



**QQI**

**10 YEARS**

## **QQI's International Education Activity**

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# Background

# International cooperation in context



# QQI and International Cooperation: A Legislative Requirement



# International Partnerships: Quality Assurance

# Links with International QA and Regulatory Bodies

## QQI's key memberships include:

- European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
- The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE)
- The Cross-Border Quality Assurance Network (CBQAN)
- Also QQI is
  - a registered agency in the European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR) and
  - the Irish National Reference Point for EQAVET, a community of practice promoting European collaboration in developing and improving QA in vocational education and training



## QQI bilateral arrangements include inter alia MOUs signed with the:

- Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)
- China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE)
- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency, Australia (TEQSA)
- UK's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)

# International influence on topical policy/ practice areas



# Qualifications' Frameworks and the Recognition of Qualifications



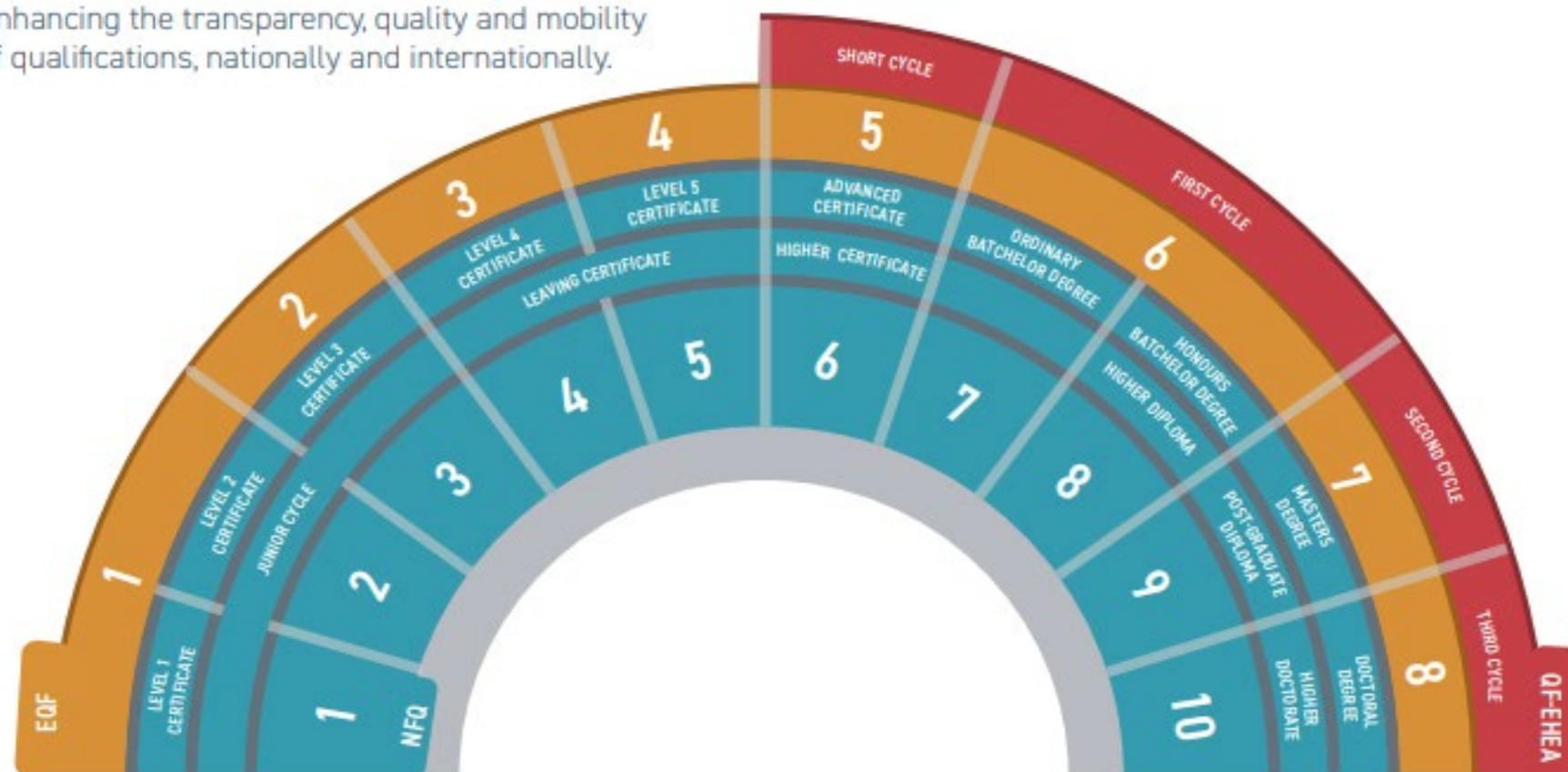
# QQI as a Qualifications Authority

- QQI is the national qualifications authority as well as being the national quality assurance agency
- In terms of qualifications, QQI has the roles of:
  - maintaining Ireland's National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)
  - facilitating the recognition of international awards in Ireland and the recognition of Irish awards internationally
- Like its engagements on quality assurance, these too have a very pronounced international dimension



## Qualifications Frameworks - Going Global

Enhancing the transparency, quality and mobility of qualifications, nationally and internationally.



