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SCHEDULE OF FEES¹

1 FEES FOR SUBMISSION BY PROVIDERS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL²

1.1 INITIAL ACCESS TO VALIDATION (NEW PROVIDERS)

FEES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR INITIAL ACCESS TO VALIDATION FOR APPROVAL³

Fee	Applicability
€10,000	Fee for new providers of higher education and training programmes.
€5,000	Fee for new providers of further education and training programmes.

Note: The applicable programme validation fee will also be payable. See Section 2 below.

1.2 RE-ENGAGEMENT⁴

FEES FOR THE SUBMISSION BY SECTION 84 PROVIDERS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL

Higher Education and Training Providers

Fee	Applicability
€8,000	Providers with Major Awards and/or other Awards
€5,000	Providers with Special Purpose Awards only

¹ Fees are determined by QQI, with the consent of the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform - Section 80 Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012

² Section 80 Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012

³ Section 80(1)(a) Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012

⁴ Section 84 of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 provides for the continuity of quality assurance services and awards for legacy providers. Re-engagement for each provider will be a one-off process. Through the re-engagement process QQI will recognise the work involved in developing and implementing quality assurance processes in the past while ensuring a sound statutory basis for future Quality Assurance development and enhancement.

Further Education and Training Providers

Fee	Applicability
€4,000	Providers with any Major Awards at level 4, 5 or 6
€2,500	Providers with any Special Purpose Awards or Component Certificates at level 4, 5 or 6
€2,000	Providers with any Award at level 1, 2 or 3

1.3 REVISION OF APPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR ONLINE OR BLENDED LEARNING FEES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES TO INCORPORATE BLENDED LEARNING AND/OR ONLINE LEARNING FOR APPROVAL⁵

Higher Education and Training Providers

Fee	Applicability
€4,000	Providers with Major Awards and other Awards
€2,500	Providers with Special Purpose Awards only

Further Education and Training Providers

Fee	Applicability
€2,000	Providers with any Major Awards at level 4, 5 or 6
€1,250	Providers with any Special Purpose Awards or Component Certificates at level 4, 5 or 6
€1,000	Providers with any Award at level 1, 2 or 3

1.4 REVISION OF APPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES TO INCORPORATE VALIDATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Further Education and Training Providers

Fee	Applicability
€5,000	Fee for a Provider of Further Education and Training programmes to submit revised Quality Assurance procedures to extend its scope of provision to the validation of Higher Education programmes. ⁶

⁵ This only applies where a provider has its QA procedures approved by QQI either through the Initial Access to Validation (1a) or Re engagement (1b)

⁶ This only applies to providers who have had their QA Procedures approved by QQI either through the Initial Access to Validation (1a) or Reengagement Processes (See Section 1b)

1.5 FEE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND OR OTHER LANGUAGE

Fee	Applicability
€5,000	Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures for the provision of the <i>Certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language</i> .

2 FEES FOR PROGRAMME VALIDATION – HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES

2.1 FEES FOR AN APPLICATION FOR VALIDATION OF A PROGRAMME OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING⁷

Standard Validation

Fee	Applicability ⁸
€10,000	Fee for higher education and training programme with 60 credits or more
€5,000	Fee for higher education and training programme with less than 60 credits

Note:

In the case of a submission with embedded programmes the standard validation fee (see 2A above) will apply to the programme with the highest number of credits. The fee for each additional programme included in the submission suite will be calculated based on €100 per credit, subject to a maximum of €10,000 in respect of each additional programme which has 60 credits or more, and €5,000 in respect of each additional programme with less than 60 credits. (See Appendix 1 for examples.)

This does not apply to Special Purpose Awards (SPA). These are stand-alone awards and cannot be submitted as part of a suite. A fee of €5,000 applies to each SPA where credits are equal to or less than 60.

