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### **CONSULTATION: QQI PUBLISHES WHITE PAPER ON DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

QQI has published a [White Paper on Procedures and Criteria Relating to Delegation of Authority](#) and is now seeking feedback from relevant stakeholders.

Delegated authority to make an award enables a provider to establish its own award brand. It gives the provider greater autonomy to establish programmes within classes of programmes, where authority to make awards has been delegated.

Specifically this white paper presents

1. Draft procedures and criteria for the determination of a request for delegated authority to make an award in respect of a programme or class of programmes
2. Draft procedures for the review of each programme or class of programme of education and training of a provider to which authority to make an award has been delegated

The closing date for consultation is **Friday 21 October 2016**. Click [here](#) to access the White Paper and find out how you can take part in the consultation process.

### **CONSULTATION: TOPIC-SPECIFIC QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

QQI is developing a range of QA guidelines which are specific to certain topics. These topic-specific guidelines are to be used as a supplement to the core QA Guidelines.

QQI is now seeking feedback from stakeholders on the [Topic-Specific QA Guidelines for Research Degree Programmes](#).

The closing date for consultation is **Thursday 3 November 2016**. Click [here](#) to access the draft guidelines and find out about the consultation process (you will need to scroll

down the web page).

## **PUBLICATIONS: NEW SECTOR-SPECIFIC QA GUIDELINES PUBLISHED**

Following consultation, QQI recently published the following sector-specific QA guidelines:

- [Sector-specific QA Guidelines for Universities and Designated Awarding Bodies](#)
- [Sector-specific QA Guidelines for Institutes of Technology](#)

These guidelines, specific to certain sectors, are to be used as a supplement to the core QA Guidelines. They add to the core QA guidelines by addressing specific responsibilities of the sector or institutions they refer to.

They are designed to capture the varying relationships QQI has with the different groups of providers and the standing that those provider groups are afforded by virtue of their position as reflected in the legislation.

Please visit our [website](#) for further information on quality assurance guidelines.

*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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