- **NFQ**
- **EQF**
- **QF-EHEA**

Irish National Framework of Qualifications

European Qualifications Framework

Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area

# Recognition of Qualifications



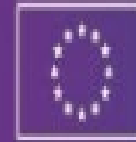
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gateway to recognition of qualifications

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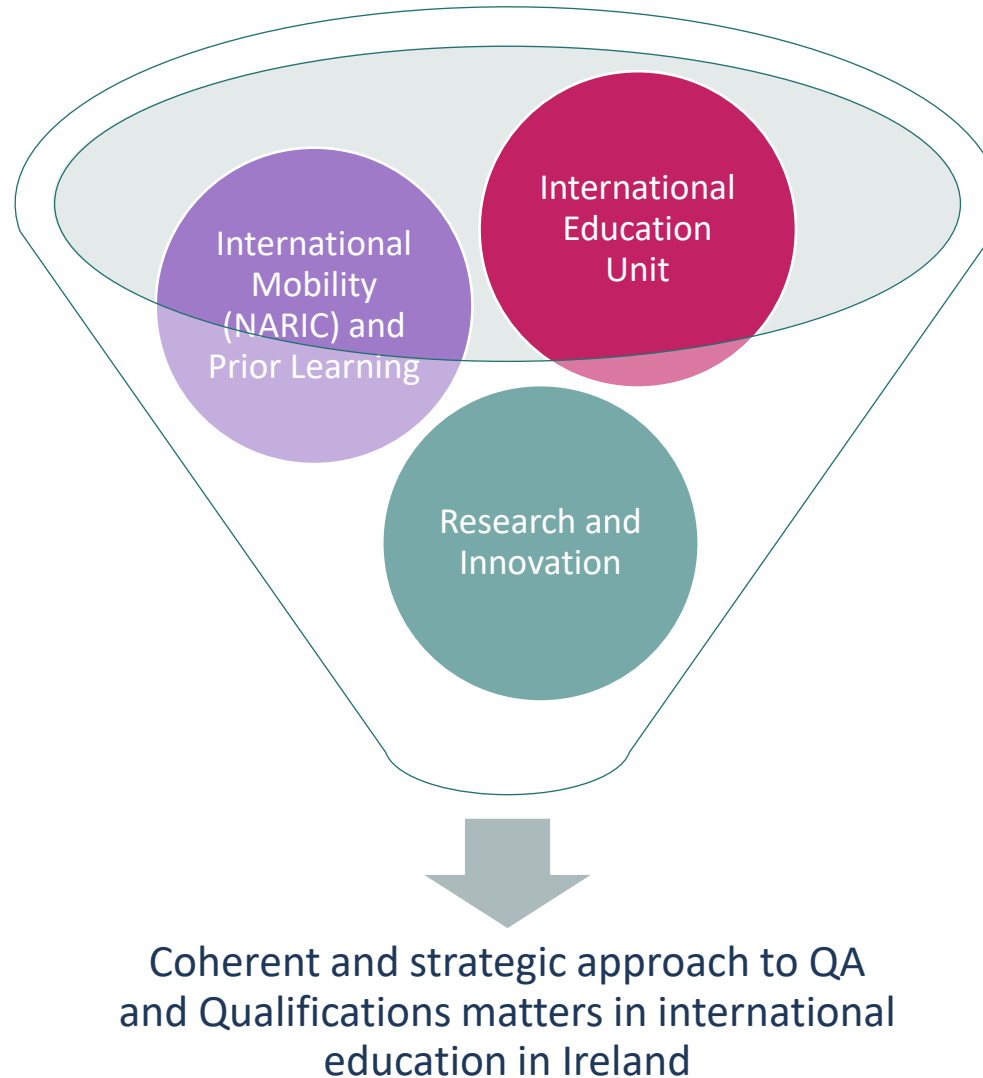


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# Looking Forward

# A renewed focus on the international dimension of education: new Development Directorate established in QQI





# The IEM at a glance...

By promoting public confidence, nationally and internationally, in the quality of the Irish educational system, the IEM will ensure that international learners enrolled with higher education and English language education providers are protected and receive a quality, consistent learning experience.



