

ap·prov·al

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noun

1 [uncountable and countable] AGREE when a plan, decision, or person is officially accepted:

*The president has already **given his approval** to the plan.*

*It is just three months since we **received official approval** to go ahead with the project.*

*A company cannot be sold **without the approval** of the shareholders.*

*The bill will be **submitted for approval** by Congress.*

*The President would appoint the Council of Ministers, **subject to the approval** of the National Assembly.*

*The IMF has given its **seal of approval** to the government's economic strategy.*

*appointments requiring **parliamentary approval***

2 [uncountable] APPROVE (formal) when someone likes something or someone and thinks that they are good

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A murmur of approval passed through the crowd.

nod/smile/clap etc in approval

They clapped their hands in approval.

*His ideas have **won** widespread public **approval** (= many people agree with them and think they are good) .*

*Does the design **meet with your approval** (= do you like it?)
?*

*Children are always **seeking approval** from their parents.*

*She **looked to** Greg **for approval**.*

3 on approval

if you buy something on approval, you have the right to return it to the shop if you decide you do not want it

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 1 verbs

give/ grant approval *Congress gave final approval on October 8.*

get/ receive/ obtain/ win approval *For over twenty years it was impossible for NASA to get approval for this mission.*

require/ need approval *A multi-million pound project will require approval by the full board of directors.*

seek approval *You will need to make an appointment with the bank to seek approval for the loan.*

submit something for approval (= give a plan, piece of writing etc to someone in authority for them to consider or approve) *The final design will be submitted for approval next month.*

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + approval

formal/ official approval *Finance ministers gave their formal approval in July.*

parliamentary approval *The law is still awaiting parliamentary approval.*

Congressional approval *His appointment was subject to Congressional approval.*

government/ Senate approval *It takes an average of twelve years for a successful drug to go from initial research to final government approval.*

planning approval (= official approval needed before building something) *The construction work will be subject to planning approval.*

final approval *The document's final approval had to come from the Pope.*

parental approval *Students must first obtain parental approval.*

phrases

be subject to approval (= be dependent upon someone's approval before happening) *The merger is subject to approval by shareholders.*

a seal/stamp of approval (= official approval) *You must not make decisions without your manager's seal of approval.*

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 2

meet with somebody's approval *This type of dancing does not meet with their approval.*

win approval *His condemnation of the war won widespread approval.*

seek somebody's approval *He constantly sought his father's approval.*

look to somebody for approval *They all admired Gordon and looked to him for approval.*

adjectives

public approval (= from ordinary people) *The policies met with a great deal of public approval.*

universal approval (= from everyone) *His appointment has been met with almost universal approval.*

general approval (= from most people) *McGill's views did not meet with general approval.*

phrases

a nod/smile/glance/look of approval *'You've thought of everything,' she said with a smile of approval.*

a roar/murmur/chorus of approval *There were murmurs of approval from the crowd.*

words of approval *a mother's words of approval*

