

PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAEC)

Thursday 13 July 2023 at 9:30am

via Microsoft Teams

Note of the 67th meeting of the QQI Programmes and Awards Executive Committee held via Microsoft Teams, at 9:30am on **13 July 2023**.

Present:

Dr Padraig Walsh (Chairperson)
Ms Andrea Durnin
Dr Jim Murray
Dr John O'Connor
Ms Mary Grennan
Ms Órla Barry

In attendance:

Ms Therese Masterson
Ms Janet Cawley (Secretary)
Ms Alex Keys
Ms Laura McNamee
Ms Marie Mattimoe
Ms Michelle Gallagher
Mr Walter Balfe
Ms Alice Long
Ms Orlaith O'Loughlin (Items 5.6, 9.2-14)

Apologies:

Ms Barbara Kelly

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson enquired and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8 JUNE 2023

2.1 The Minutes of the PAEC Meeting held on 8 June 2023 were approved by the Committee.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were covered within agenda items and were discussed during the meeting.

4. NOTE OF THE MEETING OF 8 JUNE 2023

4.1 Note of Meeting of 8 June 2023

The Committee APPROVED the Note of the PAEC Meeting of 8 June 2023 for publication on the QQI website.

5. PROGRAMME VALIDATION APPLICATIONS

5.1 Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes

5.1.1 The Open College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 5.1.1.1 PG24918, Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits
- PG25056, Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 5, 120 Credits, Major Award, *Non-CAS*

5.1.2 Professional Development Limited

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 5.1.2.1 PG25181, Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.3 Cork Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

- 5.1.3.1 PG25231, Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Inclusive Music Ensemble, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.4 Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

- 5.1.4.1 PG24902, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Lean Practice for Sustainable Business, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits
- PG24904, Certificate in Lean Principles for Sustainable Business, Level 5, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits
- PG24905, Certificate in Lean Tools for Sustainable Business, Level 5, Minor Award, 10 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.5 Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

5.1.5.1 PG25240, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainable Supply Chain Procurement, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.6 Louth and Meath Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

5.1.6.1 PG25253, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in DJ Skills Technician, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 30 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.6.2 PG25242, Security Guarding Skills, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credit, CAS

5.1.6.3 PG25244, Door Security Skills, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credit, CAS

5.1.7 City of Dublin Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

5.1.7.1 PG25014, Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Social Innovation in the Community, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits, non-CAS

5.2 Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes – Differential Validation

5.2.1 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the *Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care and the Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care*. The programmes are all based on a curriculum validated for Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB in July 2021. Each was screened to ensure that there was only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 6, Major Award (120 FET Credits)
Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Major Award (120 FET Credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Moate Business College:** PG25219, PG25228

5.2.2 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the *Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Digital Assisted Eco Driving*. The programme is based on a curriculum validated for Waterford and Wexford, and Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETBs in April 2021. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Digital Assisted Eco Driving, Special Purpose Award (10 FET credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board: PG25474**

5.2.3 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the *Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Digital Assisted Eco Driving (Coach and Bus)*. The programme is based on a curriculum validated for Waterford and Wexford, and Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETBs in June 2022. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Digital Assisted Eco Driving (Coach and Bus), Special Purpose Award (10 FET Credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board: PG25475**

5.2.4 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the *Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Resource Efficiency for a Sustainable Workplace*. The programme is based on a curriculum validated for Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB in December 2022. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Resource Efficiency for a Sustainable Workplace, Special Purpose Award (5 FET Credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board: PG25493**

5.2.5 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the *Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Construction Skills for Energy Conservation*. The programmes are based on a curriculum validated for Laois and Offaly ETB in April 2023. They were screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Construction Skills for Energy Conservation, Special Purpose Award (30 FET Credits)

Certificate in External Wall Insulation, Level 5, Minor Award (10 FET credits)

Certificate in Retrofitting Skills, Level 5, Minor Award (10 FET credits)

Certificate in Airtightness and Vapour Control, Level 5, Minor Award (10 FET credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Cork Education and Training Board: PG25443, PG25476, PG25478, PG25479**

5.2.6 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the *Level 3, Specific Purpose Certificate in Learning to Support Children in Primary School*. The programmes are based on a curriculum validated for Kilkenny

and Carlow ETB in February 2023. They were screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Learning to Support Children in Primary School, Special Purpose Award (25 FET Credits)

