GOVERNANCE APPROVAL TIMELINES FOR 2027 OFFERINGS (AS AT 16 SEPTEMBER 2026)

This timeline is provided to guide staff involved in the development and approval of proposals for new, discontinued, and substantially revised offerings for 2027. Refer to the ECLIPS Support Hub for advice about approval levels for different types of revisions, as not all changes need approval by university level committees.

The table below includes the **key** activity and governance deadlines to ensure a smooth launch of new and revised programs. A full calendar of university level committee dates is included below the table.

Sufficient time should also be allowed for:

1. Review and approval of the Authority to Proceed (ATP) and preparation of business case documents (applies to new programs and specialisations) and commencing discussions around CSP allocations (where relevant). Allow 2-4 weeks for ATP approval by DVCAQ.
2. Submission dates for Faculty Committees that allow time for review and processing proposals (2 weeks prior to circulation of papers is recommended).
3. Faculty committee dates that align with university committee dates to ensure efficient pathway to Academic Board.
4. Addressing feedback and actions requested by committees (where relevant).
5. Ready for Market approval by DVC Academic Quality (new programs) and CSP allocation discussions (where relevant), as well as configuration in systems following Academic Board approval.
6. CRICOS registration application for programs planned for international students studying in Australia on student visas. Following final approval of the program, contact the Office of the DVC Academic Quality, to arrange a CRICOS application to TEQSA. An outcome can take at least one month but doesn't affect opening applications to domestic students.

For proposals to suspend or move a program into teachout (disestablishment):

1. Decisions to suspend applications or move a program into teachout must take into account the 18 month lead time for direct applications, students who have received an offer (including deferments) and international students who have received conditional package offers and may already be in Australia to complete English studies with UNSW College prior to commencing their university program. These students and the university are placed in a difficult position when a program is cancelled in the 12 months prior to an intake.
2. DVC Academic Quality approval via ECLIPS is required. Assessment of impacts on existing students and applicants at different stages of the application process is critical before actioning or communicating such decisions.
3. The Office of the DVC Academic Quality must be notified by June each year of intended program and specialisation closures for the following academic year in order to meet Department of Education requirements. In some instances, further discussions with the Department will be required before a program or specialisation can be closed.

GOVERNANCE APPROVAL TIMELINES FOR 2027 OFFERINGS (AS AT 16 SEPTEMBER 2026)

KEY DATE/DEADLINE	ACTIVITY
Late 2025/early 2026	**2027 direct applications (international and postgraduate) open approximately 18 months in advance of term commencement**
IDEAL APPROVAL TIMELINE FOR 2027 PROGRAM/SPECIALISATION PROPOSALS **NEW OFFERINGS AND SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS** Ideal lead time to maximise launch success & minimise disadvantage to current students & applicants.	
By 24 Sept 2025	**FACULTY COMMITTEE APPROVAL**
7 October 2025	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS BUSINESS GROUP (new programs and specialisations)**
8 October 2025	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ADVISORY GROUP**
24 October 2025	**ACADEMIC BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (ABPC)**
25 November 2025	**ACADEMIC BOARD**
January 2026	**Recruitment cycle** for 2027 commences.
January – April 2026	Majority of **2027 Guides and Marketing Collateral** produced
Feb - June 2026	**Peak undergraduate careers market period.**
April 2026	**UAC applications open.** Note that programs must be CRICOS registered before being made available to international year 12 students
FINAL APPROVAL DEADLINE FOR 2027 PROGRAM/SPECIALISATION PROPOSALS **NEW OFFERINGS AND SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS**	
By 30 April 2026	**FACULTY APPROVAL**
12 May 2026	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS BUSINESS GROUP (new programs and specialisations)**
13 May 2026	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ADVISORY GROUP**
29 May 2026	**ACADEMIC BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
23 June 2026	**ACADEMIC BOARD** *Section 5.3 of the Academic Offerings Approval Procedure*: All new and revised academic offerings must be approved by 30 June in the year prior to the first intake to ensure that all necessary arrangements (e.g. Handbook publication, CRICOS registration, marketing and agent notification, student load planning, student enrolment planning, and resource development) are in place before commencement, and to meet key administrative deadlines for curriculum planning, publishing, myPlan configuration and enrolment. The exception is new research programs or coursework programs which are fully online and associated new offerings. These must be approved at least six months prior to the first intake. Academic Programs Advisory Group can recommend a shorter cut-off date in exceptional circumstances.
Mid-August 2026*	**Term of offering deadline** for courses to be offered in all teaching terms in 2027. Students enrol for all 2027 terms from October 2026. Course delivery details for the full year should be up to date in ECLIPS as this information is needed for term planning and creation of course enrolment (CRS) classes. **Summer Term and Term 1 2027 Term Planning deadline** (timetabling requirements and clash free course combinations).

