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Dear tutors and centre staff

**BACP Approved Practitioner Qualification (APQ) CPCAB Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling (TC-L4)**

We'd like to advise you that the existing pilot arrangements for the Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling with BACP Approved Practitioner Qualification status (APQ) will conclude in August 2022.

We hope that you've had a positive experience of delivering this qualification and that you and your candidates have benefitted from the additional resources provided through the BACP membership. Thank you for completing the pilot evaluation survey which has informed our discussions with BACP to continue the offer of the BACP APQ at CPCAB.

We're now pleased to confirm that the BACP APQ will continue from September 2022.

**Continuation of the BACP APQ**

The BACP APQ is mapped by BACP to external benchmark standards and curricula (for example QAA standards and BACP core curricula). From September 2022 the BACP APQ will also incorporate the [BACP Online and phone therapy \(OPT\) competence framework](#) for all new year 1 registrations.

The competences in this framework are reflected in the [CPCAB Quality Framework for Online Delivery](#) which form an essential part of the CPCAB centre recognition for online delivery.

Therefore, if you wish to continue offering new starts of the TC-L4 with BACP Approved Practitioner Qualification status from September 2022 onwards you'll need to:

- Have gained our post pandemic online delivery recognition. [For full information about applying for online delivery visit our website.](#)
- Be prepared to offer a blended course delivery and support your candidates to engage with a blended placement to meet the new APQ requirements. By blended we mean that you should include an aspect of online delivery into your course programme (up to 25% of the GLH). Your candidates should be gaining experience

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in both face-to-face and online/telephone work during their 100% placement hours (up to a maximum of 49% online/telephone work is permitted).

- Complete and submit a new [BACP APQ Centre Application and Agreement](#) which now includes these new additional requirements:
  - ✓ The centre has received CPCAB recognition for online delivery for TC-L4.
  - ✓ The centre will offer a blended course delivery and support candidates to engage with a blended placement.
  - ✓ The centre will provide candidates with a privacy notice for data sharing between CPCAB and BACP.

### **Existing cohorts**

Your centre agreement for the pilot of the BACP APQ remains in place for all year 1 and year 2 registrations started in the pilot phase (up to the end of August 2022).

- For qualifications currently completing year 2 (21-22) of the BACP APQ, you'll complete the qualification with its existing additional requirements as stated in your Pilot Centre Agreement.
- For qualifications currently completing year 1 of the BACP APQ, you'll progress to year 2 (22-23) to complete the qualification with its existing additional requirements as stated in your Pilot Centre Agreement.

### **Supporting centres**

If you have any questions or concerns about how your centre can meet these new additional requirements to continue to deliver the BACP APQ please do get in touch with [Natalie@cpcab.co.uk](mailto:Natalie@cpcab.co.uk).

Watch out for your invitation to a live Q & A online event where you can find out more about the new additional requirements and continuation of the qualification in 2022-23. We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,



Kelly Budd

Chief Professional Standards Officer