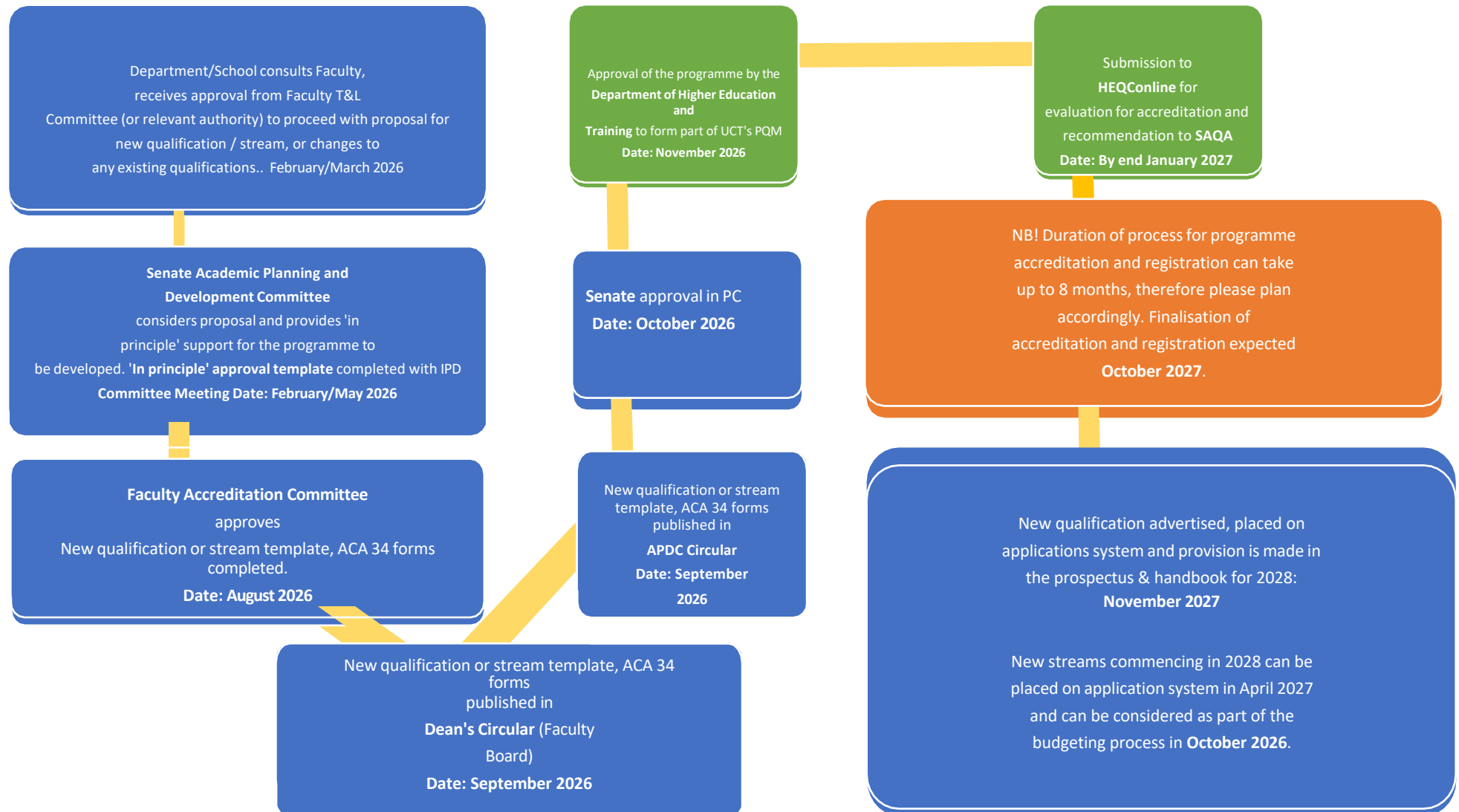


2026 TIMELINES FOR PLANNING OF NEW PROGRAMMES AND CHANGES TO EXISTING QUALIFICATIONS

These are the:

- **Internal** and **external** stages of approval for applications for **new qualifications and changes to existing qualifications to be introduced in 2029**
- Internal stages of approval for **new streams that will be introduced in 2028** (New streams in existing qualifications do not require external approval)
- Committee meeting **dates for 2026 (page 2)**



COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: 2026

Senate Academic Planning and Development Committee (APDC) Meetings:

February	Wednesday 25 February 2026
May	Wednesday 27 May 2026
August	Wednesday 16 September 2026
November	Wednesday 25 November 2026

Please note: All documentation to Secretariat at least 3 weeks before the meeting dates above.

Accreditation Committee and Higher Education Quality Council Meetings:

HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATE
	06 February 2026 (Policy meeting)
17 and 18 February 2026	08 April 2026
18 and 19 May 2026	10 and 11 June 2026 (HEQC Workshop)
21 and 22 July 2026	10 July 2026
1 and 2 October 2026	04 September 2026
17 and 18 November 2026	06 November 2026

Any queries should be directed to: Natalie Gordon / Amanda Barratt, APQA IPD

Principal's Circular dates:

Jan	21 January 2026
Feb	18 February 2026
March	18 March 2026
April	15 April 2026
May	20 May 2026
June	17 June 2026
August	19 August 2026
September	23 September 2026
October	21 October 2026
November	25 November 2026

DHET Programme and Qualification Mix: Clearance Committee Meetings

Agenda closes	Meeting Dates
26 January 2026	02 February 2026
23 February 2026	02 March 2026
23 March 2026	02 April 2026
28 April 2026	04 May 2026
25 May 2026	01 June 2026
25 June 2026	06 July 2026
28 July 2026	03 August 2026
26 August 2026	07 September 2026
23 September 2026	05 October 2026
29 October 2026	02 November 2026
26 November 2026	07 December 2026