

RITx Verification Policies

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Verification Policy – Internal

RITx has adopted a no extension policy for edX verification upgrade deadlines. The ILI has chosen to take this approach for a few critical reasons:

- Provides fairness and consistency to the learner population (avoids potential learner discrimination)
- Eliminates additional time and management for internal RIT and edX staff to process exceptions (Extending the verification deadline requires reopening of the entire course by edX; it cannot be done on the back-end or by RIT.)
- Ensures swift response time to learners when inquiries are made
- Supports academic integrity for verified curriculum
- Protects RITx from requests for refunds due to poor learner performance
- Encourages learner responsibility and attentiveness to deadlines
- Validates the existence of a verification deadline

By adopting this stance, RITx acknowledges that some learners may elect to leave courses and programs.

Verification Policy – External

RITx will not provide extensions to the published verification upgrade deadlines for the whole course cohort or to individual learners. This is due to the design of the verified courses, which may include differentiated content or assessment. However, we design our RITx courses and schedule the verification deadline to provide as much time as possible for learners to determine if they want to join the verified course.