

QAA Membership in Scotland 2024-25

In 2024-25, QAA will continue to support and encourage the culture of enhancement in the university sector by supporting staff and students to deliver a high-quality student learning experience across Scotland.

Through a partnership approach to membership, QAA Scotland provides tailored, trusted and responsive advice on quality assurance and enhancement to ensure membership meets and contributes to members' strategic needs.

This year, QAA will also support members with the introduction of Scotland's new approach to enhancement-led review, and new tertiary programme of enhancement activity.

We look forward to working with you in this exciting time for the sector in Scotland.

In 2024-25, QAA will support higher education providers in Scotland by:

Review activity

New review method

Launch the new tertiary review method developed in partnership with the sector and deliver the very first college and university reviews in the new cycle. Provide briefings, reviewer training and preparation sessions for institutions undergoing review.

Putting students and learners at the heart of review

Develop and enhance support for students involved in the tertiary review method in Scotland by continuing to work in partnership and providing additional support for students to engage with our new review method.

Sharing and embedding good practice across the sector

Embed and promote good practice across the sector on review activity across a range of key issues including student transitions and work-based learning.

Promoting enhancement-led approaches to review

Recruit and develop a diverse cross-nations reviewer pool to support quality review activity across enhancement-led review methods in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Enhancement activity

Developing a new approach to enhancement

Launch the new approach to national enhancement activity across the tertiary sector in Scotland, informed by a range of evidence including previous thematic enhancement work, the cross-quality agency Tertiary Enhancement Topic on the future of learning and teaching, sector workshops, and input from key networks and committees such as SHEEC.

Supporting training and development and promoting excellence

Deliver a range of high impact development events in areas of interest to the sector such as artificial intelligence and academic integrity, and training for programme teams in practical areas such as designing and delivering rich active blended learning.

Influence and policy insights

Supporting key sector committees

Facilitate the operation of key sector committees such as Quality Arrangements for Scottish Higher Education (QASHE) and The Quality Forum (TQF) to enable the promotion of good practice and sector-wide learning.

Engaging with sector networks

Continue to engage proactively with sector networks including Universities Scotland's Main Committee and Learning & Teaching Committee, Colleges Scotland's College Principals Group and College Development Network's Quality and VP Curriculum Networks.

Listening to tertiary sector needs

Be responsive to, and reflective of, the needs of the university sector within wider tertiary developments in Scotland through the QAA Scotland Strategic Advisory Committee, which will continue to advise the QAA Board.

