CERTIFICATE OF VALIDATION

Provider Name	Dublin Business School
Date of Validation	25-Sep-18

	First intake	Last intake
Enrolment Interval	Sep-18	Sep-22

Principal Programme Embedded Programme

	Code	Title	Award	Duration	Annual
				(Months)	Intakes
<u>;</u>	PG23852	5.	HET L9 Major Award pending (Major Award at NFQ Level 9) 9M20662 90 credits	1 year	2
es		Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Financial Technology	HET L9 Major Award pending (Major Award at NFQ Level 9) 9M20663 60 Credits	1 year	2

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	20	30	30	30	30
Maximum Intake into first year	100	100	100	100	100

Target Learner groups

NFQ Level 8 graduates of the appropriate level (2.2) from a cognate discipline. Either full time or part time. The programme is designed to facilitate learners with a

science/technology/computing/business/finance background who wish to upskill in this new and emerging area of Fintech. It will also be of interest to learners who have completed their undergraduate degree and wish to specialise in this area.

Brief Synopsis of the programmes

Technological innovation applied to financial services has created a wave of disruptive activity that will change the shape of the global financial system over the next decade. This has created demand from graduates and employees for programmes specifically tailored to the skills required for a changing financial services

industry.

This is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on finance, data analytics and computing. It is designed to appeal to graduates seeking to gain exposure to Fintech - the technology enabled business model innovation in the financial sector. It is a 1 year Full Time, 2 year Part Time programme with taught modules and an applied project which combined lead to an Master of Science Financial Technology (Fintech).

Delivery mode: full-time / part-time

Fulltime and Parttime

Teaching and Learning Modes 1. Class room lectures

- 2. Case-based learning
- 3. Practical skills sessions
- 4. Workshops
- 5. Tutorials
- 6. Individual and group work

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Approved countries

Physical resource requirements

Lecture rooms with multimedia resources and suitable for work in breakout groups. Hardware and Software appropriate for the delivery of the programme.

Staff Profiles

Qualifications and Experience

WTE

Masters and/or PhD level in the following areas:

0.64

-Finance: Financing, treasury, research, trading, data analytics & lecturing financial theory & practice.

-Computing: Information security, cloud computing and computer networking.

-Business intelligence, predictive analytics, data management and software engineering. Prince 2 accredited IT Project Manager.

-Financial Economics: Development and execution of strategic initiatives designed to improve business performance, creator of data-driven solutions to critical business needs -Data Mining and Business Intelligence, Operations Research: Data Scientist,

Programming Languages, Data Mining tools expertise, development & Data environments and applications

Approved Centres

Centre	Minimum Number of learners per intake per Centre	
Dublin Business School Campus, Dublin 2.	10	50

Learner Teacher Ratios

Learning Activity	Ratio
Workshops	1:25
Practical sessions	1:25
Class room sessions	1:30

Programme being replaced by this programme

Prog Code	Programme Title	Validated	To Close
NA	N/A		

Embedded Programme

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PG23853	Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Financial Technology	Master of Science 9M20662 60 credits	1 year	2

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science/technology/computing/business/finance background who wish to upskill in this new and emerging area of Fintech. It will also be of interest to learners who have completed their undergraduate degree and wish to specialise in this area. It may be their preference to take the theory and practical modules only and not complete the applied project.

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The Postgraduate Diploma is an embedded award in the MSc in Fintech. It will not be offered separately but is an exit award at 60 ECTS for learners who are unable to complete the full MSc. Technological innovation applied to financial services has created a wave of disruptive activity that will change the shape of the global financial system over the next decade. This has created demand from graduates and employees for programmes specifically tailored to the skills required for a changing financial services industry. This is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on finance, data analytics and computing. It is designed to appeal to graduates seeking to enhance their career prospects in the Fintech - the technology enabled business model innovation in the financial sector. The duration of the PGDip is two twelve-week semesters full-time and three twelve-week semesters part-time.

Delivery mode: full-time / part-time

Full-time and Part-time

Teaching and Learning Modes Class room lectures

Class room lectures
Case-based learning
Practical skills sessions
Workshops
Tutorials

Individual and group work

Approved countries where enrolled learners will be based

Ireland

Physical resource requirements

Lecture rooms with multimedia resources and suitable for work in breakout groups. Hardware and Software appropriate for the delivery of the programme are detailed in section 8.

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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

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Part 2.5 Special Conditions of Validation

- 1)Tutorial support to comrise of additional direct contact hours be proved for the following modules: Quantitive Financial Modelling, Datanalytics & achine Learning and Applied Finan ciaf Analysis. The proposed programme schedules will need to be revised to reflect actual class contact time (including lectures and tutorials) and hours allocated to directed e- learning should be re-defined to ensure clarity in relation to class contact hours.
- 2)The module on Quantitative Financial Modelling needs to be underpinned by a conceptual understanding of Python and R, to be provided through tutorial support (involving class contact hours). This tutorial support may not be required for full semester, but at least in the initial 4 5 weeks of the semester.
- 3)Minimum entry requirements should be clarified and consistent throughout programme documentation, including a definition of relevant cognate disciplines and mathematical requirement.

Name of Provide	r:		Dublin Bu	siness Schoo	I										
Programme Title			Master of	Science in F	inancial Technol	logy (Fintech)									
Award Title			Master of	Science											
Stage Exit Award	Title ³		Postgradu	iate Diploma	in Science in Fi	nancial Techn	ology (Fi	ntech)							
Modes of Deliver	y (FT/PT):		Full Time												
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Information & Cy	bersecurity Manageme	nt	1	M		5 ECTS	125	30	50	45		100			
Blockchain & Dist	ributed Ledger Techno	logies	1	M		5 ECTS	125	30	50	45		100			
Fintech Regulation	n		2	M	8	10 ECTS	250	48	50	152		60			40
Data Analytics &	Machine Learning		2	M		10ECTS	250	60	50	140		60			40
Applied Financial	Analysis		2	M		5 ECTS	250	30	50	45		100			
Innovation & Ent	repreneurship in Fintec	h	2	M		5 ECTS	125	24	50	51		100			
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