



Modern Slavery Statement

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) supports efforts to combat and eliminate modern slavery and is committed to ensuring that slavery and human trafficking play no part in its business and supply chains. We make this statement to assist with compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.*

We agree that exploitation within all supply chains ending in the UK is detrimental and we are committed to playing our part in eliminating exploitation.

We understand that customers with obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 cannot comply with those duties without our cooperation.

To that end, we confirm that we have examined our own business and, to the extent that it is reasonably practicable, businesses within our supply chain. We confirm the following:

- 1 Within our own business, we are not aware that any relevant offence relating to slavery or human trafficking has been committed.
- 2 We have made enquiries of businesses that supply directly to us and we are confident that no relevant offence is committed in that business.

We understand that certain industry sectors and geographical regions entail greater risk of exploitation than others. We believe that our supply chain does not extend to such sectors or regions.

To the extent that is reasonably practicable, we ensure that businesses in our supply chain have made a similar statement relating to slavery and human trafficking by completing due diligence checks when appointing new suppliers and on an annual basis thereafter.

We also encourage our employees to engage in formal training and report on any matters relating to slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains of which they become aware through our Freedom to Speak Up Policy.

*Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires commercial organisations carrying out business in the UK with a turnover of at least £36 million to prepare and publish a slavery and human trafficking statement for each and every financial year. As a charity with a turnover of less than £36 million, QAA is not obliged to produce such a statement, but we have chosen to do so voluntarily.

Published - December 2023

© The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education 2023
Registered charity numbers 1062746 and SC037786
www.qaa.ac.uk