⁷ Section 80(1)(e) Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012

⁸ Please see Appendix 1 for the application of the validation fees to embedded programmes and the submission of one or more programmes in a single submission

2.2 FEE FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME WITH 10 CREDITS OR LESS (MICRO-CREDENTIAL)

Fee	Applicability
€2,000 for a validation period of 2 years or less, plus €1,000 for each additional year of validation	Fee for a higher education and training programme with 10 credits or less (micro-credential)

2.3 FEE FOR VALIDATION OF A PROGRAMME OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING WHERE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION REPORT IS DEVOLVED

The fee in respect of an application for validation of a programme of higher education and training where responsibility has been devolved is 50% of the standard validation fee.

2.4 FEE FOR VALIDATION OF A PROGRAMME OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEADING TO A JOINT AWARD

The fee in respect of an application for the validation of a higher education and training programme leading to a joint award will not be less than 50% of the standard validation fee (see 2A above). In some circumstances, it may equal or exceed the standard fee. This will depend on the circumstances and the complexity involved.

2.5 FEE FOR OVERSEAS VALIDATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

All overseas validations will be charged the standard validation fee (see 2A above) plus travel and subsistence for panel members and members of the QQI executive, and other additional costs incurred.

2.6 FEE FOR THE REVALIDATION⁹ OF A HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME (SECTION 80 (F))

Fee	Applicability
€1,500 minimum	A charge of €1,500 will apply to the first programme, with an additional fee of €10 per credit for each additional embedded programme, subject to a maximum of €1,500 per programme.

Note 1: This fee is for revalidation conducted following a programme review process managed by the provider in line with terms of reference agreed by QQI.

Note 2: QQI may decide that a new validation is required on the expiry of the validation of a programme, in these cases the standard fee under Section 2A above applies.

Note 3: If the revalidation is conducted by QQI (e.g. where terms of reference for the provider's programme review were not agreed by QQI), the standard validation fee will apply (see Section 2A above).

Note 4: If a new award (major, minor, or exit) is submitted with an application for revalidation of the parent programme, the standard fee at Section 2A will apply to the validation of each new awards.

2.7 FEE FOR THE VALIDATION OF AN EMBEDDED PROGRAMME LEADING TO AN EXIT AWARD

A fee will not apply to the validation of an embedded programme leading to an exit award. The exit award fee concession is only available for major awards. An exit award is available in exceptional and limited circumstances when a learner cannot complete the programme they enrolled on. An exit award programme should not be advertised.

Note: the standard validation fee applies to applications for the validation of any other type of embedded programme.

⁹ Revalidation is validation by QQI of a programme that has evolved from a programme that had been previously validated by QQI. Revalidation is also required for any programme that is to continue to enrol learners following expiry of the approved validation period.

2.8 FEES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A CONDITION OF PROGRAMME APPROVAL FOR EXAMPLE EXTENSION OF VALIDATION PERIOD, INCREASE IN ENROLMENT NUMBERS, ETC

Fee	Applicability
One fifth of the standard validation fee (see 2A above) or a minimum of €3,000	The fee applies to a single programme with 60 credits or more. <i>If the change requested is not approved the fee will not be refunded.</i>
One fifth of the standard validation fee (see 2A above) or a minimum of €1,000	The fee applies to a single programme with less than 60 credits. <i>If the change requested is not approved the fee will not be refunded.</i>

2.9 WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR VALIDATION

Applications for the validation of programmes may be withdrawn prior to the start of the independent evaluation stage. A partial refund of fees (up to 50% of the fees received in respect of the application) may be considered at this point. Once the independent evaluation stage has started, QQI will normally progress to a determination and publish the independent evaluation report.

3 FEES FOR PROGRAMME VALIDATION - FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES (THE FEES FOR PROGRAMME VALIDATION FOR FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING ARE UNDER REVIEW)

3.1 FEES FOR AN APPLICATION FOR VALIDATION OF A FURTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME (SECTION 80 (E))

Standard Validation

Fee	Applicability
€2,000	Fee for a further education and training programme with 50% or more of the credit value of a major award
€1,000	Fee for a further education and training programme with less than 50% of the credit value of a major award

3.2 FEE FOR THE EXTENSION OF VALIDATION FOR ONE YEAR

The fee payable is the standard validation fee, i.e. €1,000

Where the extension of validation request is not approved the fee will not be refunded.

