

CERTIFICATE OF VALIDATION



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Extension of Validation (1)

Provider Name	National College of Ireland
Date of Validation	15-Jul-15

	First intake	Last intake	Intakes per annum
Enrolment Interval	Sep-15	Sep-20	1

	Code	Title	Award	Duration (Months)	Intakes per annum
Principal Programme	PG21951	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting and Finance	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Major Award at NFQ Level 8) 8M19708 180 credits	3 Years	1
Embedded Programmes	na	n/a			

Principal Programme

5 Year Plan: Planned total enrolment i.e. aggregated across all intakes and all approved centres

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Minimum Intake into first year	15				
Maximum Intake into first year	75				

Target Learner groups	The BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance programme is aimed at the full time market and is viewed as a potentially self-funded programme offered through the CAO. Its aim is to provide students with the skills required for a professional career in the broad area of Accounting and Finance. The programme is open to both post-primary graduates and mature students.
Brief Synopsis of the programmes	The BA in Accounting and Finance seeks to provide learners with a robust grounding in Accounting combined with a fundamental understanding of financial markets and instruments. The programme has been aligned with the National Qualifications Framework to engender the required knowledge and skills that allow learners to graduate from this Level 8 Honours programme. In addition, the program has been designed in consultation with the Professional Accounting Bodies so that exemptions can be gained from their examinations facilitating learner progression to their chosen career in Accounting.
Delivery mode: full-time / part-time	Full-time and Part-time
Teaching and Learning Modes	A variety of teaching strategies, which include—but is not limited to—lectures, tutorials, problem-based learning (PBL), enquiry based learning, practical work, flip classroom, seminars, case-based learning, project-based work and team work are included throughout the programme.
Approved countries	Ireland

Physical resource requirements

The programme requires appropriate learning spaces to facilitate the teaching, learning & assessment strategy of the programme. Learning spaces should accommodate traditional classrooms, spaces for collaborative learning and access to appropriate technologies as required by individual module curriculum.

Staff Profiles

Qualifications and Experience	WTE
Lecturers with a Masters or PhD level qualification in an appropriate discipline with academic experience delivering modules in Management, Accounting, Human Resources or Marketing at Level 8.	4
Programme Director who is responsible for the academic management of the programme and may also be a lecturer on the programme. The Programme Director will have at least a Masters or PhD qualification in an appropriate discipline.	1
Programme Coordinator with experience in relationship management, academic support and programme delivery.	1

Approved Centres

Centre	Minimum per intake per Centre	Maximum per intake per Centre
NCI, IFSC, Mayor Square, Dublin 1	15	75

Learner Teacher Ratios

Learning Activity	Ratio
Tutorials	1:25
Lecturers	1:100

Programme being replaced by this programme

Prog Code	Programme Title	Validated	To Close
na	n/a		

Conditions of Validation of the Programmes Covered by this Certificate of Validation

Part 1: Statutory Conditions of Validation

The statutory (section 45(3) of the 2012 Act) conditions of validation are that the provider of the programme shall:

- 1.co-operate with and assist QQI in the performance of QQI's functions in so far as those functions relate to the functions of the provider,
- 2.establish procedures which are fair and consistent for the assessment of enrolled learners to ensure the standards of knowledge, skill or competence determined by QQI under section 49 (1) are acquired, and where appropriate, demonstrated, by enrolled learners,
- 3.continue to comply with section 65 of the 2012 Act in respect of arrangements for the protection of enrolled learners, if applicable, and
- 4.provide to QQI such information as QQI may from time to time require for the purposes of the performance of its functions, including information in respect of completion rates.

Part 2 Conditions of Validation Established by QQI Under section 45(4)(b) of the 2012 Act

Part 2.1 Condition of Validation Concerning a Change in the QQI Award or Award Standard

- 1.Where QQI changes an award title, an award specification or an award standard that a programme depends upon, the provider shall not enrol any further learners on the affected programmes unless informed otherwise in writing by QQI (e.g. by the issue of a revised certificate of validation). The programme is considered validated for learners already enrolled on the affected programme.

