



## **QAA Membership for UK Higher Education Providers in Scotland**

### **Membership Agreement**

#### **Our commitment to you**

QAA Membership confirms our continuing commitment to working with you to provide a tailored, responsive range of services that meet the specific needs of the university sector in Scotland. The range of our work is delivered under an outcome agreement between the Scottish Funding Council (SFC), Universities Scotland and QAA.

Membership fully reflects the nature of the collaborative partnership working characteristic of the approach in Scotland. Members shape the work we do - through Universities Scotland, sector groups such as the Scottish Higher Education Enhancement Committee and Theme Leaders' Group, and involvement with the SFC's Learning Enhancement Committee and Universities Scotland's Learning and Teaching Committee.

As members of QAA, all staff and students at each member institution in Scotland 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 Scotland 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 Scotland**

Members in Scotland are those institutions subject to Enhancement-led Institutional Review, as well as the Open University in Scotland which participates in the Scottish Enhancement Themes.

#### **Membership fees**

Membership in Scotland 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 represents a change. Access to QAA resources may be restricted if invoices are not paid within 30 days.

Membership in Scotland continues to include a designated number of staff and student places at Scotland events such as our Enhancement Conference and Focus On activity. 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/QAA Scotland websites 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.

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.

QAA Scotland's Enhancement Themes website will remain publicly available. SFC, 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 in Scottish higher education. The site has a high level of international visitors and we value their continuing engagement with our work and their interest in our approach.

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**

Funders and key stakeholders are membership partners including the Scottish Funding Council, Universities Scotland and the Advanced Learning and Science Directorate within Scottish Government.

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