QAA International Membership provides vision, expertise and guidance on the topics that matter to your staff and students, ensuring your institution is well equipped to face the opportunities and challenges of a rapidly changing global higher education environment. We work in partnership with, and for, all our members to deliver high-quality services that:

- safeguard academic standards and champion academic integrity
- enhance the quality of the student learning experience, wherever students are studying
- support continuous improvement of approaches to quality assurance

QAA International Membership is an opportunity to become part of a new international community of quality professionals and higher education institutions - including QAA’s UK Members - that are passionate about the quality of the student experience they deliver.

**Benefits of International Membership**

As a QAA International Member you will benefit from:

- informative, timely and responsive quality enhancement resources designed to support you in improving your provision
- opportunities for staff development
- a programme of activities that offers opportunities to learn from international colleagues through sharing of the best of international practice.

For those institutions with, or seeking to establish, UK partnerships it will provide opportunities to make new connections and develop knowledge about the UK higher education system.

**Who can join QAA International Membership?**

Full International Membership is exclusively for those institutions who have achieved International Quality Review (IQR) accreditation from QAA.

Details of membership fees and how to become a member can be found on page 9.
What does International Membership include?

As a Full International Member you will have access to a wide range of resources which cover a broad area of activity centred on the themes chosen for the Membership year.

Resources

All staff and students can access practical written resources, recordings and presentations on our exclusive Membership Resources Site. These include:

- **Individual papers and briefings** on topics most relevant to members, for example, the use of micro-credentials; assessment and learning outcomes; and enterprise and entrepreneurship.
- **Case studies and opinion pieces** that build on these resources and briefings, including QAA’s publicly available Quality Compass series, designed to help members navigate and respond to future challenges and opportunities.
- An annual series of **country-focused reports** that explore and enable members to gain insight and learn about quality assurance, accreditation and partnership in many countries - for example, UAE, China, Vietnam and Morocco.

Events, workshops and briefings

Members also have access to a number of free places for staff and students at a comprehensive programme of events, workshops and virtual briefings that enable members to hear latest developments and best practice in all aspects of international quality assurance. These include:

- QAA’s high-profile Annual Conference which includes a range of informative and thought-provoking sessions and the opportunity to hear from high-quality speakers about different perspectives and institutional approaches to the hot topics in quality and standards (minimum 5 places per institution).
- The Quality Insights Conference which showcases leading practice in higher education from a range of dynamic UK and international guest speakers across themes such as inclusive learning communities, assessment design, and innovative approaches to managing quality (minimum 5 places per institution).
- An Academic Symposium which features interactive discussion, reflection and practice (minimum 5 places per institution).
- Webinars and events on topics important to members - for example, approaches in evaluation and review; student mental health and wellbeing; and embedding education for sustainable development.
- An annual series of country-focused briefings from experts, exploring issues raised in our Country Reports for members. These briefings provide a comprehensive analysis of each country’s higher education landscape and the opportunities and challenges of developing partnerships in country.
- A series of webinars exploring managing risk and assurance in international partnerships (minimum 3 places per institution).

Our bi-monthly International Policy Briefing provides members with the latest news on global quality assurance and enhancement activity.
Networking and support

As an International Member you will be invited to Member Engagement sessions. These provide an opportunity for a number of your staff (usually three, but could be more depending on demand) to meet with QAA colleagues and talk about specific issues you might have, agreed in advance.

The International Member Network provides a quarterly forum for International Members to come together to hear about and talk through latest developments in international quality assurance and enhancement, at the same time helping members to build up their own network of contacts. The agenda will be driven by members and provide an opportunity to come together to discuss a theme, but also to raise the latest challenges faced with peers in an informal, safe environment. These network sessions will be relevant to different staff and students within member organisations including academics, professional staff and student representatives.

Staff development

International Quality Assurance Training is open to staff from member institutions. It introduces the key components of international quality assurance and explores how these can be best used in your institution.

The sessions will be aimed largely at individuals relatively new to quality assurance, covering areas including quality assurance processes; governance; internal and external frameworks; and building a quality assurance culture.

QAA Membership Resources Site

As an International Member, your staff and students will benefit from the support and constructive challenge membership offers including unlimited access to the QAA Membership Resources Site, as well as the opportunity to attend different events and conferences.

In your institution, this could include:
- senior leadership teams
- academic staff and academic developers
- international teams
- quality teams and other professional services staff
- students and their representatives
- staff responsible for student engagement.

The QAA Membership Resources Site gives access to a wealth of resources including briefings, research outcomes, country reports and materials relating to our events. Resources are relevant to students and staff with a wide range of roles.

To register for the site, all you need is an email address from a QAA International Member institution.

International Membership Badge

As an International Member you will be able to display the QAA International Membership Badge.
Beyond COVID-19 - The Future of Digital and Blended Delivery

In 2021-22, QAA Membership offer spans five interconnected themes. As an International Member you benefit from resources and activities delivered as part of the UK Membership programme’s themes.

Each theme includes a range of practical resources and development activity delivered throughout the year that will ensure you have the right information and tools at your fingertips. There are also opportunities to develop and exchange ideas on the latest policy and practice and network with other International Members.

