



QAA Membership for UK Higher Education Providers in Northern Ireland

Membership Agreement

Our commitment to you

QAA Membership confirms our commitment to working with you to develop a tailored, responsive range of services that meet the specific needs of higher education in Northern Ireland. The range of our work is delivered in discussion with you and in liaison with the Department for the Economy.

Membership fully reflects the nature of the collaborative partnership working being developed in Northern Ireland. Across the UK, members shape the work we do. Each year we will aim to design activities to meet the particular priorities you, as members, identify as most important to you.

As members of QAA, all staff and students at each member institution will continue to have access to all our resources. Existing log-in information will be maintained to ensure continuing access to resources from August 2020. There are no restrictions on what members in Northern Ireland can access - it includes all the resources covered by the core membership and enhancement services available to providers in England under its different regulatory regime.

Our members in Northern Ireland

Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University are our members in Northern Ireland. Colleges delivering higher education have now also signed up to membership to benefit from a bespoke programme of activity designed specifically for the context of Northern Ireland.

Membership fees

Membership in Northern Ireland is based on the same banding and pricing model as QAA subscription. There is no change for 2020-21. The membership year runs from 1 August to 31 July and invoices are issued in early August - this does represent a change. Access to QAA resources may be restricted if invoices are not paid within 30 days - this does not represent a change.

Membership in Northern Ireland will include staff and student places at events designed for members in Northern Ireland or delivered in Northern Ireland as part of our UK-wide programme of work. UK-wide membership includes free places at QAA's Annual Quality Summit, together with a range of UK-wide resources that can be accessed via our online Membership Resources site. Additional webinars addressing UK-wide issues and opportunities to collaborate UK wide are also included.

Full [terms and conditions](#) relating to the provision of membership services can be found on our website.

Publicly-available resources and membership resources

QAA will continue to publish all regulatory materials on the QAA website in line with the regulatory arrangements in each nation. This includes the Qualifications Frameworks and Quality Code Expectations and Core and Common practices. Current versions of other reference points (Characteristics Statements, Subject Benchmark Statements and Quality Code Advice and Guidance) will continue to be published on the QAA website and publicly available.¹

Future versions and updates of the reference points developed by QAA in conjunction with its member community may have member-only access. Any restrictions will be decided with our members.

A wide range of QAA's other publications will, in future, have only headlines or summaries on our public websites with the full information available exclusively to our members, accessed through our Membership Resources site.

Membership includes our partners

The Department for the Economy, as funder and key stakeholder, is a QAA Membership partner.

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¹ For information: QAA Scotland's Enhancement Themes website will remain publicly available. The Scottish Funding Council, Universities Scotland and QAA are all committed to continuing to ensure that this unique resource remains freely available, promoting and exemplifying, as it does, the distinctive, collaborative and partnership-based approach to the enhancement of learning, teaching and the student experience.