

Pilot: Micro-credentials Scheme Information Sheet



The Micro-credentials (MC) Scheme has been specifically designed to recognise the qualities and distinctive character of providers that offer micro-credentials.

Why should you apply for BAC accreditation as a micro-credential provider?

- Be recognised as a credible and high-quality provider of micro-credentials
- Promote transparency and trust with participants and stakeholders
- Provide assurance and confidence in collaborative partnerships
- Create opportunities for participants for their micro-credentials to be recognised (for progression, articulation or stackability purposes and/or by industry for employment or promotion)
- Use the BAC quality mark to stand out in the market and attract more participants

Who can apply?

Providers of micro-credentials based in the UK or internationally.

Specific eligibility criteria are outlined on page 3 of the MC scheme document.

If your organisation is already accredited by BAC under a different scheme, you may still be eligible to take part in the pilot. We will work with you to determine which key indicators you have already met and what is required.

Will there be a fee?

During the pilot, there is no cost for the application and inspection process. There will be an annual accreditation fee from next year. The pilot will last four months.

What is the process and how long will it take to gain accreditation?

There are four stages:

- **Enquiry and eligibility checks**
- **Application and inspection planning**
- **Inspection and report writing**
- **Accreditation Committee decision**

This pilot will also give us the opportunity to test out changes to some of the process that we hope could result in greater efficiency and reducing the time between application and accreditation decision.

When will the accreditation expire?

Micro-credential accreditation is valid for four years. For more details on the award of accreditation and decision making by the Accreditation Committee please see page 16 of the Accreditation Handbook.

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