New degree programs are defined as:

An associate degree granted or provided by a private or out-of-province public institution governed under the *Degree Authorization Act*, or

A baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degree that has not been previously granted or conferred by the post-secondary institution in British Columbia, or

A baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degree granted or conferred by the post-secondary institution in British Columbia containing one or more of the following elements:

- a new major or field of specialization (although a new honours program in a field in which a major is currently offered will not require review);
- an existing interdisciplinary major for which the majority of the courses are new or are substantially altered to conform to the program's objectives;
- a joint major if one or more of the fields in the joint major is not already represented by an approved major;
- revision of a program's major objectives resulting in significant changes; and,
- significant revision of a program that warrants credential renaming.