

QAA Membership 2024-25

Membership in England (small providers)

Supporting you to meet regulatory requirements,
while focusing beyond the baseline.

In a rapidly changing higher and tertiary education environment, QAA Membership enables you to establish effective ways of securing academic standards and demonstrating excellence in quality.

Benefits for your whole institution

- **Horizon scanning:** equipping you with the latest intelligence on policy, regulatory, social and technological trends across the UK and globally.
- **Securing UK higher education's global reputation for excellence:** providing a collective sector voice that protects academic standards and champions academic integrity, amplified by QAA's close links with policymakers, international partners and governments.
- **Keeping sector reference points meaningful and accessible:** demonstrating your commitment to securing standards and enhancing quality, giving you a strong voice in the creation of vital sector reference points such as the UK Quality Code and Subject Benchmark Statements to ensure these reflect your needs and those of your students.
- **Being part of an effective membership community:** facilitating learning and shared insights across providers and other partners including professional, statutory and regulatory bodies.
- **Driving innovation:** developing innovative approaches to enhancing, evaluating and reporting on all aspects of the student journey to improve outcomes and address internal and external demands.
- **Empowering your staff and increasing efficiency:** supporting the professional development of your staff, equipping them to develop efficient and effective systems, safeguard academic standards and enhance the learning experience of your students.



QAA Membership has been an invaluable resource throughout my journey as a manager and strategic leader. One of the standout benefits is the relevance and the convenience it brings to the table. Instead of having to start from scratch I can utilise the wide range of resources to support my role. This has significantly boosted my productivity and allowed me to allocate more time to other critical aspects of my responsibilities.

The chance to connect with HE professionals from similar institutional settings is also incredibly valuable. This networking opportunity has been instrumental in broadening my perspective and finding innovative solutions to common problems faced in the wider landscape of higher education.

Jane Nickisson, Trafford College Group

An engaging and supportive community

Providing support and solutions for...



Students' unions



Quality



Partnerships



Senior leadership



Strategic planners



Academic departments and leadership



Data and information



International and global development

Our Membership offer is tailored to providers of different types, missions and sizes. Staff and students across all roles can collaborate and exchange ideas with peers and sector experts through regular networks for colleges, independent and specialist providers, students, programme leaders, senior academic managers, leaders for international partnerships, and quality leads.

In addition, QAA Membership provides valuable opportunities for you to showcase your excellent practice to UK and international audiences by contributing to a variety of events and resources.



Membership offer for small providers

We offer our smallest providers the opportunity to choose Introductory Membership or the full QAA Membership package.

Introductory Membership provides access to resources but not the full range of events and training or wider opportunities such as leading a Collaborative Enhancement Project.

Included in both Membership packages:

Introductory Membership



Access to all resources published in the Membership Resources Site for all staff and students, including:

- guidance documents
- toolkits
- practical resources
- policy and strategy briefings
- event presentations.



Online network events enabling you to engage with the latest thinking through debate and facilitated discussion, such as:

- College HE Policy and Practice Network
- Conversations with Quality Leads.



Use of QAA Membership Badge.



Access to your Membership Engagement Manager.



Opportunities to join Advisory Groups such as for Subject Benchmark Statements.



Opportunities to join a Collaborative Enhancement Project as a partner. These funded projects are developed by groups of members who work collaboratively to enhance the quality of their students' learning experience and develop outputs that benefit the wider QAA Membership.



One free place at the QAA Annual Conference while this is delivered online (a fee will be chargeable if the annual conference returns to in-person delivery).



Opportunities to contribute to the development of new resources.



Access to expert advice through 1-1 quality clinics.

Full membership also includes access to:

Full Membership



Programme of events offering opportunities to learn, exchange ideas and share practice to enhance your delivery, including:

- topic-based webinars and workshops
- membership conferences: Quality Insights, Quality Matters and Membership Network
- in-person events.



Training and development - building capacity across your organisation, with topic-specific training and the popular Introduction to Quality and Quality in Practice programmes.



Opportunities to lead and receive funding for a Collaborative Enhancement Project.

Priority topics and activities for 2024-25

Our activities cover a wide range of topics including:



Trends in learning, teaching and assessment

Competence-based education; Innovative approaches to assessment including inclusive assessment, compassionate assessment, optionality and authentic assessment; Student representation and engagement



Global engagement

Country resources; International partnerships; Developing, monitoring and managing risk; Supporting and enhancing the international student experience; Ensuring UK HE has a strong voice in Europe and around the world



Equity and inclusion

Understanding differential outcomes and closing awarding gaps



Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship

Apprenticeships design and delivery; Supporting students moving between work and study



Flexible pathways and student transitions

Implementation of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement; Use of credit; Student transitions; Differing modes of study



Generative Artificial Intelligence and Academic integrity

The opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence; Engaging staff and students in promoting academic integrity across all levels and modes of provision



Effective quality processes and evaluation

Quality processes that work, support innovation and value externality; Effective evaluation; Evidencing educational gain; Using data in decision-making



Professional development and training

Formal and informal training programmes and development opportunities including Step into Quality; Introduction to Quality; Quality in Practice



Quality and standards

Subject Benchmarks Statements; Refreshing the UK Quality Code Advice and Guidance; Working with professional, statutory and regulatory bodies; Delivering and awarding in partnerships; Postgraduate taught and research provision



Collaborative Enhancement Projects

Over 60 projects on priority topics led by you including: Generative AI; Assessment; Innovative quality processes; Partnerships; Student engagement; Future of exam boards



Explore your membership

We love hearing your suggestions, feedback and questions. Each provider has a named Membership Engagement Manager and you can also get in touch by email.

➤ Access the [Membership Resources site](#)

📄 Sign up for our [Member Newsletter](#)

📅 Register for [events](#)

📍 Find out about [QAA Membership](#)



Renewing your membership for 2024-25

Renewing is simple. We will email you a link to your renewal form in early May. Just click on the link to submit your form and we will do the rest!

We are always available to help. Please contact your Membership Engagement Manager or email us.



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