4 FEES FOR AN APPLICATION FOR VALIDATION OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Fee	Applicability
€1,000	Certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language (Level 7)
€5,000	Special Purpose Certificate in International Foundation Studies (Level 8)
€1,000	Specific Purpose Certificate in International Foundation Studies (Level 5)

5 FEES FOR THE MAKING OF AWARDS BY QQI (SECTION 80 (G))

Type of Award	Fee
<i>Major Awards</i>	
Level 1 - 3	€0
Level 4*	€50
Level 5*	€50
Level 6*	€80
<i>Component Awards</i>	
Level 1 - 3	€0
Level 4*	€20
Level 5 and 6*	€20
<i>Special Purpose and Supplemental Awards</i>	
Level 1 - 3	€0
Level 4*	€40
Level 5 and 6*	€40
Higher Certificate	€100
Ordinary Bachelor Degree	€150
Honours Bachelor Degree	€200
Higher Diploma	€200
Post-graduate Diploma	€200
Master Degree	€200
Doctoral Degree	€200
Minor, Special Purpose, and Supplemental Awards	€50

**Waivers in respect of further education and training award (certification) fees are available to social welfare recipients and/or medical card holders. Providers should have a procedure to verify that a learner satisfies the exemption criteria and should retain this evidence. Waivers also apply to learners at certain centres, i.e. Youthreach and VTOS centres.*

FEES FOR THE MAKING OF JOINT AWARDS (SECTION 80 (H))

Fees in respect of the making of joint awards will be not less than 50% of the fee for QQI awards. See Section 5a above. In some circumstances, the fee may equal that of a QQI award. The specific circumstances will be taken into consideration when determining an appropriate fee.

6 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MARK (IEM)

6.1 IEM APPLICATION FEES

In line with Section 61(4) and Section 80(m) of the amended Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012, the following table sets out the approved suite of application fees for the IEM.

HE Classes of Provider	IEM Application Fee	Assessment of Compliance with IEM Code	Due Diligence
Designated awarding bodies (dabs) - universities, technological universities, and the institutes of technology	Fee included in QQI's existing HE relationship fee with these bodies	✓	Exempt
Non-DAB publicly funded Providers exempted from Due Diligence and PEL under Section 65(5) of the amended Act of 2012	€10,000	✓	Exempt
All other HE Providers	€10,000	✓	Subject to assessment and due diligence fee prior to inclusion in PEL Fund

ELE Providers	No. of Learner Weeks per annum	IEM Application Fee	Assessment of Compliance with IEM Code	Due Diligence
ELE - Category A	Less than 5,000	€5,000	✓	✓
ELE - Category B	5,000-14,999	€10,000	✓	✓
ELE - Category C	15,000-24,999	€20,000	✓	✓
ELE - Category D	Greater than 25,000	€30,000	✓	✓

6.2 IEM ANNUAL CHARGE

In line with Section 62 of the amended Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 and to be set out in Ministerial Regulations, the following table sets out the approved suite of IEM annual charges.

HE Classes of Provider	No. of International Learners (as defined under the IEM HE Code of Practice) enrolled on programmes of education and training which lead to awards recognised within the Framework	IEM Annual Charge
HE – Category A	Less than 200	2,000
HE - Category B	200-999	6,000
HE - Category C	1,000-3,999	12,000
HE - Category D	Greater than 4,000	20,000

ELE Providers	No. of Learner Weeks per annum	IEM Annual Charge
ELE - Category A	Less than 5,000	2,000
ELE - Category B	5,000-14,999	6,000
ELE - Category C	15,000-24,999	12,000
ELE - Category D	Greater than 25,000	20,000

7 APPENDICES

7.1 APPENDIX 1 APPLICATION OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES WHERE A SUBMISSION INCLUDES APPLICATIONS FOR THE VALIDATION OF MULTIPLE NEW PROGRAMMES IN A SIMILAR FIELD OF LEARNING

