

Swansea University PGR
Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) and Change of
Research Topic Policy and Procedure

The University has a requirement to notify UKVI within 28 days of any changes to postgraduate student research proposals, for those that require an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate. This applies to non EEA students only.

Information regarding which courses require an ATAS certificate can be found via:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-out-if-you-require-an-atas-certificate#find-out-how-to-apply>

It is the responsibility of Swansea University supervisors to notify the University's International Student Compliance Team (Academic Services), of changes to the student's original research proposal or the use of any new research technique.

In order to capture changes and advise students concerning the validity of their ATAS, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Any change to the student's original research proposal or the use of any new research technique associated with an ATAS student should be notified to the International Student Compliance Team.
2. Using the studentcompliance@swansea.ac.uk, supervisors should send an email specifically highlighting a) the original research topic and b) the proposed new research topic.
3. The International Student Compliance team will make an evaluation regarding the variation of change and notify the student and supervisor to re-apply for the ATAS, if that is needed. Re-applying carries no financial cost.
4. The International Student Compliance Team will be responsible for recording and monitoring changes.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the International Student Compliance Team via studentcompliance@swansea.ac.uk