

**QQI**Quality and Qualifications Ireland
Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí ÉireannNEWS
UPDATE

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CONSULTATION:

We have a number of papers currently published for consultation namely:

- [Topic-Specific Quality Assurance Guidelines for Research Degree Programmes \(Version 2\) \(Closing date: Monday 20 February 2017\)](#)
- [Sector Specific Quality Assurance Guidelines for Education and Training Boards \(Closing date: Friday 10 February 2017\)](#)

Submissions may be sent to consultation@qqi.ie before the closing dates indicated above. Please visit our [Current Consultations](#) page for more information.

POLICY UPDATE 2017:

Part of our work involves developing and implementing policies, procedures and guidelines on a range of issues that affect qualifications and quality assurance in Irish education and training.

We have recently published a summary document outlining the status of all of QQI's existing and planned policies. Click [here](#) to access the summary.

As usual all our existing policies and supporting documentation can be found in our [QSearch](#) database under [Policies](#).

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT:

We are always trying to improve quality assurance. We do this through a formal process known as Quality Enhancement, which involves promoting and spreading effective practice in an ever-evolving quality assurance system.

In late 2016 we held enhancement events for both higher education providers and those working in English language education.

Please click on the links below to access event agendas, presentations and videos.

- [Growing your vision for Higher Education, 15 December 2016](#)
- [Pursuing Excellence in English Language Education, 29 November 2016](#)

PUBLICATIONS:

Qualifications Frameworks - Reflections and Trajectories

In December 2016 we published [Qualifications Frameworks – Reflections and Trajectories](#) which is intended to inform debate about the possibilities and limitations of qualifications frameworks as tools for reform.

Your thoughts, ideas, concerns and hopes about the NFQ are always welcome, please let us know at nfqforwardthink@qqi.ie

QA NETWORKS AND ACTIVITIES:

IQAVET (Irish Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training)

[IQAVET](#) is the Irish National Reference Point for [EQAVET](#), a European wide network to promote quality assurance in vocational education and training.

In 2016, three seminars were hosted, attended by QA practitioners across further education and training providers nationally. Seminar topics were chosen by the IQAVET steering group, supporting systematic continuous improvement and focussed on the use of data in evidencing quality, self-evaluation and governance. Case studies were provided from current practice and international speakers shared their learning and insights with regards to the use of EQAVET indicators, building blocks and tool kits.

For more information on the work of IQAVET please click [here](#).

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