

Decision on the Substantive Change Report by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Register Committee

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Decision of:	2023-11-29
Result:	Take note
Report received on:	2023-08-23
Agency registered since:	2015-06-05
Last external review report:	2019-06-20
Registration until:	2024-06-30
Absented themselves from decision-making:	
Attachments:	1. Substantive Change Report, 2023-08-23

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2023-08-23.
2. The Committee understood that the reported changes concern the discontinuation of an external quality assurance activity (point 3) and the introduction of a new external QA activity outside the scope of the ESG (point 4 – 6).
3. The Committee noted that the “Re-engagement process for non-public providers” was completed in 2020. Given the discontinuation of this external QA activity, the profile of the agency in the Register has been updated and the activity is now archived.
4. The Register Committee further took note of the newly introduced activity “Policy for the Inaugural Review of Quality Assurance in Education and Training Boards”, which is a review of public further education and training providers. The inaugural external review of quality assurance in the 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs), was published in October 2019 and conducted between March 2021 and May 2022.
5. The Committee understood that the further education and training courses are provided at levels one to six on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).
6. Given the scope of the activity may concern higher education provision the Register Committee asked that the agency should ensure that these activities are clearly separated from QQI’s activities within the scope of the ESG. This should be addressed in the upcoming review of QQI.

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Reference #	25419994
Status	Complete
Agency #1	Quality and Qualifications Ireland
Agency acronym	QQI
Expiry date #1	30/06/2024
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Other organisations?	No
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	No
C. Changes in EQA activities	3. One or several existing activities were discontinued
3. Discontinued EQA activity	
1	Reengagement Process for non-public providers
Context	<p>The Re- engagement process for non – public providers was, ipso facto, a one-off process required by the legislation that established QQI.</p> <p>The process was completed for non-public higher education providers in 2020. A thematic analysis on the reengagement process was also published in 2020.</p> <p>https://www.qqi.ie/sites/default/files/media/file-uploads/QQI%20Reengagement%20Report-Web.pdf</p>

Context

In October 2019 QQI published its Policy for the Inaugural Review of Quality Assurance in Education and Training Boards, which are public further education and training providers. The inaugural external review of quality assurance in the 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs), was conducted between March 2021 and May 2022. The review methodology aligns to QQI's established process of external review for higher education institutions, and involves;

- establishment of a terms of reference for the review,
- submission of a self-assessment report
- external assessment by an independent review team with an on-site visit.
- a review report, published on QQI reviews library
- implementation plan and follow-up report, published on QQI reviews library.

The Review Handbook contains the detailed methodology and guidance on the review process. As the reviews were conducted during the period of public health restrictions arising from COVID, the site visit was conducted virtually.

On completion of the inaugural review of each individual ETB, an sectoral report was completed by an external independent sectoral review team. A terms of reference was established for the sectoral report, the purpose of which is to inform system-level stakeholders. The sectoral report on Quality Assurance of Further Education and Training in the ETB sector was published in March 2023.

	assurance-in-education-and-training-boards-etbs.pdf (219 KB)
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