



PBA PATHWAYS TO ACCREDITATION

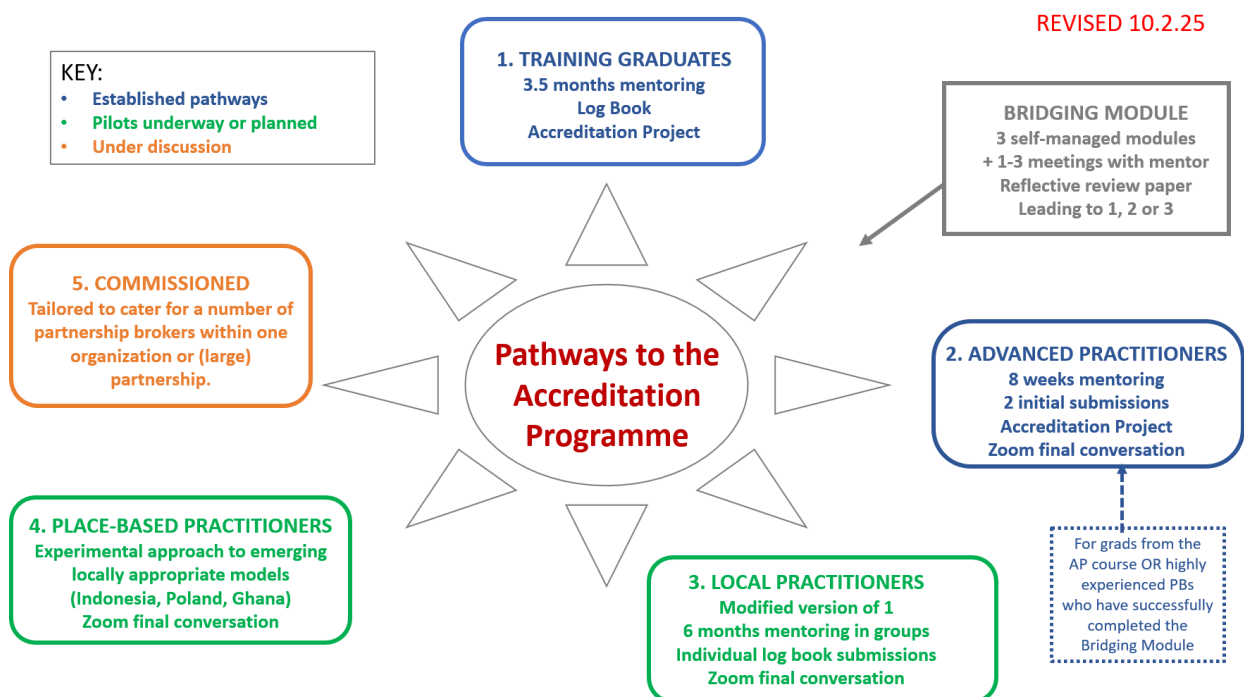
ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS

The Partnership Brokers Association’s diverse pathways to accreditation are designed to support the continuous professional development of partnership brokers everywhere. Whether you are a recent graduate from a PBA training programme, a highly experienced practitioner, a local practitioner or part of a larger organisation or a partnership requiring multiple partnership brokers, there is a pathway for you! As these pathways evolve—especially those in the process of being tested or planned – the PBA remains committed to maintaining high standards and to fostering innovation in the field of partnership brokering.

Each of the five pathways (see diagram below) include:

- **Mentoring** from a highly experienced and Accredited partnership broker
- A strong emphasis on **reflective practice** and a
- Rigorous **assessment** process

Together, these ensure that all those achieving the professional qualification – whichever pathway they have taken – are equally well-equipped to contribute effectively to partnerships and other forms of collaborative initiatives.





Advanced Practitioners Accreditation Pathway Requirements

Designed for recent graduates of PBA's Advanced Practice course OR those who can demonstrate a strong partnership brokering track record. For the former group, a recommendation from your course tutor(s) will be required. For the latter group, it will be necessary to successfully complete a BRIDGING MODULE as a pre-requisite for acceptance onto the this Accreditation pathway.