Certificate in Supporting Children with Learning in Primary School, Minor Award (10 FET Credits)

Certificate in Supporting Children with Literacy in Primary School, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Supporting Children with Digital Literacy in Primary School, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Supporting Children with Maths in Primary School, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board:** PG25374, PG25492, PG25491, PG25494, PG25490
- **Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board:** PG25480, PG25496, PG25497, PG25499, PG25500

- 5.2.7 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the *Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Business Innovation and Market Development*. The programmes are based on a curriculum validated for Cavan and Monaghan ETB in December 2022. They were screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Business Innovation and Market Development, Special Purpose Award (30 FET Credits)

Certificate in Business Idea Generation, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Business Idea Validation, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Market Exploration, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Customer Acquisition, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Market Development, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

Certificate in Customer Retention and Scaling, Minor Award (5 FET Credits)

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board:** PG25498, PG25501, PG25502, PG25503, PG25504, PG25505, PG25506

- 5.2.8 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the *Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Handling F-gas in Mobile Airconditioning Systems*. The programme is based on a curriculum validated for Limerick and Clare ETB in December 2021. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Handling F-gas in Mobile Airconditioning Systems

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **City of Dublin Education and Training Board:** PG25212

5.3 Higher Education and Training Programmes – Programme Validation

5.3.1 Galway Business School

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

- 5.3.1.1 PG25380, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Enterprise Management, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits
- PG25518, Certificate in Strategy & Global Supply Chain Management, Level 8, Minor Award, 20 Credits
- PG25517, Certificate in Strategic Management & Operations Management, Level 7, Minor Award, 20 Credits

5.3.2 Dublin Business School

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 5.3.2.1 PG25208, Master of Arts in Film and Creative Media, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
- 5.3.2.2 PG25304, Master of Arts in Contemporary Criminology, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
- PG25305, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Contemporary Criminology, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)

5.3.3 National College of Ireland

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 5.3.3.1 PG25250, Diploma in Professional Learning & Organisational Development, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits
- PG25251, Certificate in Professional Learning & Organisational Development, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 40 Credits
- 5.3.3.2 PG25247, Diploma in Professional Human Resource Practice, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits
- PG25248, Certificate in Professional Human Resource Practice, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 40 Credits
- PG25249, Certificate in Employment Law and Employment Relations, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 20 Credits

5.4 Devolution of Responsibility for Validation Sub-Processes

No Business

5.5 Validation of Research Degree Programmes

No Business

5.6 Apprenticeship Programmes

5.6.1 Teagasc

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for three years (to be reviewed when the first cohort has completed i.e. summer 2025) subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

5.6.1.1 PG24964, Bachelor of Science in Professional Sustainable Farm Management, Level 7, Major Award, 70 Credits, *Apprenticeship*

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

5.6.1.2 PG24963, Higher Certificate in Technical Farm Operations, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits, *Apprenticeship*

5.6.1.3 PG24961, Higher Certificate in Horticulture, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits, *Apprenticeship*

6. REVALIDATION

6.1 Application for Extension of Validation Period

6.1.1 Dorset College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Dorset College requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programmes:

6.1.1.1 PG23994, Bachelor of Business, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits
PG23995, Higher Certificate in Business, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)
PG23993, Bachelor of Business (Honours) in International Business, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

The revalidation process has internally begun for all programmes listed above and Dorset College will be in position to submit a Terms of Reference to QQI for approval in July, upon which they will expedite the process over the next six months.

Dorset College requested an extension of validation for these programmes for one year to allow the completion of the revalidation process.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programmes above to August 2024.

6.1.2 National College of Ireland

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. National College of Ireland requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programmes:

- 6.1.2.1 PG24074, Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Data Science, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits
- PG24075, Bachelor of Science in Data Science, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)
- PG24076, Higher Certificate in Data Science, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

NCI wishes to extend these programmes for a duration of 12 months to allow for the proposed new last intake date to align with its PG24355 Bachelor of Science Honours in Computing suite of programmes, which have a last intake date of 31 August 2025. As these programmes have common features, NCI wishes to review both at the same time.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programmes above to September 2024.

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. National College of Ireland requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programme:

- 6.1.2.2 PG22526, Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Management, Level 9, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

The rationale for this request is as follows:

NCI undertook review and revalidation of this programme in Spring 2023. However, due to delays in the Panel finalising the Independent Evaluation Report which prevented appropriate post-panel diligence being completed in good time in advance of the July PAEC meeting.

