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CONSULTATION: PROCEDURES FOR FOCUSED REVIEWS OF PROVIDER QA PROCEDURES

QQI has published a [White Paper on procedures for Focused Reviews by QQI of the Implementation and Effectiveness of Provider QA Procedures](#) and is now seeking feedback from relevant stakeholders.

This white paper presents procedures for focused reviews by QQI of the implementation and effectiveness of provider QA procedures under Section 34 (1) (b) of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act, 2012. These procedures apply to all providers who have QA procedures established under Section 28 of the 2012 Act.

As set out in QQI's Policy for Cyclical Review of Higher Education Institutions, QQI may conduct a focused institutional review of a provider's QA procedures from time-to-time as it considers appropriate or in response to concerns that have come to its attention in relation to the implementation and effectiveness of a provider's QA procedures (Section 34(1)(b) of the 2012 Act). It is not intended that focused institutional reviews be a substitution for cyclical institutional reviews. Providers who have had focused reviews may still undergo a cyclical review of their QA procedures in accordance with QQI policy.

Submissions may be emailed to consultation@qqi.ie with the words "Focused Reviews QA" in the subject heading. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 20 January 2017**.

For more details on the consultation process and how to provide feedback, please visit our consultation page [here](#).

CONSULTATION: SECTOR SPECIFIC QUALITY ASSURANCE GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARDS

QQI has published a [White Paper on Sector Specific Quality Assurance Guidelines for Education and Training Boards](#) and is now seeking feedback from relevant stakeholders.

Statutory quality assurance guidelines set out those elements which providers will have regard to when establishing, or updating their own QA procedures in order to have such procedures approved by QQI (with the exception of the previously established universities).

Submissions may be emailed to consultation@qqi.ie with the words "QA Guidelines ETB" in the subject heading. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 10 February 2017**.

For more details on the consultation process and how to provide feedback, please visit our consultation page [here](#).

REVIEW OF QQI AWARD STANDARDS: APPROACH AND SCHEDULE - DISCUSSION PAPER

QQI has published [Review of QQI Award Standards: Approach & Schedule - Discussion paper](#) and is seeking consultation from relevant stakeholders. This paper concerns the proposed approach to the review of QQI award standards across further and higher education and training.

A series of workshops will take place in January-February 2017 (dates to be confirmed). Following discussion with relevant stakeholders the approach and the review schedule for 2017-19 will be confirmed.

QQI invites feedback on the questions in the discussion document. Responses can be submitted through [our online survey](#).

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