Request and initial review

Definition:	A request for accreditation is initiated by a Department which has previously been accredited (reaccreditation) or from a new Department. The request can come from new UK and Overseas Departments.	
Trigger:	Request from Department via email.	
Protocol:	 Occurs in response to a request from the Department Proceed with initial review if accreditation resources permit and the programmes fall within the IET's remit. The decision to proceed with a review or visit is made by the IET based on strategic priorities and available resources. The Department will need to provide programme specifications, module descriptors and prospectus. Request is normally reviewed by at least two accreditors matched to their expertise. Accreditors assess whether the programmes fall within IET remit and contain no more than 30% non-technical content. Usually results in an Advisory Visit. 	
Supporting documentation:	 Accreditation Information Pack (PA B 30) REQUEST_InitialReview (PA B 32) REPORT_InitialReview (PA B 33) Submission guidance 	

Owner	Target timescale	Action
IET Staff	Various	IET staff provide confirmation of required documentation
Department	Various	
		Department submits initial review materials via email
IET Staff	Within 10 working days	Select Accreditors
Accreditors	Within 20 working days	Accreditors carry out review and submit recommendations.