Part 2.2 Condition of Validation Concerning the Duration of Enrolment

- 1.The duration of enrolment is the interval during which learners may be enrolled on the validated programme.

Validation is determined by QQI for a specified number of years of enrolment appropriate to the particular programme as indicated on the certificate on validation subject to unit 9.2.1. It is a condition of validation that the programme does not enrol any new learners outside this interval. A typical duration would be five years.

If a provider wishes to continue to enrol learners to the programme beyond this interval the provider must arrange in good time for it to be validated again by QQI, or exceptionally the provider may apply for extension of the duration of enrolment (unit (14)). In this context the provider may apply for validation of the programme from first principles or, alternatively, the provider may avail of the process for revalidation (unit (13)) by QQI.

Part 2.3 General Condition of Validation

The provider of the programme shall:

- 1.Ensure that the programme as implemented does not differ in a material way from the programme as validated; differing in a material way is defined as differing in any aspect of the programme or its implementation that was material to QQI's validation criteria.
- 2.Ensure that the programme is provided with the appropriate staff and physical resources as validated.
- 3.Implement in respect of the programme its written quality assurance procedures (as approved by QQI).
- 4.Make no significant change to the programme without the prior approval of QQI. (See unit (8)).
- 5.Unless otherwise agreed by QQI in writing, start implementing the programme as validated and enrol learners within 18 months of validation.

6. Continue in respect of the validated programme to comply with section 56 of the 2012 Act in respect of procedures for access, transfer and progression.
7. Implement the programme and procedures for assessment of learners in accordance with the Approved Programme Schedule and notify QQI in writing of any amendments to this arising from changes to the programme; see unit (9).
8. When advertising and promoting the programme and awards, use the programme title as validated, and the correct QQI award title(s), award type(s) and award class(es) indicating the level of the award(s) on the National Framework of Qualifications.
9. Adhere to QQI regulations and procedures for certification.
10. Notify QQI in writing without delay of:
 - a. any material change to the programme;
 - a. anything that impacts on the integrity or reputation of the programme or the corresponding QQI awards;
 - b. anything that infringes the conditions of validation; or
 - c. anything that would be likely to cause QQI to consider reviewing the validation.
11. Notify QQI in writing to determine the implications for the provider's validated programmes, where the provider is likely to, or planning to, merge (amalgamate) with another entity or to acquire, or be acquired by, another entity (see unit (12.5)).
12. Report to QQI, when required or requested, on its implementation of the programme and compliance with the conditions of validation.

Part 2.4 General Condition of Validation Arising from Specialised Validation Policy and Criteria

1. n/a

Part 2.5 Special Conditions of Validation

1. n/a



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Approved Programme Schedule(s)

Name of Provider			National College of Ireland			Programme Codes			BSCHAF		
Programme Title (i.e. named award)			BSc. (Honours) in Accounting and Finance								
Award Title (HETAC named award)			Bachelor of Science (Honours)								
Stage Exit Award Title											
Modes of Delivery (FT/PT/ACCS/BLENDED/OC etc.)			FT/PT								
Stage			1			Number of Stages			3		
Award Class			Major			Award NQF Level			8		
Award EQF Level			6			Stage Credits (ECTS)			60		
Stage NQF Level			6			Stage EQF Level			5		
Date Effective			14/09/15			ISCED Subject Code					
Ref	Module Title	Semester	Module		ECTS Credit Number	Total Student Effort			Allocation of Marks		
			Status (M/E)	NQF Level		Total Hours	Contact Hours	Independent Learning	Course Work %	End of Module Formal Exam %	Total %
1.1	Financial Accounting 1	1/2	M		10	250	72	178	30	70	100.00
1.2	Fundamentals of Management	1	M		5	125	36	89	50	50	100.00
1.3	Economics in the World	1/2	M		10	250	60	190	50	50	100.00
1.4	Managing Your Learning	1	M		5	125	36	89	100	0	100.00
1.5	Business Law for Accounting and Finance	1	M		5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00
1.6	Mathematics for Business and Finance	1	M		5	125	48	77	40	60	100.00
1.7	Introduction to Financial Markets	2	M		5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00
1.8	Quantitative Methods	2	M		5	125	48	77	50	50	100.00
1.9	Info & Communications Technology in Accounting and Finance	2	M		5	125	36	89	100	0	100.00
1.10	Marketing for Accounting & Finance	2	M		5	125	36	89	50	50	100.00
Special Regulations: None											