Late August 2026*	**Release of 2027 Online Handbook.**
Early September 2026*	**Open Day.** Absolute last opportunity to promote new undergraduate programs that have missed previous recruitment collateral and events.
Mid-September 2026*	**Release of UAC offers commences.**
Late-September 2026*	Publication of course offerings for all terms and relevant fees/CSP rates is required by legislation prior to enrolment commencing.
Early October 2026*	**2027 enrolment begins for all teaching terms.**

IDEAL APPROVAL TIMELINE FOR 2028 PROGRAM/SPECIALISATION PROPOSALS*

NEW OFFERINGS AND SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS

Ideal lead time to maximise launch success & minimise disadvantage to current students & applicants.

(subject to further advice on Calendar implementation activities and timelines)

By 23 September 2026	**DEADLINE FOR FACULTY APPROVAL TO MEET 2028 IDEAL TIMELINE**
6 October 2026	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS BUSINESS GROUP (new programs and specialisations)**
7 October 2026	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ADVISORY GROUP**
23 October 2026	**ACADEMIC BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
17 November 2026	**ACADEMIC BOARD**

**Exact dates subject to confirmation and will be communicated in due course.*

2026 Committee Meeting Dates – University Level Governance

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- Academic Board (AB)
- Academic Board Programs Committee (ABPC)
- University Academic Quality Committee (UAQC)
- Academic Programs Advisory Group (APAG)
- Academic Programs Business Group (APBG)
- University Higher Degree Research Committee (UHDRC)
- University Research Committee (URC)
- Program Review Committee (PRC)
- Academic Board Advisory Committee (ABAC)
- UNSW Council
- Faculty Approval Deadlines for pathway to June and November AB
- Public Holiday/University Shutdown

GOVERNANCE APPROVAL TIMELINES FOR 2028 OFFERINGS (AS AT 7 OCTOBER 2026)

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The table below includes the **key** activity and governance deadlines to ensure a smooth launch of new and revised programs. A full calendar of university level committee dates is included below the table.

Sufficient time should also be allowed for:

1. Review and approval of the Authority to Proceed (ATP) and preparation of business case documents (applies to new programs and specialisations). Allow a minimum of 4 weeks for ATP approval by DVCAQ. Commence discussions with Office of DVCAQ at this stage about CSP allocations (where relevant) and fee arrangements.
2. Submission dates for Faculty Committees that allow time for review and processing proposals (2 weeks prior to circulation of papers is recommended).
3. Faculty committee dates that align with university committee dates to ensure efficient pathway to Academic Board.
4. Addressing feedback and actions requested by committees (where relevant).
5. Ready for Market approval by DVC Academic Quality (new programs) and configuration in systems following Academic Board approval. (Allow 2 weeks).
6. CRICOS registration application for programs planned for international students studying in Australia on student visas. Following final approval of the program, contact the Office of the DVC Academic Quality, to arrange a CRICOS application to TEQSA. An outcome can take at least one month but doesn't affect opening applications to domestic students.

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2. DVC Academic Quality approval via ECLIPS is required. Assessment of impacts on existing students, and applicants at different stages of the application process, is critical before actioning or communicating such decisions.
3. The Office of the DVC Academic Quality must be notified by June each year of intended program and specialisation closures for the following academic year in order to meet Department of Education requirements. In some instances, further discussions with the Department will be required before a program or specialisation can be closed.

