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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

“Clarity should be provided why the programme has 256 credits. It seems to be far too much for a one year PGDip which only requires 120 credits”

Response

The unique Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Physics (study code 8213) is followed by graduates who are doing their two year internship as required by the HPCSA. This is a 24 month programme and the four modules are done sequentially (one per semester) over a minimum of two years. The programme follows after a BMedScHons in Medical Physics and is often later followed by a Masters’ Degree. After careful consideration of the curriculum, module and programme outcomes it makes academic and educational sense to reduce the credits for each of the compulsory four modules. We would thus recommend that each module be allocated 44 credits and thus the total credits for the PGDip (Medical Physics) will be 176. The notional time for the programme would be 1760 hours.



Thank you for your consideration and continued support pertaining to the response addressing the comments made by the accreditation panel. We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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