

**QQI**Quality and Qualifications Ireland
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UPDATE

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CONSULTATION:

Review of QQI Award Standards: Approach and Schedule Discussion paper

QQI has published a [discussion paper](#) concerning the proposed approach to the review of QQI award standards across further and higher education and training.

QQI is hosting a series of consultation workshops to provide an opportunity for providers, stakeholders and other interested parties to engage in discussion and to express their views on the QQI approach to reviewing award standards. The workshops will take place on 13, 16 February and 2 March 2017 in Dublin and Tullamore.

To find out more please visit our [Current Consultations Page](#).

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT:

QQI publishes a summary report on quality within the universities, DIT and RCSI

Each year, QQI as the external Quality Assurance (QA) body for higher education, requests the universities, DIT and RCSI to complete an Annual Institutional Quality Assurance Report (AIQR) based on the preceding academic year. QQI prepares a summary of these annual reports to bring together data provided, to identify themes occurring across the institutions and to highlight quality activities undertaken during the reporting period.

This summary report, entitled [Quality within the Universities, RCSI and DIT 2016](#), presents quality activities undertaken during the reporting period 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015.

To download this report and find out more about the AIQR process click [here](#).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION:

Briefings for Initial Access to ELE Programme Validation

QQI will hold a two-day briefing in March about [Initial Access to ELE Programme Validation](#). This validation relates to the two sets of ELE awards (published on the QQI website), namely for [ELE Teacher Training awards](#) and [International Foundation Year](#) awards.

We have circulated invitations in the first instance to current ACELS CELT providers who may wish to consider validation of a QQI CELT programme and to other providers who have expressed an interest to QQI in validating an international foundation year programme. Once responses from these invitees have been received we will widen the invitation to the other ELE providers on the English Language Education provider database (both ACELS and non-ACELS), in early February.

Briefing Dates 2017:

Day 1: Friday 3 March

Day 2: Friday 24 March

QA NETWORKS AND ACTIVITIES:

QQI joins Quality Assurance Network (CBQAN) promoting cross-border collaboration with China

The CBQAN is a new cross-border QA network for in higher education in Asia and Europe. The network, established in 2015, has 15 founder members from 12 countries, including Ireland. QQI joined the network as part of its efforts to quality assure Irish higher education being delivered in Asia.

The inaugural forum of the new cross-border QA network for China (CBQAN) took place in Haikou, China on 20-21 December, 2016. The forum, hosted by the China academic degrees and graduate education development center (CDGDC), was attended by 15 international quality assurance and recognition agencies and over 200 Chinese universities active in cross-border education.

The network aims to build a communication and cooperation platform for stakeholders of cross-border higher education quality assurances in Asia and Europe, in the following areas.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the work of this network.

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