

PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAEC)

Thursday 13 August 2025 at 11am

via Microsoft Teams

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the QQI Programmes and Awards Executive Committee held via Microsoft Teams, at 11am on **13 August 2025**.

Present:

Ms Cliona Curley (Chairperson)
Ms Andrea Durnin
Dr Jim Murray
Ms Órla Barry
Ms Roisín Morris-Drennan

In attendance:

Mr Paul Maguire
Ms Katherine Walsh
Ms Mairéad Boland

Apologies:

Ms Barbara Kelly
Ms Marie Mattimoe

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson enquired and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

2. Request for Extension of Validation Period

Dublin Business School

The Committee noted the paper on the request for extension of validation period.

On 23 July 2025, DBS wrote to QQI, requesting an extension of validation for a year for the above programmes. The programmes are major awards at Level 7 and Level 6. On 10 September 2020, the PAEC approved the validation of these programmes until August 2025. This is the first request for an extension of validation of the programmes.

The rationale for the extension request is as follows:

On 17 July 2025, the PAEC considered an application by DBS for revalidation of the above programmes. Following discussion of the application and the programme review and revalidation reports, the PAEC had a number of questions for DBS.

The committee also sought additional qualitative and quantitative information relating to *inter alia* learner progression, entry requirements, and data analysis. The PAEC requested that the Executive submit these questions to DBS for response. The Executive raised these questions with DBS on 23 July 2025. The request for information was acknowledged by DBS on 23 July 2025, and the provider has committed to providing responses to the questions raised. In the meantime, DBS has requested an extension of validation until August 2026.

The request for extension of validation period was **APPROVED**.