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UPDATE

Update - January 2016

NEW CONSULTATIONS:

[QQI has opened a consultation on its Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines for Apprenticeship.](#)

QQI has developed topic-specific statutory quality assurance guidelines for the design and delivery of apprenticeships. These quality assurance guidelines will apply to the established apprenticeships and to new apprenticeships. The draft document is available through the link above.

Closing date: 15 February 2016

CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS:

[QQI consultation process on its Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines.](#)

QQI commenced consultation on quality assurance guidelines in December. The model QQI is following is the development of core quality assurance guidelines that apply to all providers and supplemental guidelines that are particular to a provider's context and provision. QQI has also updated its policy on QA Guidelines. The following draft documents continue to be open for consultation and are available through the link above:

- Policy on QA Guidelines
- Core Statutory Quality Assurance (QA) Guidelines (**relevant to all current and prospective providers**)
- Statutory Sector-Specific QA Guidelines for Independent/Private providers
- Statutory Topic-Specific QA Guidelines on Flexible and Distance Learning

Closing date: 5 February 2016

[QQI consultation process on its new Validation Policy and Criteria](#)

QQI also opened a consultation process on its draft policy and criteria for the validation of education and training programmes at the end of last year. Similar to the approach taken to quality assurance guidelines, this policy is constructed as core and supplemental policy and criteria. The following draft documents remain open for consultation and available through the link above:

- Core Policy and Criteria for the Validation of Education and Training Programmes by QQI (**relevant to all current and prospective providers of programmes leading to QQI awards**)
- Policy and criteria for the validation of programmes leading to Common Awards System (CAS) Awards

For providers offering programmes leading to QQI awards, QQI's validation policy and criteria will be an important consideration in designing their QA procedures.

Closing date: 26 February 2016

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