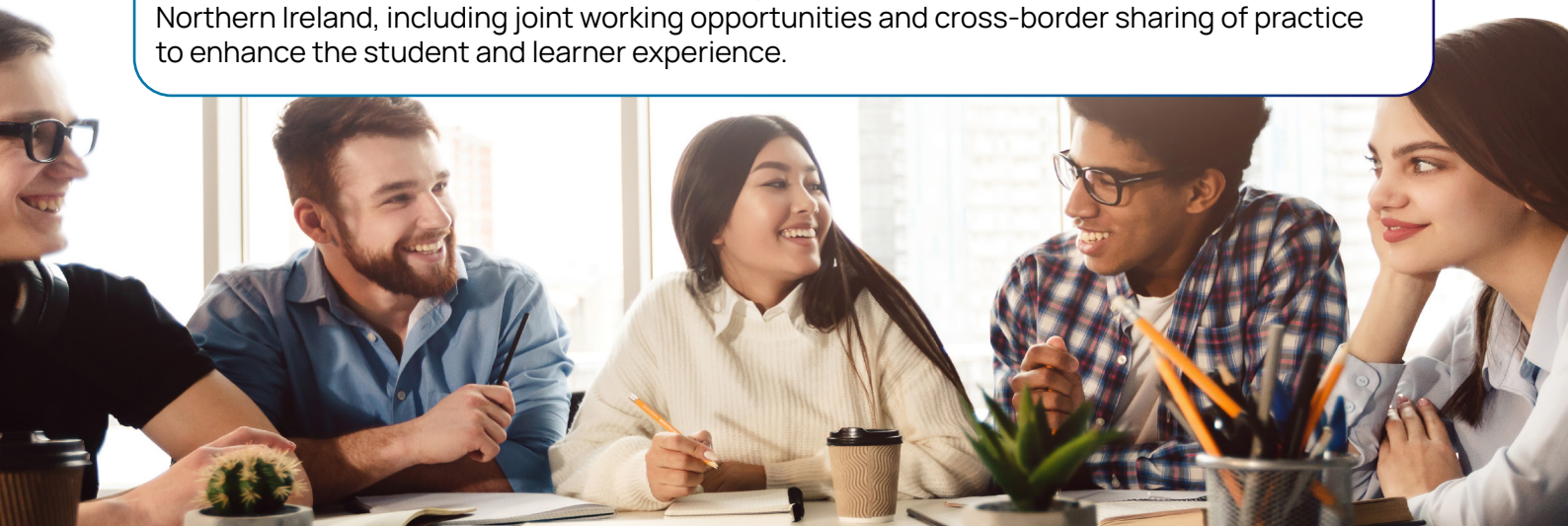
Supporting policy development

Engage proactively with the Scottish Government, Scottish Funding Council and other sector bodies to provide expert input into policy developments across the tertiary sector in Scotland, based on our unique insights from Scotland, other UK nations and internationally.

Working across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Collaboration across tertiary education

Promote collaborative work across the tertiary education sectors in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, including joint working opportunities and cross-border sharing of practice to enhance the student and learner experience.



QAA Membership across the UK

In a rapidly changing tertiary education environment, QAA Membership enables you to establish effective ways of demonstrating excellence in quality and securing standards.

Benefits for your whole institution

- **Horizon scanning:** equipping you with the latest intelligence on policy, regulatory, social and technological trends across the UK and globally.
- **Securing UK higher education's global reputation for excellence:** providing a collective sector voice that protects academic standards and champions academic integrity, amplified by QAA's close links with policymakers, international partners and governments.
- **Keeping sector reference points meaningful and accessible:** demonstrating your commitment to securing standards and enhancing quality, giving you a strong voice in the creation of vital sector reference points such as the UK Quality Code and Subject Benchmark Statements to ensure these reflect your needs and those of your students.
- **Being part of a vibrant membership community:** facilitating learning and shared insights across providers and other partners including professional, statutory and regulatory bodies.
- **Driving innovation:** developing innovative approaches to enhancing, evaluating, and reporting on all aspects of the student journey to improve outcomes and address internal and external demands.
- **Empowering your staff:** supporting the professional development of your staff, equipping them to develop efficient and effective systems, safeguard academic standards and enhance the learning experience of your students.

Providing support and solutions for...



