



## Educational Oversight Fee Schedule 2020-21 (for providers not eligible to register with the Office for Students)

The fee structure provided below applies to all review activity and annual maintenance costs from August 2020 to July 2021.

Invoices for a 12-month period will be issued from 1 August 2020 for those providers not eligible to register with the Office for Students (OfS) and continuing with QAA for the purpose of maintaining educational oversight.

Providers are also required to pay an annual maintenance fee towards the costs of maintaining and developing QAA activities to deal with enquiries, appeals, complaints and concerns.

QAA does not receive any funding to cover the direct costs incurred in reviews for educational oversight. Consequently, the costs of such activity must be borne by providers. QAA is a non-profit-making organisation.

Fees for educational oversight are reviewed on an annual basis and may be subject to increase. Fees are non-refundable.

### Review fees for new applicants

The process for new applicants happens in three main stages. There are separate fees for each stage.

For the **first stage**, there is an application fee of £1,490. The application fee must be received with the application form and supporting documentation, and must be made via BACS or bank transfer.

Our bank account details for payment are:

Account name:	The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
Sort code:	40-22-09
Account no:	92470233
IBAN:	GB74HBUK40220992470233
Swift:	MIDL GB22

**Please ensure that your organisation name is included in the payment reference.**

The **second stage** is the financial sustainability, management and governance (FSMG) check. QAA carries out the FSMG check for **educational oversight**, for which there is a fee of £4,500. The FSMG check fee must be received with the FSMG form and supporting information, and must be made via BACS or bank transfer using the same details as those set out above.

For the **third stage**, the review of quality assurance arrangements, the fee for Higher Education Review (Alternative Providers) will be as follows:

Size of review team	Three-day visit	Variance per day
Two reviewers	£20,610	£1,870
Three reviewers	£25,480	£2,600
Four reviewers	£30,450	£3,220
Five reviewers	£35,420	£3,840

The size of the review team will be determined according to the scale of the provision on offer. See the [Higher Education Review \(Alternative Providers\) Handbook](#) for further details.

The review team will determine the duration of the review visit at its first team meeting, which takes place four weeks before the review visit. Applicants will be invoiced for a three-day review visit as per the table above and then may be charged additional fees, or be refunded a proportion of the fee, according to the variance column. Therefore, an applicant being reviewed by a team of two reviewers, which receives a two-day review visit, would be refunded £1,870 from the £20,610 fee; and an applicant being reviewed by a team of three reviewers, which receives a four-day visit, would be charged an additional £2,600.

The fee for the review of quality assurance arrangements will be invoiced by QAA and must be paid in full 18 weeks before the review visit.

In some cases, the FSMG check and review of quality assurance arrangements may overlap, and the fees for both stages would be paid by applicants at the same time.

## Partial Higher Education Review (Alternative Providers)

The fee for the partial review will vary to reflect the duration of the partial review and how many reviewers are involved. The following table provides an indication of the likely fee. The full fee must be paid 12 weeks prior to the visit in order for the partial review to take place. Where providers are required to undergo a partial review in place of a monitoring visit, the fee will be adjusted if the maintenance fee for that year has already been paid.

Size of review team	One-day visit	Two-day visit	Three-day visit
Two reviewers	£8,630	£10,500	£12,360
Three reviewers	£10,100	£12,690	£15,280
Four reviewers	£11,830	£15,050	£18,270

## Higher Education Review (Foreign Providers)

Providers to be reviewed under the **Higher Education Review (Foreign Providers)** method will be charged as follows (for full-course providers).

Size of review team	One-and-a-half-day visit	Two-day visit	Three-day visit
Two reviewers	£13,190	£13,770	£15,440
Three reviewers	£16,760	£17,530	£19,750

Advance invoices will be based on a one-and-a-half day review visit. Should a longer review visit be required, an additional charge will be payable, which will be the difference between the actual duration of the visit and the one and a half days originally charged.

## Recognition Scheme for Educational Oversight (RSEO)

Providers to be reviewed under the Recognition Scheme for Educational Oversight will be charged a fee of £8,010 for the quality assurance review. This is for short-term study abroad providers only.

## Educational Oversight - Exceptional Arrangements (EOEA)

The exceptional arrangements process is for providers that are not covered by other methods such as Higher Education Review (Alternative or Foreign Providers) but wish to be recognised by UKVI for educational oversight. Exceptional arrangements include colleges operating as autonomous institutions with close links to a higher education institution.

In addition to the fee of £1,490 for new applicants, the cost of the review is £10,350.

## Maintaining educational oversight: four-yearly full review

Tier 4 Sponsor guidance requires providers to reapply for a four-yearly full review. There is no charge for the reapplication process. The review will also be preceded by a check on the provider's FSMG, for which the fee for stage 2 of the application process for new applicants applies.

Review invoices (Stage 3) will be sent out prior to the full review. In some cases, this will be before you receive the annual maintenance invoice.

## Review fees for providers seeking to maintain educational oversight

### Annual maintenance fee

The annual maintenance fee includes scrutiny of the annual return and any subsequent monitoring visit. Should an extended monitoring visit, partial or full review be required, there will be an additional fee. The additional fee for an extended monitoring visit is £2,450.

**Please also note that where providers are scheduled to undergo a full review in 2020-21, and this is not their first QAA review, the annual maintenance fee will still be invoiced, but this charge will be deducted from the review fee. For reviews planned in 2019-20 but deferred into 2020-21, the annual maintenance is payable in full.**

For providers reviewed through Higher Education Review (Alternative Providers or Foreign Providers), the Recognition Scheme for Educational Oversight, or Educational Oversight-Exceptional Arrangements, the annual maintenance fee for 2020-21 is as follows:

Student numbers (higher education, headcount)	Annual fee
Up to 20	£3,871
21-50	£4,330
51-100	£5,702
101-400	£6,839
401-750	£7,971
751+	£8,543

Student numbers are taken from the most recent review report, either published or in draft (or from the submission where a monitoring visit has not been required).

New applicants that have their first review in 2020-21 are not required to undergo annual monitoring, or pay a maintenance fee during this period.

Please refer to the QAA website for additional guidance on [annual monitoring](#).

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