

# ETS Academic Validation and Student Protection

## What happens if my programme is withdrawn?

Please see the **Student Terms and Conditions, 16.4**

16.4. *We have the right to end the Student Contract if a programme is withdrawn. We have the right to end the Student Contract if a programme is withdrawn. If we have had to withdraw a programme because we are unable to deliver it in accordance with Section 9, you will be offered help and advice in finding an appropriate alternative programme of study. In the event of loss of validation status, the present partnership agreement ensure that all current students would complete their respective courses, providing time for ETS to make alternative arrangements. Moreover, ETS would seek to find a new validating institution within Scotland, or the UK initially, failing which assess the opportunity to operate with an international theological institution. However, if no alternative is available, we have the right to end the Student Contract, in which case the Student Contract will end on the date on which ETS withdraws you as a student of the Seminary.*

For full terms and conditions see [Student Terms and Conditions](#)

## What happens if my programme of studies is no longer validated by the University of Glasgow?

### What is the risk?

- ETS could potentially lose its validated status due to Glasgow University change of policy.

### What is the likelihood of this risk? **LOW**

- Discussions with Glasgow University have continued to evidence complete commitment to the present validation partnership, though they wish to develop it.
- The ‘development’ could be considered a risk to the confessional, reformed position of ETS.
- However, Glasgow University seem to be quite content to be associated with the continuance of ‘the Scottish theological heritage’ promoted by ETS.

### What is the impact of this risk? **HIGH**

- The loss of validation would hinder ETS from meeting our key objectives in offer undergraduate and postgraduate programmes to meet the standards required by the churches it serves.
- The loss of our validation by a Scottish University would undoubtedly affect our ability to market ETS, particularly with postgraduate international students.
- This would lead to a loss of projected student income.

### How can we deal with this risk?

- In the event of loss of validation status, the present partnership agreement ensure that all current students would complete their respective courses, providing time for ETS to make alternative arrangements.

- ETS would seek to find a new validating institution within Scotland, or the UK initially, failing which assess the opportunity to operate with an international theological institution (e.g., RTS) (ETS Board, Principal).
- Achieve academic goals and a higher level of graduands to enable current/future validating institutions to assess the benefits of validating ETS (ETS Board, Senate, Principal).
- While the likelihood of this risk is still low, its impact would certainly be high, provided the above is done, we believe that the residual risk is unavoidable if we are to continue to fulfil our objectives.