


| # | POLICY TITLE: | POLICY AREA: | VERSION: | DATE: |
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|  | 2.1 SCOPE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE | 2) DOCUMENTED APPROACH TO QUALITY ASSURANCE | 3.0 | SEPTEMBER 2020 |
| <p>Introduction and Context:</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To define the scope of applicability of the College’s Quality Assurance Policies, Procedures, Practices and Guidelines. - To outline the relationship between the College QA Policies, Procedures, Practices and Guidelines and those of external academic and professional agencies recognising or validating the College’s awards. - To define the relationship between the College QA Policies, Procedures, Practices and Guidelines and the wider legislative environment within which the College operates. <p>The College Quality Assurance Policies, Procedures, Practices and Guidelines apply to programmes delivered by SNMCI, where SNMCI is understood to incorporate SNMCI Dublin and SNMCI Cork. In particular the scope of the College’s QA system extends to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All programmes provided by the College which lead to higher education academic awards governed by Irish bodies. - All forms of programme delivery and study mode, including full-time, part-time and blended (See QA5.2) - All forms of programme delivery and study mode, including transnational (See QA 2.6) | | | | |
| <p>Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The College is committed to ensuring that its QA Policies, Procedures, Practices and Guidelines continue to reflect and comply with all prevailing national and international legislation as it evolves, for example, in the case of employment legislation and the protection of learners. - The College is committed to advancing and embracing national and international educational developments. Where possible it will serve to champion these development opportunities amongst its staff, learners and the wider educational community. - The College recognises and welcomes the ongoing contribution made by the external legislative and educational agencies in enhancing the development of the College’s own activities. - Where the College provides a programme leading to the award of an external agency, it is understood that the quality assurance measures used to govern the programme include all those prescribed by the external agency in addition to those described in the College QA manual. | | | | |

- In the event that the quality assurance requirements of a particular external agency differ in some respect from those outlined in the College QA manual, the College complies with the conditions stipulated by the external agency in respect of the associated programmes involved.
- The College's QA system is subject to ongoing review by the Academic Board to support the College's ongoing commitment to Quality Assurance and Enhancement.
- QQI will be notified of changes
- The Director of Quality and Academic Affairs will keep a detailed record of all changes made to policies, procedures and guidelines.

Policy Control Sheet

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| Policy | QA 2.1 Scope of Quality Assurance |
| Version | 3.0 |
| Adopted/Effective | September 2020 |
| Supersedes | Version 2.0 |
| Monitoring/Next Review Date | Ongoing |
| Responsible Officer(s) Designated Reviewer(s) | Director of Quality and Academic Affairs |
| Scope | College wide |

References

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| SNMCI Policy area | 2) Documented Approach to Quality QA Vol 2 |
| Developed with reference to | The Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act (2012). QQI Core Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines (2016) QQI Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines for Providers of Blended Learning Programmes (March 2018) QQI Policy for Collaborative Programmes, Transnational Programmes and Joint Awards (2012) Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015) |
| Related SNMCI Policies / Forms | All QA Policies, procedures and guidelines |

Revision

| Revision Number | Revision Description | Originator | Approved By |
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| 2.0/09/2020 | Ongoing Review | Office of DQAA | AB |