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The London Quality Assurance Framework for Alternative  
Provision (14-16 year olds) - A Coordinated Approach

Part 1, Annex 4: Cycle of Approval

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## Cycle of Approval

### How long will the approval of a provider last?

Approval status should be granted if a supplier has achieved a satisfactory or above grading during verification. In order to ensure the integrity of the verification process and continued fitness for purpose of both the provider and the offer that has been quality assured, it is important that verification process are refreshed on a regular basis.

**It is recommended that the approval of an alternative provider lasts for a period of up to 3 years, subject to:**

- An annual review of information drawn from contract monitoring
- External bodies assessing the quality of the provider; such as OFSTED
- Any complaints or feedback that arise from staff (authority, school and provider), parents and young people during the 3 year period
- Change in ownership of the provider.

If any concerns are raised regarding the provider, or if the provider delivers poor outcomes data or (as noted above) undergoes a change in ownership during the 3 years, it is recommended that the validation of approval be suspended and immediate re-assessment undertaken (as outlined in Part 1, Annex 3).