The five themes for this Membership year are:

Global Engagement and International Partnerships

QAA’s global reach enables us to share with our members the latest practice, insight and direction of travel in all aspects of quality assurance and enhancement. Building on QAA’s strong partnerships with governments, agencies and policy networks, our resources and events for this theme provide the most up-to-date space to reflect on your own practice and gain insight into the perspective of your international partners.

Beyond COVID-19 - The Future of Digital and Blended Delivery

With many higher education institutions moving to online delivery of elements of teaching, learning and assessment, this theme explores best practice and resources for digital and blended pedagogy. It explores the approaches of national agencies to regulating new methods of delivery and how institutions can best adapt to both students’ expectations and regulatory requirements.
Securing Academic Standards and Quality

It remains as critical as ever for institutions to consider national and international frameworks, and internal policies and processes to ensure academic quality is delivered to the very best internationally benchmarked standard. This theme supports institutions in ensuring academic integrity and the effective use of qualification frameworks and degree algorithms, drawing on QAA’s global expertise and reach.

Creating Inclusive Learning Communities (Flexible Pathways and Pedagogies)

Creating an inclusive, relevant and positive learning environment is vital in ensuring students make the most of their experience. This theme explores how best to create an optimal student experience, including approaches to flexible pathways, employability and work-based learning, mental health and wellbeing, and sustainable development.

Evaluation and Data-Based Decision-Making

This theme provides institutions with the opportunity to consider the best approaches to enhance teaching and learning provision and evidence the impact of your own policy and practice. Resources and events consider how to optimise the use of data in decision-making processes and look at effective approaches to monitoring and review that move beyond the metrics.
As a Full International Member there is a full programme of activities and resources to get involved with. The programme for this year will continue to evolve and we will keep you informed through regular International Membership briefings.

**International Membership Activities 2021-22**

**January 2022**

- Understanding Learning Outcomes and Assessment
- Assessment in Digital and Blended Pedagogy
- Student Engagement Toolkit
- Testimonials
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- Flexible Pathways and Modular Qualifications Briefing
- Enhancing Quality and Managing Risk in TNE
- Flexible Pathways and Modular Qualifications
- Academic Integrity in Blended Delivery

**February 2022**

- Indonesia Country Report and Case Studies
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Case Studies
- Successful Student Transitions into Higher Education, Postgraduate Study and Employment
- Subject Benchmark Statement: Policing
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- Assessment in Digital and Blended Pedagogy
- Exploring Effective Approaches in Evaluation and Review
- Flexible Pathways and Modular Qualifications
- International Policy Briefing
- Indonesia Briefing
- Quality Insights Conference
March 2022

- Subject Benchmark Statements - publication of cyclical review phase
- International Partnerships Policy and Practice Blog Post
- Quality Compass
- Student Engagement Newsletter
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- Degree Algorithms and Classification Video
- Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategies Workshop
- Enhancing Quality and Managing Risk in TNE
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Qualifications and Credit Frameworks: Making Use of Credit Flexible Pathways and Modular Qualifications Briefing
- Academic Symposium
- International Member Network
- International Quality Assurance Training

April 2022

- Course Design, Approval and Management
  Assessment in Digital and Blended Pedagogy
- Tunisia Country Report and Case Studies
- Student Engagement Toolkit Case Study
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Podcast
- Course Design, Approval and Management
  Assessment in Digital and Blended Pedagogy
- International Policy Briefing
- Tunisia Briefing
## May 2022
- Flexible Pathways and Modular Qualifications Briefing
- Micro-credentials
- Characteristic Statement
- Embedding Education for Sustainable Development
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- Inclusion and Accessibility in the Curriculum and Student Experience Podcast
- Enhancing Quality and Managing Risk in TNE
- Work-based Learning, Apprenticeships, Links with Employers and Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies

## June 2022
- Morocco Country Report and Case studies
- Student Engagement Toolkit Case Study
- Quality Compass
- Student Engagement Newsletter
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- International Policy Briefing Morocco Briefing
- Evolving Student Engagement Conference
- International Member Network
- Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop
- Embedding Education for Sustainable Development Workshop
- International Quality Assurance Training

## July 2022
- Supporting and Empowering Teaching Staff
- International Membership Update Newsletter
- Academic Integrity: Enhanced Digital Assessment Security Video
- Flexible Pathways and Modular Qualifications Briefing
- Supporting and Empowering Teaching Staff
- Embedding Education for Sustainable Development Workshop
International Membership fees

To become a QAA International Member you will need to pay an annual fee. Membership fees reflect the number of students at your institution. The Membership year runs from 1 August to 31 July.

For more information about membership fees, please contact: internationalmembership@qaa.ac.uk

How to become a QAA International Member

To become a full International Member your institution will need to have achieved IQR accreditation.

If you are thinking about joining us, please contact our QAA Global Team who will be happy to hear from you and discuss how we can help.

Email: internationalmembership@qaa.ac.uk

Details of the terms and conditions of QAA International Membership can be found on the QAA website, at: www.qaa.ac.uk/international-membership

International Quality Review (IQR)

To find out more about IQR and the benefits it offers to your organisation and its approach to the quality of higher education, visit: www.qaa.ac.uk/iqr