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Name of Provider			Programme Codes			BAHAF					
Programme Title (i.e. named award)			BA. (Honours) in Accounting and Finance								
Award Title (HETAC named award)			Bachelor of Arts (Honours)								
Stage Exit Award Title											
Modes of Delivery (FT/PT/ACCS/BLENDED/OC etc.)			FT/PT								
Stage		2		Number of Stages			3				
Award Class		Major			Award NQF Level			8			
Award EQF Level		6			Stage Credits (ECTS)			60			
Stage NQF Level		7			Stage EQF Level			6			
Date Effective		14/09/15			ISCED Subject Code						
Ref	Module Title	Sem ester	Module		ECTS Credit Number	Total Student Effort			Allocation of Marks		
			Status (M/E)	NQF Level		Total Hours	Contact Hours	Independent Learning	Course Work %	End of Module Formal Exam %	Total %
2.1	Financial Accounting 2	1/2	M		10	250	60	190	30	70	100.00
2.2	Management Accounting 1	1/2	M		10	250	60	190	30	70	100.00
2.3	Corporate Finance	1/2	M		10	250	60	190	40	60	100.00
2.4	Taxation	1	M		5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00
2.5	Quantitative Methods in Finance	1	M		5	125	48	77	40	60	100.00
2.6	Company Law for Accounting and Finance	1	M		5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00
2.7	Business Economics	2	M		5	125	36	89	40	60	100.00
2.8	Corporate Governance and Ethics	2	M		5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00
2.9	Collective Investments	2	M		5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00
Special Regulations: None											



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Stage Exit Award Title													
Modes of Delivery (FT/PT/ACCS/BLENDED/OC etc.)													
Stage				3				Number of Stages				3	
Award Class				Major				Award NQF Level				8	
Award EQF Level				6				Stage Credits (ECTS)				60	
Stage NQF Level				8				Stage EQF Level				7	
Date Effective				14/09/15				ISCED Subject Code					
Ref	Module Title	Semester	Module		ECTS Credit No.	Total Student Effort			Allocation of Marks				
			Status (M/E)	NQF Level		Total Hours	Contact Hours	Indepen. Learning	Course Work %	End of Module Formal Exam %	Total %		
3.1	Management Accounting 2	1/2	M	8	10	250	60	190	30	70	100.00		
3.2	Financial Reporting	1/2	M	8	10	250	60	190	30	70	100.00		
3.3	Law and Regulation	1	M	8	5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00		
3.4	Portfolio Analysis	1	M	8	5	125	48	77	40	60	100.00		
3.5	Derivatives and Risk Management	1	M	8	5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00		
3.6	Introduction to Strategy	1	E	8	5	125	36	89	50	50	100.00		
3.7	Taxation 2	1	E	8	5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00		
3.8	International Financial Management.	1	E	8	5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00		
3.9	Life Assurance	1	E	8	5	125	36	89	40	60	100.00		
3.10	Loans	1	E	8	5	125	36	89	40	60	100.00		
3.11	Retirement Financing	1	E	8	5	125	36	89	40	60	100.00		
3.12	Entrepreneurship	2	E	8	5	125	36	89	100	0	100.00		
3.13	Contemporary Issues in Finance & Accounting	2	M	8	5	125	36	89	100	0	100.00		
3.14	Financial Statement Analysis	2	M	8	5	125	36	89	40	60	100.00		
3.15	Taxation 3	2	E	8	5	125	36	89	30	70	100.00		
3.16	Business Analytics & Research	2	E	8	5	125	36	89	100	0	100.00		
3.17	Retirement Benefits	2	E	8	10	250	48	202	40	60	100.00		
3.18	Auditing and Assurance	2	E	8	10	250	48	202	30	70	100.00		
Special Regulations: Students must select 5 credits from Electives in Semester 1 and 10 credits from Electives in Semester 2													