

# Are EPC and QAA Benchmarks Consistent with SARTOR?

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# Summary

- SARTOR 3
- Comparison of SARTOR 3 with other standards
- What next?

# SARTOR 3

- ‘Output standards ....remain the focus of the accreditation procedure’
- ‘It is considered necessary to specify entry requirements for the majority of each intake’
- Entry standard 24 points at A-level

# Requirements for MEng

- 4 ‘knowledge of’ statements
- 5 ‘understanding of’ statements
- 9 ‘ability to’ statements
- 7 ‘awareness of’ statements

# Comparison of EPC Standard with SARTOR

- EPC ‘ability to’ statement ‘mapped’ onto SARTOR requirements.
- SARTOR requirement ‘mapped’ onto EPC ‘ability to’ statements.
- No fundamental inconsistency found.

# Comparisons (continued)

- Procedure repeated for SARTOR and QAA Benchmarks
- Should repeat for IEng qualifying degrees
- Initial comparison with alternative standard proposed by Employers' Working Group

# Reservations

- Do the same words have different meanings in the different standards?
- The different standards based on different models of the educational process

# Conclusions

- Need to harmonise the different standards
- ECUK together with EPC, Professional Bodies, and QAA ?
- Agenda?



# Agenda?

- One standard for ECUK, EPC, QAA.
- Standards explicit but not prescriptive
- Accreditation procedures meet other quality assurance procedures
- Consistent with Bologna Declaration and other international standards

