (all must be met prior to publication)
All files, videos and external URLs are active and working		
Hyperlink text is descriptive and makes sense when out of context (avoid using "click here")		
UK Copyright laws are followed.		
Headings and subheadings are included within slides to help guide learner navigation		
Content is "chunked" into manageable pieces of information (e.g. slides are organized by units, topic, etc. and video split into 30-40 min chunks). How to		
organise your course structure.		
Each major section of the course begins with an introduction/overview slide to help guide learners through the content and provide reasoning as to why the material is being presented		
ASPIRATIONAL Standard	Commen	ts for improvement or for sharing more widely
External tools are embedded within the Bridge course in order to reduce technological distraction and provide a more seamless user experience		
Scenario-based learning materials are used to promote critical thinking and real-world application of course content.		
Learners are provided with opportunities to interact with content (e.g. engaging content and resources with which learners must interact and not just read or watch)		

Interaction

ESSENTIAL Standard	Met	Comments for improvement if not met (all must be met prior to
	(Y/N)	publication)
Course written in a positive and encouraging tone rather than authoritarian. i.e.		
(instead of "you must complete or you must watch" try "lets watch or lets complete		
the following in order to".		
Learners have multiple opportunities to provide descriptive feedback on course		
design, content, experience, and ease of online technology. Useful tools are Surveys		
function in Bridge, Embedded Google Form within Bridge, or any third-party polling		
application		
ASPIRATIONAL Standard	Comments	for improvement or for sharing more widely
Learners have an opportunity to get to know the instructor through embedded		
video lectures (not just audio over PowerPoint), follow up Live Training sessions		
through (Zoom/Teams etc), answers to comments on Panopto discussion board		
The Course offers opportunities for learner to learner interaction and constructive		
collaboration through Panopto discussion boards or Bridge comments box		

Course content

ESSENTIAL Standard	Met (Y/N)	Comments for improvement if not met (all must be met prior to publication)
For each course Learning objectives explicitly stated and matched to specialty		
specific curriculum codes		
A program or course provides thorough, accurate and detailed material on the		
relevant topic (this ideally should be quality assured by a subject matter expert) and		
must address the learning objectives.		
Peer to Peer teaching to be used appropriately i.e. A very senior trainee teaching		
very junior trainees or where a trainee may be the regional subject matter expert		
(Academics).		
A program in Bridge used to direct learning in smaller chunks (refer to course design		
and layout above).		
Avoid duplication of material within specialities. Authors should be encouraged to		
use lectures from other specialties within the Panopto video library where relevant,		
to address learning objectives I Bridge Guides: Using Panopto lectures created by		
other lecturers		
ASPIRATIONAL Standard	Comments	for improvement or for sharing more widely
The vast majority of content to be delivered by a subject matter expert i.e. A		
consultant practising in the relevant specialty.		

Assessment

ESSENTIAL Standard	Met	Comments for improvement if not met (all must be met prior to	
	(Y/N)	publication)	
Multiple methods of assessments are used (e.g. vocabulary quiz, steps in a process			
quiz, sorting quiz, etc.)			
The assessment MUST show learning objectives have been fulfilled			
ASPIRATIONAL Standard		Comments for improvement or for sharing more widely	
Custom feedback to quizzes are provided			
Scenario-based assessments are used to promote critical thinking and real-world			
application of course content			
Complex assessments include sample responses to illustrate instructor expectations			