# Cyber Skills Immediate Impact Fund (CSIIF) - Approvals Board

Policy outcome:

- In line with the National Cyber Security Strategy, the CSIIF aims to boost the number and diversity of those working in the UK's cyber security industry in the immediate term.
- This is facilitated through the Fund helping a range of organisations to develop **effective and sustainable** initiatives that **identify, train and place** untapped talent from a range of backgrounds into cyber security roles quickly.

Board function:

The CSIIF Approvals Board is responsible for determining which applications should receive government funding, in line with policy objectives. To do this, the Board is asked to:

- Ensure the Board Members are content the initiatives provide confidence they represent value for money in achieving the desired policy outcome.
- Challenge and scrutinise initiative applications to ensure they are deliverable and in line with the desired policy outcomes.
- Agree, if any, conditions or amendments that should be made or suggested for the applicants.
- Ensure the board members are content the shortlist represents a complementary blend of initiatives, taking into account factors including geography and risk.
- Ensure that the assessment process has been followed in robust and transparent allocation process.

Approvals board attendance:

Approvals Board

- [civil servant] (DCMS) - Chair
- [civil servant] (DCMS)
- [civil servant] (DCMS)
- NCSC Representative
- [civil servant](DfE)
- [industry representative] (techUK)

Policy Team

- [civil servant] (DCMS)
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## Assessment and Approvals Timeline

| 5 November 2018 | Close of bidding window and initial due diligence |
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| 5 November 2018 | Release of application documents to assessors |
| 5-9 November 2018 | Assessment period |
| 13 November 2018 | Moderation meeting and initial shortlisting |
| 5 December 2018 | [civil servant] (DCMS) challenge of shortlist |
| 5 December 2018 | Finish remaining due diligence |
| 7 December 2018 | Finalise grant agreement template |
| 10 December 2018 | Approvals board: shortlist and applicant interviews |
| 13 December 2018 | Approvals board: agreement for funding |
| 17 December 2018 | Inform applicants of outcome |
| 19 December 2018 | Circulate grant agreement letters for review and sign off |
| 9 January 2018 | Returned grant agreement letters |
| 14 January 2019 | Comms/Press Release |