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Charging for academic accreditation in the UK

Statement by the Engineering Council

Whether or not to make a charge for accreditation visits to universities is a matter for Licensed Members to decide upon individually, in accordance with their business plans.

When considering whether or not to make a charge, attention is drawn to the report from an Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) working group on charging. This report is available on the EAB website www.engab.org.uk or from the EAB Secretariat. In the case of an accreditation visit outside the UK, it is common practice for Licensed Members to seek to cover the direct costs of the visit.

Licensed Members that do make a charge are required under Paragraph 25 of the Engineering Council's Regulations for Registration to specify this in their accreditation procedures. It is also the Licensed Member's responsibility to ensure that up-to-date details about charges and the charging structure are forwarded to the EAB Secretariat.

The Engineering Council encourages Licensed Members and higher education institutions to work together to explore ways in which the costs of accreditation may be kept to a minimum, without prejudicing standards, for example by drawing on existing information.