## Public confidence

The IEM will represent and promote public confidence in quality of Irish providers delivering programmes to international students

## Academic provision

Covering quality of academic provision and student supports, capacity to implement robust QA, and deliver coherent programmes

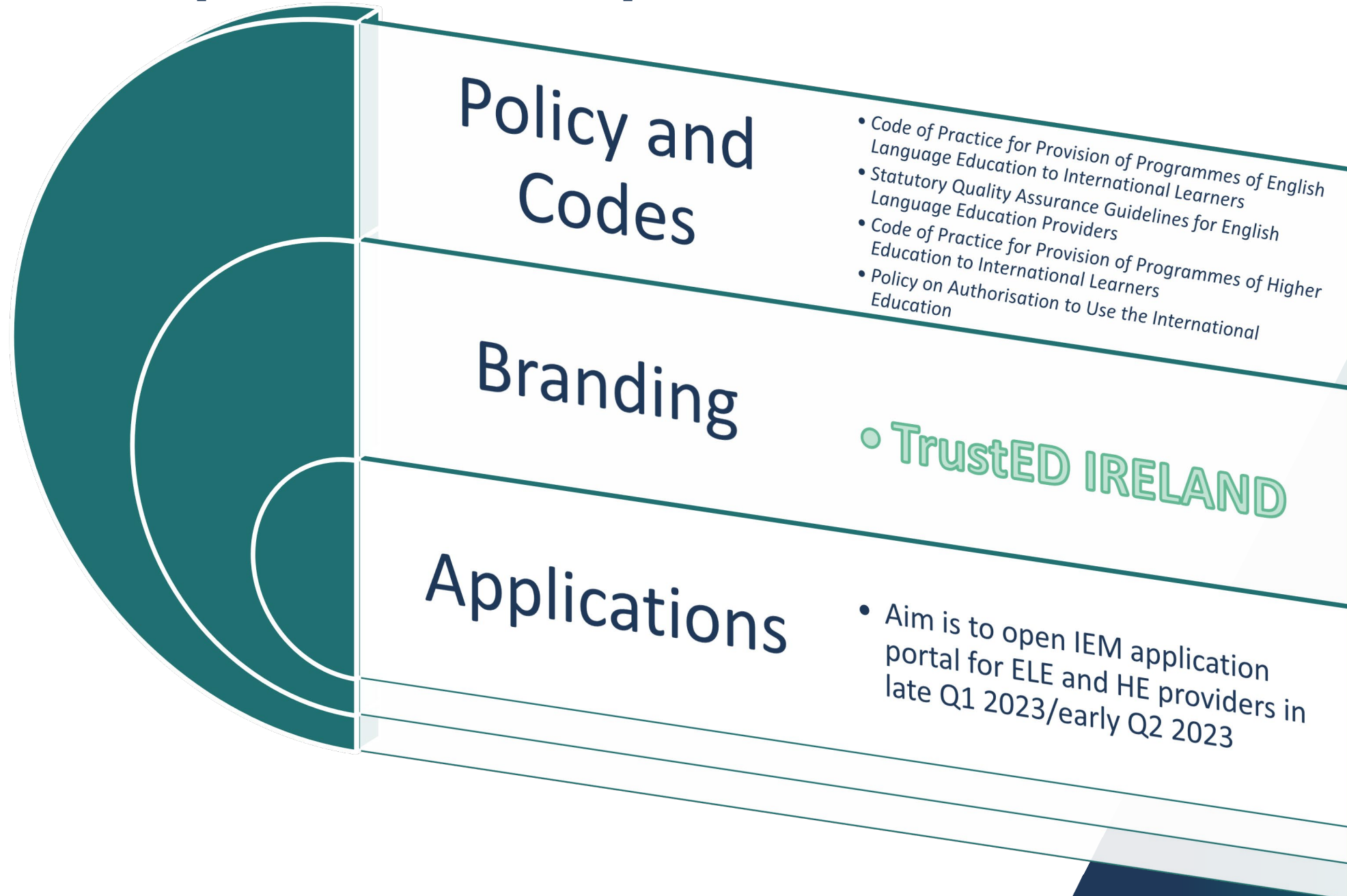
## Enhanced quality assurance

Grounded on existing national quality assurance infrastructure, including ESG QA guidelines, enhanced by new statutory codes of practice for providers

## Learner protection

Underpinned by due diligence requirements for private providers, and a statutory learner protection fund to protect international students

# IEM development and implementation





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