

**QQI**Quality and Qualifications Ireland
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UPDATE

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QUALITY ASSURANCE:

Quality Assurance (QA) Guidelines

Following a comprehensive consultation process, QQI has published [Quality Assurance Guidelines For Providers of Research Degree Programmes](#). These topic-specific QA guidelines supplement the Core QA Guidelines. The Core, Sector-Specific and Topic-Specific QA guidelines are available [here](#). Information on all previous consultations including the [consultation feedback report](#) for the Research Degree Programmes can be found [here](#).

The original feedback responses, where the contributors have given permission for QQI to publish, are also available [here](#).

QQI CORPORATE:

QQI - NALA Approved Information Leaflet

Our new information leaflet 'QQI - Who we are and what we do' is now available online [here](#). We are happy to say that the leaflet has been awarded [NALA's](#) plain English mark. This mark is awarded to publications presenting information in a clear and concise way.

The leaflet gives an overview of the work that we do and is the first in a series of information leaflets on topics such as quality assurance, qualifications, the NFAQ and International Education that will be published in the coming weeks.

Click [here](#) to download a copy.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION (ELE):

ELE Information Days

QQI is holding English Language Education (ELE) Information Days for all English language providers on 10 and 11 May in Dublin and 19 May in Cork. The sessions are to provide you with an update on developments and projects concerning English language education and to give us in QQI an opportunity to hear your questions and concerns. Please email ELEvents@qqi.ie if you would like to attend any one of these events.

Initial Access to ELE Programme Validation

In April we held the first Initial Access to ELE Programme Validation briefings. These briefings are a requirement for any ELE school interested in submitting the following programme(s) for validation:

- QQI CELT award (NFQ Special Purposes Award Level 7)
- International foundation Year (NFQ Level 5)

To register your interest in attending one of these regularly held briefings, please contact QQI through QHelp [here](#).

QQI has made previous updates accessible [here](#) to help keep you and your colleagues informed of all QQI-related news and developments.

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