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# Licence to kill: about accreditation issues and James Bond [1]

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## Abstract

Accreditation has become something of a hot topic in higher education. In Europe it has been described as a 'Licence to Kill'. The James Bond metaphor is particularly illustrative when reflecting on quality assurance challenges in higher education.

Publications on this subject in recent years reveal that the array of issues associated with accreditation are eminently explainable using titles of Bond films. This article addresses various accreditation topics, beginning with the origin, the necessity of a

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the systems aim at improvement. Perhaps stimulatory supervisions will become the new evaluation hype.

## Notes

This is a minor adaptation of the Dutch article in the retirement bundle presented to former Chief Education Inspector, Frans Leeuw.

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