NCI had advertised the Certificate programme for entry in September 2023 “subject to QQI revalidation in July 2023.” There is significant demand for this programme, therefore in the interests of applicants, learners and to ensure continuity of provision, NCI is requesting a 12-month extension to the current period of validation.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programme above to August 2024.

6.1.3 Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programme:

- 6.1.3.1 PG24432, Advanced Certificate in Arboriculture, Level 6, Major Award, 130 Credits, *Apprenticeship*

The rationale for this request was as follows:

Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board commenced the process of revalidation but unfortunately, due to staffing issues, GRETB are now without critical resources and this work will take longer to complete than planned at the outset. To maintain delivery of the programme without risk of

interruption, GRETB is requesting an extension of one year. GRETB expects to complete the programme review in the latter months of 2023.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programme above to August 2024.

6.2 Applications for Revalidation

6.2.1 Griffith College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

6.2.1.1 PG25424, Certificate in Music Production for Games, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits

6.2.1.2 PG25432, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fashion Design, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25433, Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25434, Certificate in Art and Design, Level 6, Minor Award, 60 Credits

PG25435, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Interior Architecture, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25436, Bachelor of Arts in Interior Architecture and Design, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25437, Certificate in Art and Design, Level 6, Minor Award, 60 Credits

PG25438, Higher Certificate in Arts in Interior Design, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits (*Exit Only Award*)

PG25439, Certificate in Architectural Drafting, 2D CAD and 3D CAD, Level 6, Minor Award, 10 Credits

PG25440, Certificate in Building Regulations in Interior Design, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 Credits

PG25441, Certificate in Lighting Design, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 Credits

PG25442, Certificate in Sustainability in Interior Design, Level 7, Minor Award, 5 Credits

6.2.2 Gaelchultúr Teoranta

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

6.2.2.1 PG25477, Dioplóma Iarchéime Ealaíon san Aistriúchán, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

6.2.3 Hibernia College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

6.2.3.1 PG25153, Professional Master of Education in Primary Education, Level 9, Major Award, 120 Credits

6.2.4 **City of Dublin Education and Training Board**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

6.2.4.1 PG25365, Advanced Certificate in Auctioneering and Property Services, Level 6, Major Award, 240 FET Credits, *Apprenticeship*

6.2.5 **National College of Ireland**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation:

6.2.5.1 PG25463, Master of Science in Marketing, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
PG25465, Postgraduate Diploma in Business in Marketing, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25471, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Marketing Practice, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25467, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Marketing Practice, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits

6.3 **Request for Modification of Validated Programmes**

6.3.1 **Griffith College**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

Griffith College requested modifications to the following validated programmes relating to an increase in numbers permitted onto these programmes:

6.3.1.1 PG24135, Master of Science in Accounting and Finance Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
PG24136, Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

6.3.1.2 PG25111, Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Business Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

The Committee APPROVED the modifications to the programmes as requested by Griffith College.

Griffith College requested a modification to the following validated programme relating to the change from Exit Only to Standalone with enrolment.

6.3.1.3 PG24450 Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Scoring for Film, TV and Interactive Media

The Committee APPROVED the modification to the programme as requested by Griffith College.

6.3.2 **Dublin Business School**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

Dublin Business School requested modifications to the following validated programmes relating to an update in the module title and learning outcome to reflect 'health psychology' as opposed to the more general term 'applied psychology', which are cross listed between two validated programmes.

6.3.2.1 PG24743, Master of Science in Health Psychology, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
PG24796, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Health Psychology, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

The Committee APPROVED the modifications to the programmes as requested by Dublin Business school.

6.3.3 **Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB requested modifications to the following validated programmes relating to directed (classroom) hours and duration for part-time programmes.

6.3.3.1 PG24595, Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 6, Major Award, 120 FET Credits
PG24596, Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 5, Major Award, 120 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the modifications to the programmes as requested by Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB.

7. **FOLLOW-UP ON PAEC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN PANEL REPORTS**

7.1 **Update on the follow-up of conditions of validation**

No Business

7.2 **Update on the follow-up of conditions of QA Approval**

As part of its internal quality assurance procedures, the executive is required to follow up on any Conditions of QA Approval imposed by the Programmes and Awards Executive Committee.

