



QAA Membership for UK Higher Education Providers in Northern Ireland

Membership Agreement

Our commitment to you

QAA Membership confirms our continuing 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 in Northern Ireland will continue to have access to all our resources. When you register as a user of QAA membership services, we will contact you by email to keep you updated about QAA news and membership updates, events and activities. This is under our legitimate interest to do so, as outlined in QAA's [Privacy Notice](#). If you do not want to receive these communications, you can inform membership@gaa.ac.uk. You can also use the unsubscribe button to stop receiving any email communications.

There are no restrictions on what members in Northern Ireland can access - it includes all the resources covered by QAA Membership and the International Insights package.

Our members in Northern Ireland

Our members in Northern Ireland from 2021-22 include the two universities, the two university colleges, the six regional colleges and the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE). We also engage with the Open University in Northern Ireland, as a UK-wide QAA Member. The Northern Ireland higher education sector has a full commitment to QAA Membership.

Membership fees

There is a 3% inflationary rise for 2022-23. The membership year runs from 1 August to 31 July and invoices are issued in July. Access to QAA resources may be restricted if invoices are not paid within 30 days.

Membership in Northern Ireland includes 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 Conference, 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 relevant regulatory arrangements in each nation. This includes the Qualifications Frameworks and the UK Quality Code. 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.

A wide range of QAA's other publications will continue to 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 and the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, as funders and key stakeholders, are QAA Membership partners.

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