

NUI Quality Assurance and Enhancement Framework



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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million (12.5% of the population).

There are a number of reasons for this increase. One is that the public sector has become a more important part of the economy. Another is that the public sector has become more efficient. A third is that the public sector has become more attractive to workers. A fourth is that the public sector has become more diverse.

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1. Introduction

This National University of Ireland (NUI) Quality Assurance and Enhancement Framework (the Framework) sets out NUI's approach to quality with specific reference to mechanisms for assuring and enhancing the quality of procedures with regard to recognised colleges that are also linked providers of the University. The Framework is the means by which these mechanisms are articulated.

2. Scope

NUI is responsible for the academic standards of its degrees and other qualifications awarded in the recognised colleges and one of the main aims of this Framework is to provide mechanisms by which recognised colleges can ensure the quality of the learning experience offered in these institutions is comparable to that offered in the NUI constituent universities.

Academic quality is determined and overseen by NUI's governing body, the Senate. This ensures the ongoing suitability of the Framework as well as an appropriate level of oversight of activities carried out under the Framework. The operation of the Framework will always align with the vision, mission and values of NUI, as set out in the strategic plan approved by [Senate](#).

3. The Framework

The Framework consists of three interrelated elements:

1. Legislation
2. Quality Policies and Procedures
3. Quality Review

3.1 Legislation:

Legislation relating to NUI addresses institutional governance and specific operational matters. Legislation includes:

- ▶ [Irish Universities Act, 1908](#)
- ▶ [Universities Act, 1997](#)
- ▶ [Qualifications and Quality Assurance \(Education and Training\) Act, 2012](#)
- ▶ Charter of the National University of Ireland
- ▶ University Statutes

3.2 Quality Policies and Procedures:

NUI employs a number of policies procedures to support recognised colleges (both linked providers and designated awarding bodies) but most related to linked providers and relate to assuring the quality of educational provision in their institutions.

- ▶ [NUI Policies and Procedures](#)

3.3 Quality Review:

Quality review involves a number of activities: programme approval, extern examination, external programme review and institutional review. External review of NUI by QQI provides an additional, independent, level of quality oversight. The policies and procedures relating to quality review conducted by NUI can be found at the link in 3.2 above. Further information concerning quality review can be found on NUI's website:

- ▶ [NUI Review](#)





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