

Criteria against which Accreditation Schemes would be considered by the 4 Home Countries

The use of the ICOMOS Principles for Education and Training

These are agreed as the basis of assessment of candidates' experience.

Eligibility of all suitably qualified and experienced professionals to gain accreditation.

Schemes should be open to all professionals

Assessment by suitably experienced, impartial assessors against agreed criteria.

Self-assessment cannot provide adequate checks against self-interest and bias, deliberate or subconscious. Reassessment on a regular basis (say every 5 years) to ensure that accreditation indicates current competence.

Accreditation of individuals rather than companies or practices.

The skills of a practice are only the combined skills of its individual members, and as individuals move, the skills of the practice will vary.

Assessment of a verifiable record of work carried out.

Accreditation needs to be a measure of occupational competence, so assessment cannot be based simply on a statement of philosophy or principles.