PROGRAMMES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EXAMPLE A

2 Major Awards (1 add-on) and 5 Minor Awards (2A applied)

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Higher Certificate in Business	120 / L6	10,000
Bachelor of Business (Hons) with International Business	60 / L8	6,000
Certificate in Sales and Marketing	30 / L6	3,000
Certificate in Marketing Management	30 / L6	3,000
Certificate in Business and Entrepreneurship	20 / L6	2,000
Certificate in Business Communications	20 / L6	2,000
Certificate in Strategic Management	10 / L7	1,000
Total Fee		27,000

€13,500 is the amount due (50% of €27,000) where responsibility for arranging an independent evaluation report is devolved as per 2B above

EXAMPLE B

2 Major Awards

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Masters in Science in Technology and Business	90 / L9	10,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Technology and Business	60 / L9	6,000
Total Fee		16,000

EXAMPLE C

1 Major Award and 1 Minor Award

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Bachelor of Arts in Animation	180 /L7	10,000
Certificate in Animation	60 /L6	6,000
Total Fee		16,000

EXAMPLE D

2 Special Purpose Awards, these awards are stand-alone and the standard validation fee (2A) applies to each

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Certificate in Fund Accounting	30 /L9	5,000
Certificate in Risk and Financial Analysis	30 /L9	5,000
Total Fee		10,000

EXAMPLE E

3 Major Awards ab-initio and 3 Minor Awards

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Bachelor of Science (Honours)	240 /L8	10,000
Bachelor of Science	180 /L7	10,000
Higher Certificate in Science	120 /L6	10,000
Diploma in Science	70 (L7)	7,000
Certificate in Science	30 (L6)	3,000
Certificate in Science Methods	30 (L6)	3,000
Total Fee		43,000

EXAMPLE F

3 Major Awards and, 2 Minor Awards, 1 Micro-credential

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Higher Certificate in Business	120 /L6	10,000
Bachelor of Business (Honours) add-on	60/L8	6,000
Bachelor of Business add-on	60 /L7	6,000
Diploma in Business	70 /L7	7,000
Certificate in Business	10 /L6	1,000
Certificate in Business Accounts (<i>Micro-credential</i>)	10 /L6	2,000*
Total Fee		35,000

**Micro-credentials are standalone awards and validation is not for the standard period of five years.*

7.2 APPENDIX 2 APPLICATION OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES WHERE A SUBMISSION INCLUDES APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF VALIDATION FOR ONE YEAR ONLY

SUBMISSION FOR THE EXTENSION OF VALIDATION OF THREE PRINCIPLE PROGRAMMES

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Master in Business in International Business	90 / L9	3,000
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in International Business	180 / L8	3,000
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Literature	180 / L8	3,000
Total Fee		9,000

SUBMISSION FOR THE EXTENSION OF VALIDATION WHERE MULTIPLE PROGRAMMES ARE SUBMITTED

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in HRM Strategy and Practice	180 /L8	2,000	
Diploma in HRM Strategy and Practice <i>(embedded in above programme)</i>	60 /L7	1,200	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in HRM (Principle Programme)	240/L8	3,000	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in HRM (Principle Programme)	180/L8	3,000	
Master of Arts in HRM	90/L9	2,000	
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in HRM <i>(embedded in above programme)</i>	60/L9	1,200	
Total Fee		12,400	

7.3 APPENDIX 3 APPLICATION OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES WHERE A SUBMISSION INCLUDES APPLICATIONS FOR THE REVALIDATION OF MULTIPLE PROGRAMMES IN A SIMILAR FIELD OF LEARNING

PROGRAMMES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EXAMPLE G

A suite of four programmes submitted for revalidation (2E applied)

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Marketing	240 /L8	1,500
Bachelor of Business in Marketing	180 /L7	1,500
Higher Certificate in Business in Marketing	120 /L6	1,200
Certificate in Marketing	60 /L6	600
Total Fee		4,800

EXAMPLE H

A suite of 6 programmes submitted for revalidation

Award	Credits/Level	Fee €
Certificate in Care Giving	20 /L6	1,500
Certificate in Golf and Sports Turf Management	15 /L6	150
Certificate in Care for the Elderly	15 /L6	150
Certificate in Facilitated Learning	10 /L6	100
Certificate in Supported Learning	10 /L6	100
Certificate in Managing Behaviour	10 /L6	100
Total Fee		2,100