



Quality Enhancement Update

Document Control Information	

1. Purpose

This document is intended to apprise members of important changes to quality assurance matters for session 2020-19.

2. Delivery, Assessment and Verification of SQA Units

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A finalised version of the SQA's generic guidance for the delivery, assessment and verification of units was published in August 2020. A copy of the published document can be found on the SQA website [here](#)

This document outlines a significant shift from the holistic approach to the completion of programmes that was adopted in the latter part of 2019-20. Instead, the emphasis is on assessment integration within programmes and the easing of assessment conditions, whenever possible.

Qualifications Support Teams will be publishing subject-specific guidance for all of the major programmes. These are due to be released during September. A register of these is being kept on the SQA website. This register will be updated as the various guidance documents are released. A copy of the register can be found [here](#)

To support this new approach, the SQA will be introducing two new prior verification routes to facilitate integration of assessment and easing of assessment conditions.

3. Recommendation for the Quality Enhancement Committee

The Quality Enhancement Committee is a college committee which reports to the Academic Board. It meets 4 times per year and was previously chaired by the Director of Curriculum.

The recommendation to the board is that the Quality Enhancement Committee ceases to operate and that its work is subsumed by the weekly Quality Senior Curriculum Managers' (QSCM) Forum.

Recommendations from the QSCM Forum will be brought to the Academic Board by the Quality Enhancement and Development Manager or by another member of the forum, as appropriate.

4. Quality Assurance Processes' Renewal

A number of quality assurance processes are due for renewal in September 2020.

These are:

1. Assessment Alternative Arrangements Process
2. Assessment Re-Assessment Procedure
3. Assessment Sites not Owned or Managed by GKC
4. Conflict of Interest in Assessment Procedure
5. External Examination Contingency Plan
6. Internal Verification Policy and Procedure
7. Learner Academic Appeals Policy
8. Malpractice in Internally Assessed Qualifications Policy and Procedure

It is recommended that these are reviewed by the QSCM Forum before the next Academic Board meeting in order that consideration of new and emerging processes and practices from awarding bodies can be taken into account.

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