QAA Membership in Scotland 2023-24

In a rapidly changing higher and tertiary education environment, QAA Membership delivers inspiring, expert activities and resources which enable you to demonstrate excellence in quality and standards to UK and international audiences.

QAA Membership is essential and highly valued by Glasgow Caledonian University. QAA provides invaluable support and guidance through a range of resources, networks and events in addition to its regulatory responsibilities as Scotland’s designated higher education quality body. QAA’s facilitatory approach of working with the sector through co-design of many of these activities means that collaboratively we are focussed on the key strategic priorities that influence policy and practice with greatest positive impact.

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In session 2023-24, QAA will support higher education institutions in Scotland by:

Review activity

- Leading on the development of the quality review arrangements (Phase 2) that will be in place from session 2024-25, offering a range of opportunities to shape the next review method.
- Delivering the remaining 11 Quality Enhancement and Standards Reviews (QESR) and 8 Institutional Liaison Meetings (ILM).
- Undertaking systematic analysis of the outcomes of QESRs and ILMs in order to deepen sector intelligence, identify common themes and share good practice.
- Incorporating stakeholder feedback on the 2022–23 QESR and ILM processes to make enhancements, where necessary, to 2023–24 delivery and support the development of the quality review arrangements for Phase 2.
**Enhancement activity**

- Leading on the development of a **new approach to national enhancement activity across the tertiary sector** that will be introduced from academic year 2024-25, offering a range of opportunities for the sector to define and co-create the delivery of this activity, the architecture required to support its implementation, and establish appropriate mechanisms for evaluating the work’s impact.

- Continued engagement in the cross-sector **Tertiary Enhancement Project - The future of learning and teaching: defining and delivering an effective and inclusive digital/blended offering** - including a sharing practice event.

- Supporting the sector to embed previous **enhancement activity**.

**Influence and policy insights**

- Supporting **key sector committees** including the Scottish Higher Education Enhancement Committee (SHEEC), Quality Arrangements for Scottish Higher Education (QASHE), and The Quality Forum (TQF), which are used to promote good practice and sector-wide learning.

- Ensuring QAA is **responsive to the needs of the higher education sector** in Scotland through the QAA Scotland Strategic Advisory Committee, which will continue to advise the QAA Board.

- Engaging with the Scottish Funding Council’s broader development of the **new tertiary approach to quality**, working alongside our partner agencies (including Education Scotland, Colleges Development Network, NUS Scotland and Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland) and contributing to the various project workstreams as appropriate.

**Working across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland**

- Building on the interest and commitment to **collaborative working between the higher education sectors in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** to promote partnership, sharing of practice, opportunities for enhancing the student experience and identifying joint approaches for the future.
Benefits for your whole institution

- **Horizon scanning**: equipping you with the latest intelligence on UK, European and global developments.
- **Influencing strategy and policy**: ensuring governments and other key bodies are informed by expert advice and experience.
- **Co-creating sector reference points**: giving you a strong voice, ensuring UK, European and international reference points reflect your needs and those of your students.
- **Being part of a vibrant membership community**: facilitating learning and shared insights across institutions and with other partners such as professional, statutory and regulatory bodies.
- **Driving innovation**: developing innovative approaches to evaluation and reporting on quality that improve effectiveness and address internal and external demands.
- **Empowering your staff**: supporting the professional development of your staff, equipping them to safeguard academic standards and enhance quality for your students.

In 2023 we have **over 300** UK-based members.

Our activities are tailored to different types of providers, and we have opportunities for staff and students in all roles. Our highly valued networks include colleges; independent and specialist providers; students; programme leaders; senior academic managers; and quality leads.

Providing support and solutions for...

- Students’ unions
- Quality
- Partnerships
- Senior leadership
- Academic departments and leadership
- Data and information
- International and global development

Our membership community tailored to you
Our activities cover a wide range of topics including:

**Future approaches for learning, teaching and assessment**
- Assessment design and delivery;
- Competence-based education;
- Differential outcomes and awarding gaps;
- Student engagement

**Evaluation and quality processes**
- Innovative quality processes;
- Effective evaluation;
- Evidencing value;
- Educational gain;
- Using data

**Flexible pathways and student transitions**
- Modular and micro-credentials;
- Student transitions;
- Creating a sense of belonging

**Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship**
- Embedding skills;
- Supporting enterprise and entrepreneurship;
- Careers support;
- Apprenticeships

**Quality and standards**
- Subject Benchmark Statements;
- Degree classifications;
- Developing the UK Quality Code;
- Working with professional, statutory and regulatory bodies;
- Delivering and awarding in partnerships

**Academic integrity**
- Impact of artificial intelligence;
- Postgraduate provision;
- Embedding the Academic Integrity Charter;
- Managing misconduct

**Global engagement**
- Country resources;
- Developing partnerships;
- Supporting and enhancing the international student experience;
- Ensuring UK HE has a strong voice in Europe and around the globe

**Collaborative enhancement projects**
- Over 40 projects on priority topics including:
  - Diversity and inclusion;
  - Education for Sustainable Development;
  - Mental wellbeing;
  - Future pedagogy;
  - Peer observation

**Professional development and training**
- Formal and informal training programmes and development opportunities including:
  - Introduction to Quality and Quality in Practice
Explore your membership

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

- Access the Membership Resources site
- Register for events
- Find out about QAA Membership
- Sign up for our Member Newsletter and Quality Enhancement Newsletter

Renewing your membership for 2023-24

Renewing is simple. We will email you in June about the renewal process.
We are always available to help.
Please contact your QAA contact or email us.

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