GOVERNANCE APPROVAL TIMELINES FOR 2028 OFFERINGS (AS AT 7 OCTOBER 2026)

KEY DATE/DEADLINE	ACTIVITY
Late 2026/early 2027	**2028 direct applications (international and postgraduate) open approximately 18 months in advance of term commencement**
IDEAL APPROVAL TIMELINE FOR 2028 PROGRAM/SPECIALISATION PROPOSALS **NEW OFFERINGS AND SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS** Ideal lead time to maximise launch success & minimise disadvantage to current students & applicants.	
By 24 Sept 2026	**FACULTY COMMITTEE APPROVAL**
6 October 2026	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS BUSINESS GROUP (new programs and specialisations)**
7 October 2026	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ADVISORY GROUP**
23 October 2026	**ACADEMIC BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (ABPC)**
17 November 2026	**ACADEMIC BOARD**
January 2027	**Recruitment cycle** for 2028 commences.
January – April 2027	Majority of **2028 Guides and Marketing Collateral** produced
Feb - June 2027	**Peak undergraduate careers market period.**
April 2027	**UAC applications open.** Note that programs must be CRICOS registered before being made available to international year 12 students
FINAL APPROVAL DEADLINE FOR 2028 PROGRAM/SPECIALISATION PROPOSALS **NEW OFFERINGS AND SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS (excl. UNSW Online offerings)**	
By 29 April 2027	**FACULTY APPROVAL**
11 May 2027	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS BUSINESS GROUP (new programs and specialisations)**
12 May 2027	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ADVISORY GROUP**
28 May 2027	**ACADEMIC BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
22 June 2027	**ACADEMIC BOARD** *Section 5.3 of the Academic Offerings Approval Procedure*: All new and revised academic offerings must be approved by 30 June in the year prior to the first intake to ensure that all necessary arrangements (e.g. Handbook publication, CRICOS registration, marketing and agent notification, student load planning, student enrolment planning, and resource development) are in place before commencement, and to meet key administrative deadlines for curriculum planning, publishing, myPlan configuration and enrolment. The exception is new research programs or fully online coursework programs and associated new offerings. These must be approved at least six months prior to the first intake. Academic Programs Advisory Group can recommend a shorter cut-off date in exceptional circumstances. The governance timeline for new UNSW Online programs, offshore programs, multi-campus offerings or other new initiatives should be discussed on a case-by-case basis as part of the exploratory phase of development.
20 July 2027	**Term of offering deadline** for courses to be offered in all teaching terms in 2028. Students enrol for all 2028 terms from October 2027. Course delivery details for the full year should be up to date in ECLIPS as this information is needed for term planning and creation of course enrolment (CRS) classes.

	Summer Term and Semester 1 2028 Term Planning deadline (timetabling requirements and clash free course combinations).
23 August 2027	**Release of 2028 Online Handbook.**
4 September 2027*	**Open Day - Sydney.** Absolute last opportunity to promote new undergraduate programs that have missed previous recruitment collateral and events.
Mid-September 2027*	**Release of UAC offers commences.**
Late-September 2027*	Publication of course offerings for all terms and relevant fees/CSP rates is required by legislation prior to enrolment commencing.
Early October 2027*	**2028 enrolment begins for all teaching terms.**
IDEAL APPROVAL TIMELINE FOR 2029 PROGRAM/SPECIALISATION PROPOSALS* **NEW OFFERINGS AND SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS** Ideal lead time to maximise launch success & minimise disadvantage to current students & applicants.	
By 30 September 2027	**DEADLINE FOR FACULTY APPROVAL TO MEET 2029 IDEAL TIMELINE**
12 October 2027	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS BUSINESS GROUP (new programs and specialisations)**
13 October 2027	**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ADVISORY GROUP**
29 October 2027	**ACADEMIC BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
23 November 2027	**ACADEMIC BOARD**

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*November 2027 APAG and ABPC meetings are provisional.

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	Academic Board Programs Committee (ABPC)		Program Review Committee (PRC)
	University Academic Quality Committee (UAQC)		Academic Board Advisory Committee (ABAC)
	Academic Programs Advisory Group (APAG)		UNSW Council
	Academic Programs Business Group (APBG)		Faculty Approval Deadlines
	University Higher Degree Research Committee (UHDRC)		Public Holiday (Additional Day) / University Shutdown