Students' unions



Quality



Partnerships



Senior leadership



Strategic planners



Academic departments and leadership



Data and information



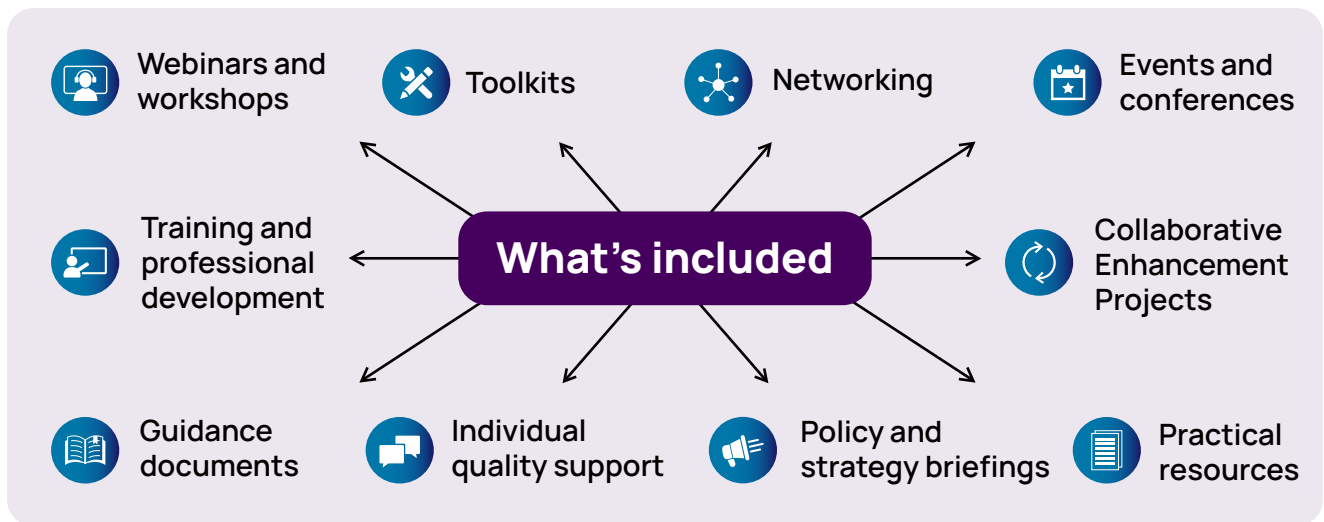
International and global development

Our Membership offer is tailored to providers of different types, missions and sizes. Staff and students across all roles can collaborate and exchange ideas with peers and sector experts through regular networks for colleges, independent and specialist providers, students, programme leaders, senior academic managers, leaders for international partnerships, and quality leads.

In addition, QAA Membership provides valuable opportunities for you to showcase your own excellent practice to UK and international audiences by contributing to a variety of events and resources.



Helping you learn and innovate



In 2023, over 6,000 of you participated in events, networks and training programmes to share innovative approaches, discuss challenges, develop knowledge and keep up to date with the latest policy developments. You accessed a wide range of resources, providing insightful, practical approaches and templates - with over 24,000 downloads in 2023 alone.

Over **6,000** event participants

Over **24,000** resource downloads

Over **30,000** web page views



Priority topics and activities for 2024-25

Our activities cover a wide range of topics including:



Trends in learning, teaching and assessment

Competence-based education; Innovative approaches to assessment including inclusive assessment, compassionate assessment, optionality and authentic assessment; Student representation and engagement



Global engagement

Country resources; International partnerships; Developing, monitoring and managing risk; Supporting and enhancing the international student experience; Ensuring UK HE has a strong voice in Europe and around the world



Equity and inclusion

Understanding differential outcomes and closing awarding gaps



Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship

Apprenticeships design and delivery; Supporting students moving between work and study



Flexible pathways and student transitions

Implementation of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement; Use of credit; Student transitions; Differing modes of study



Generative Artificial Intelligence and Academic integrity

The opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence; Engaging staff and students in promoting academic integrity across all levels and modes of provision



Effective quality processes and evaluation

Quality processes that work, support innovation and value externality; Effective evaluation; Evidencing educational gain; Using data in decision-making



Professional development and training

Formal and informal training programmes and development opportunities including Step into Quality; Introduction to Quality; Quality in Practice



Quality and standards

Subject Benchmarks Statements; Refreshing the UK Quality Code Advice and Guidance; Working with professional, statutory and regulatory bodies; Delivering and awarding in partnerships; Postgraduate taught and research provision



Collaborative Enhancement Projects

Over 60 projects on priority topics led by members including: Generative AI; Assessment; Innovative quality processes; Partnerships; Student engagement; Future of exam boards



Explore your membership

We love hearing your suggestions, feedback and questions. Each provider has a named QAA Contact and you can also get in touch by email.

 [Access the Membership Resources site](#)

 [Register for events](#)

 [Find out about QAA Membership](#)

 [Sign up for our Member Newsletter and QAA Scotland News](#)

Renewing your membership for 2024-25

Renewing is simple. We will email you a link to your renewal form in May. Just click on the link to submit your form and we will do the rest!

We are always available to help.
Please contact your QAA contact or email us.

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