The BRIDGING MODULE runs over a 3-6 week period and leads to the awarding of a PBA Certificate of Completion. It involves:

- Working through three **self-managed online modules** – these are:
 1. Introduction to partnership brokering as a profession
 2. An overview of PBA principles and frameworks for partnership brokers
 3. An overview of the skills required for effective partnership brokering
- Three meetings with a **PBA mentor** – an Accredited and experienced partnership broker – to discuss the modules and to see how far they align or differ from your
- partnering / partnership brokering experiences Submission of a **Reflective Review** of the materials shared in the module.

Your acceptance onto the Accreditation Programme will be on the recommendation of the mentor. We may also ask for a reference from those who have worked with you in your partnership brokering capacity.

Key features of the Advanced Practitioners Accreditation Pathway:

- The completion of a **Skills Audit** and a **Reflective Overview** of your partnership brokering experiences / approaches / challenges prior to starting your relationship with your mentor
- A **1-2-1 online working relationship with a mentor** – PBA's authorised mentors are all Accredited Partnership Brokers (APBs) who will be glad to share their own experiences and to learn from yours
- A **mentoring period of 8 weeks** – offering you the opportunity to systematically reflect on your day-to-day practice and to identify and test out some new approaches to your partnership brokering challenges
- The compilation of an **Accreditation Project** – selected by you as something of deep interest that you are keen to explore more thoroughly and that you feel will make a contribution to the partnership brokering paradigm.

At the end of all Accreditation pathways, each mentee is assessed on the basis of their formal submissions together with observations from their mentor. These will be formally reviewed by an appointed examiner from the PBA's Accreditation Panel – which sets the standards for the programme and provides the rigour required for awarding a professional qualification of this kind.

All those offered Accreditation are required to sign and return a copy of the PBA's Seven Commitments to Ethical Partnership Brokering (see below):



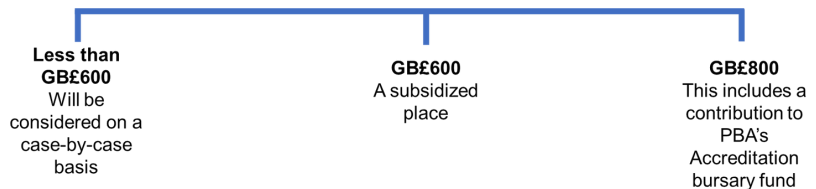
All those who are recommended for Accreditation are required to sign up to these commitments before their Accreditation is confirmed.



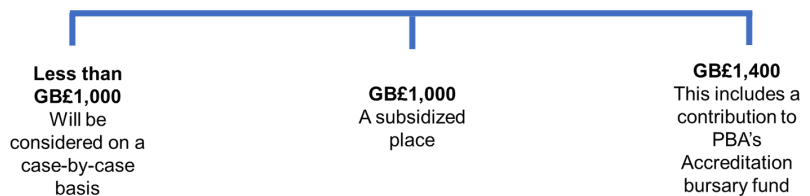
Costs:

PBA is a 'social business' which means that it operates on a cost recovery, not-for-profit basis. Our Accreditation fees are based on actual costs or, where indicated, involve a level of cross-subsidy to enable those on lower incomes or from lower income contexts to be able to achieve Accreditation. In offering the sliding scale below, PBA relies on applicants making an honest appraisal of what they / their organisations can afford and, wherever possible, making a higher level payment to enable others to undertake Accreditation.

Sliding scale for the BRIDGING MODULE (if applicable):



Sliding scale for the ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS ACCREDITATION PATHWAY:



Note: Fees are presented in GB£s but other currencies can be accepted. Payment can be paid by bank transfer or credit card and, if necessary, payment can be made in instalments as long as 50% is received before the start of the course.

Find out more

For more information or a pre-application conversation please contact the Programme Manager: accreditation@partnershipbrokers.org

Ready to apply?

To apply, please use the ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS APPLICATION FORM on the PBA website (under ACCREDITATION)



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