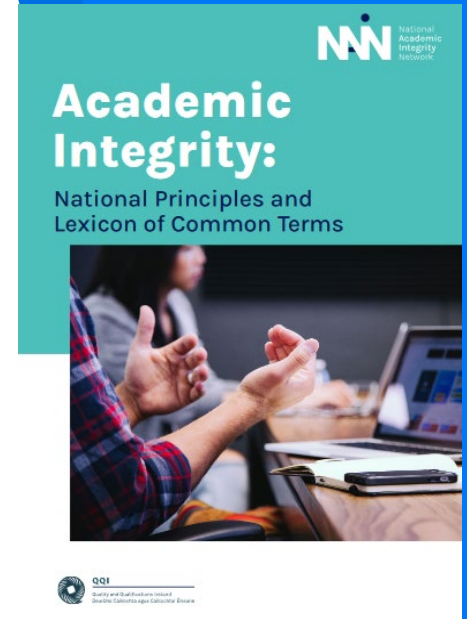# Framework for Academic Misconduct Investigation and Case Management

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Academic Integrity Pillar
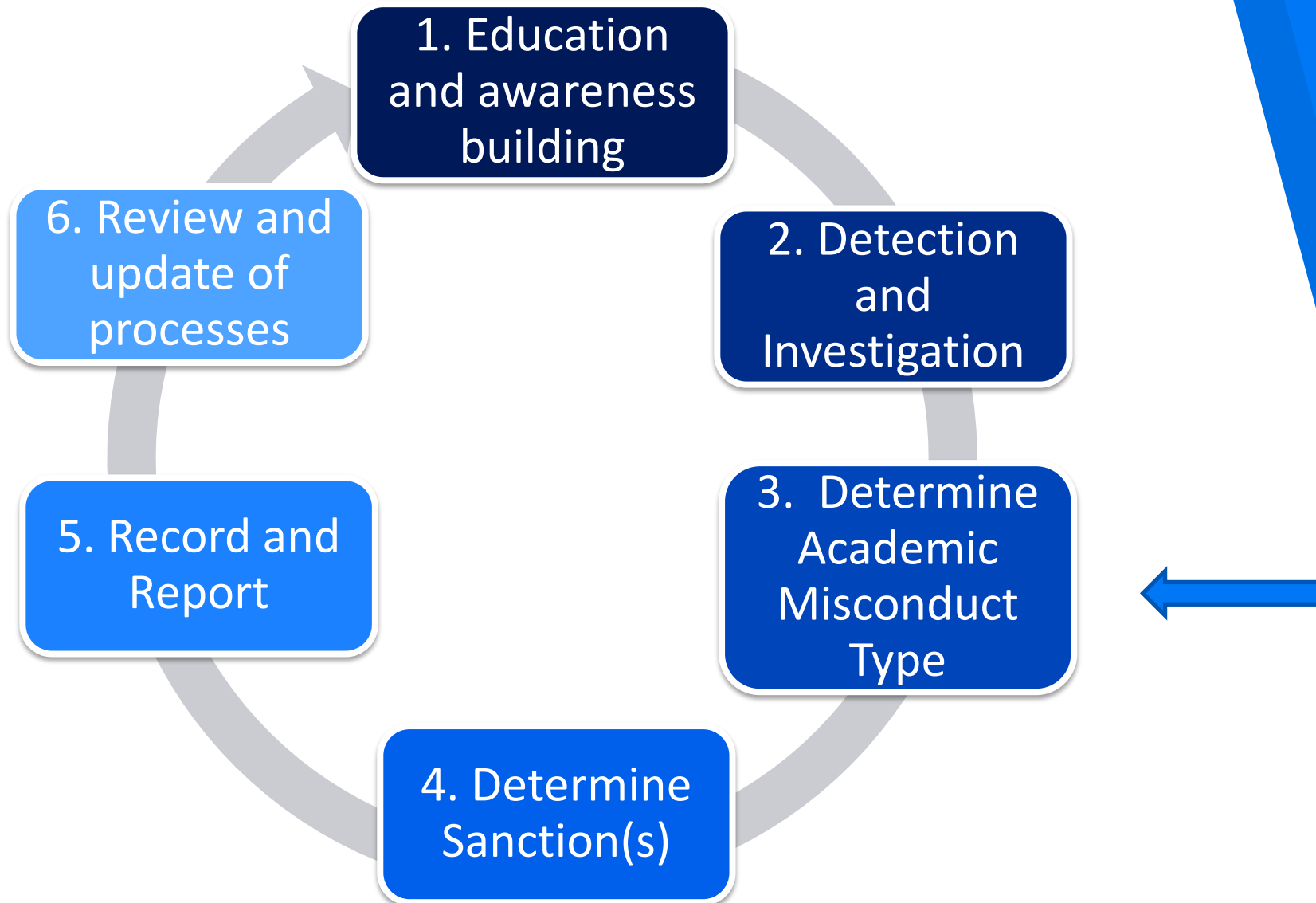
Aim of NAIN is to uphold Academic Integrity

- ❑ Academic integrity: Starting with a common language
- ❑ Guidelines underpinning a partnership approach to Academic Integrity
- ❑ **Framework for Academic Misconduct Investigation & Case Management**

Development Process

Working Group 1 – Established 3 subgroups

Review of national and international practice
3 components - Lifecycle, policy and templates

Outline paper circulated to NAIN

Consideration & integration of feedback, alignment of three components

External Consultation

Consideration & integration of feedback

Finalisation and publication

Framework Overview

- 1. Education and awareness building
- 2. Detection and Investigation
- 3. Determine Academic Misconduct Type
- 4. Determine Sanction(s)
- 5. Record and Report
- 6. Review and update of processes

Determine the type of Academic Misconduct

- National approach to facilitate uniformity across the sector
- Three levels of academic misconduct proposed:
- Identification determines how to progress of the case

Level 3- Severe Academic Misconduct

Level 2 - Academic Misconduct

Level 1 – Poor Academic Practice

Progression of the Framework

Tremendous Feedback!!!

- Majority of HEI's responded – almost 100% engagement
- PSRB input – Teaching Council, NMLI, LAI
- HEI Agencies which included THEA, IUA, HECA, PCHEI. NRIF and NStEP

Next Steps: Incorporation of Feedback

- Overseen by Co-Chairs
- Goals:
    - Cohesion across document
    - Focus on core intention – support of investigation and management of academic misconduct cases
- WG1 Consolidation of the feedback:
    - What feedback incorporated into final Framework

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Next Steps

- ❑ Publication of the Framework
- ❑ Communications Team Rollout
- ❑ Feedback on the uptake of the Framework

What's Next?

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Thank you

- All who provided feedback
- Working group 1, sub-groups and convenors
- QQI and the NAIN Steering Committee for support with all the feedback and administration
- Looking forward to the launch of the Framework