7.2.1 **Women's Community Projects Mullingar**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. At its meeting on 25 April 2023, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of Women's Community Projects Mullingar with three conditions of QA Approval and NOTED that condition 2 had already been met.

The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers condition 1 to be met.

7.2.2 **LEAP Leading Enterprises to Advanced Performance Limited**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. At its meeting on 7 April 2022, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of LEAP Leading Enterprises to Advanced Performance Limited with four Conditions of QA Approval.

The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers all conditions to be met and that no further follow-up is required.

7.2.3 Central Remedial Clinic

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. At its meeting on 8 June 2023, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of Central Remedial Clinic with four Conditions of QA Approval.

The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers conditions 1, 2 and 4 to be met.

7.2.4 Forus Training

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. At its meeting on 9 June 2022, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of Forus Training with two Conditions of QA Approval.

At its meeting on 25 April 2023, the PAEC approved the Blended Learning QA procedures of Forus Training with one condition of QA Approval.

The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers the conditions of both core QA procedures and blended learning QA procedures to be met and that no further follow-up is required.

7.2.5 Safetech Consulting and Training

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. At its meeting on 8 June 2023, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of Safetech Consulting and Training with one condition of QA Approval.

The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers the condition to be met and that no further follow-up is required.

8. QA FOR COLLABORATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL PROVISION

No Business

9. APPROVAL OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR LEGACY PROVIDERS (RE-ENGAGEMENT)

9.1 Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures for Legacy Providers (Re-engagement)

9.1.1 A Named Provider

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (pending mandatory changes being made) the named provider's application for QA Approval. The Named Provider may submit revised procedures for approval within a six-month period of notification of this decision.

9.1.2 A Named Provider

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (pending mandatory changes being made) the named provider's application for QA Approval. The named provider may submit revised procedures for approval within a six-month period of notification of this decision.

9.1.3 Named Providers

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (pending mandatory changes being made) the providers' applications for QA Approval:

The named providers may submit revised procedures for approval within a six-month period of notification of this decision.

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (pending mandatory changes being made) a named provider's application to extend its current scope of provision to include NFQ level 1.

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (pending mandatory changes being made) two named providers' applications to extend their current scope of provision to include NFQ levels 1 and 2.

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (pending mandatory changes being made) four named providers' applications to extend their current scope of provision to include NFQ level 2:

The named providers may submit revised procedures for approval within a six-month period of notification of this decision.

9.1.4 Dublin Adult Learning Centre

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED the quality assurance procedures of Dublin Adult Learning Centre.

9.1.5 Mayo Training Institute

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED WITH A CONDITION the quality assurance procedures of Mayo Training Institute.

The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers the condition of QA approval to be met.

9.2 Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures

9.2.1 Atlantic Technological University (ATU)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED the quality assurance procedures of Atlantic Technological University (ATU).

9.2.2 South East Technological University (SETU)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED the quality assurance procedures of South East Technological University (SETU).

9.2.3 Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (TUS)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED the quality assurance procedures of Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (TUS).

10. ROUTINE STANDARDS ACTIVITIES UPDATE

No Business

11. CHANGE OF STATUS OF LEGACY HET AND FET PROVIDERS

No Business

12. REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PAOC)

No Business

13. VALIDATION PROCESS: REVISED HET PROGRAMME VALIDATION DOCUMENTATION

13.1 Validation Process: Revised HET Programme Validation Documentation

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. A workshop with representatives of those involved in the HET validation process was held by QQI in December 2022. The workshop's goal was to make the documentation more streamlined and fit for purpose both during and after the validation process. Using feedback gained on the day and subsequently, the documentation has been revised a number of times. While providers have had prioritised opportunity to give feedback, there is still opportunity for the other stakeholders to do so. All feedback will be considered and a final version of the documentation is due for launch on the QQI website in the autumn.

14. VALIDATION PROCESS: PROVIDER SURVEY

14.1 Validation Process: Provider Survey

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Thirty-one providers who this year received validation decisions from QQI received a survey from QQI in June. There were 50 different evaluations on the list, and QQI planned and oversaw the panels for each one. The survey's goal was to get input on how to make the validation process better. This will aid in the formal assessment of the Validation Policy and Criteria, which is scheduled to start in 2023.

The Committee NOTED that the survey will contribute to the self-evaluation report for the ENQA review of QQI.

The Committee NOTED the results of the survey.