

QAA Membership in Wales 2024-25

In 2024-25, QAA will continue to support and encourage the culture of enhancement in the higher education sector in Wales by supporting the sector, staff, students and learners to promote and deliver a high-quality academic experience across English and Welsh-medium provision.

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

Reviews in Wales

Quality Enhancement Review

Work in partnership with the sector, students, learners and HEFCW (which becomes the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research (CTER) from 1 August 2024), to embed and implement the new Quality Enhancement Review method.

Putting students and learners at the heart of review

Provide support for students and learners involved in QAA's review methods in Wales to increase engagement and value, including training for Lead Student Representatives and a Student Guide to Reviews.

Enhancement of the student and learner experience across Wales

Embed and promote good practice from review activity, through sharing of good practice case studies across the sector.

Promoting enhancement-led approaches to review

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

Gateway Quality Review (Wales)

Carry out Gateway Quality Review (Wales) on behalf of HEFCW (and then CTER).



Enhancement and leading sector conversations

Wales Quality Network

Develop and support QAA's Wales Quality Network to continue its role as a key forum for quality professionals across the sector in Wales. This member-led and sector-chaired forum will continue to disseminate good practice, respond to key sector challenges, and facilitate collaborative and partnership work. In response to feedback, establish a new member-led branch of the Network focused on partnerships in 2024-25.

Development of enhancement activity with the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research

Continue work with CTER to develop a wide portfolio of enhancement work, which contributes to key sector priorities including areas such as micro-credentials and strengthening academic integrity, as well as to promote collaborative enhancement activity across the sector for the benefit of all providers, staff, students and learners.

A partnership approach to membership

Deliver institutional liaison meetings to provide a tailored approach to QAA Membership to ensure your membership meets and contributes to your strategic needs and effectively supports your staff, students and learners.

Influence and policy insights

Support for sector voice

Promote the voice of the Wales Strategic Advisory Committee, which advises the QAA Board, to ensure that QAA's work continues to support the higher education sector in Wales. Additionally, work collaboratively with key externally managed groups to engage and consult the sector such as the Universities Wales Learning and Teaching Network and ColegauCymru groups.

Proactive stakeholder engagement

Continue proactive engagement with CTER to support the development of the tertiary quality landscape in Wales, alongside other key delivery bodies such as Estyn. Use this opportunity to provide expert input into policy developments based on our unique insights from Wales, across the UK and internationally.

Continue to work collaboratively with key sector stakeholders including NUS Wales, Universities Wales, ColegauCymru, Welsh Government and Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

Collaboration 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



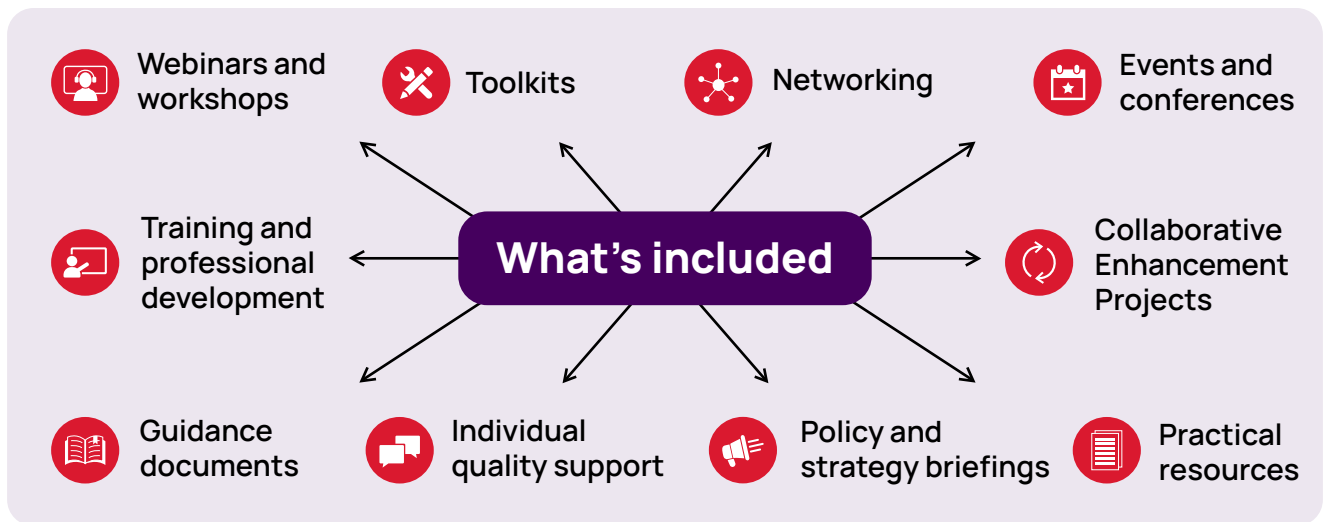
International and global development

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 Cymru Newsletter](#)

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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