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CONSULTATIVE FORUM



AGENDA

28 MARCH 2019

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GOLDEN LANE, DUBLIN 2

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10:30 **Sign-in and tea/coffee**

11:00 **Welcome**

Padraig Walsh, CEO

11:05 **Update on QQI legislation**

Bryan Maguire, Director of Quality Assurance

11:15 **Interactive Workshop: Integrity of the National Framework of Qualifications**

John O'Connor, Head of Framework Integrity

12:30 **Presentation of the Irish Register of Qualifications website**

Colette Harrison, Awards and Certification Manager

13:00 **Lunch**

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Integrity of the National Framework of Qualifications

Interactive Session – John O'Connor, Head of Framework Integrity

QQI Statement of Strategy 2019-2021

Priority 1 – Integrity of the National Framework of Qualifications

To develop, promote and protect the integrity of the National Framework of Qualifications.

Action A – We will regulate access to the National Framework of Qualifications for awarding bodies and qualifications, and maintain, develop and promote the Framework as the central feature of a flexible, responsive system for quality-assured qualifications in Ireland.

Interactive Session

The consultative forum will be invited to advise QQI on how the 'integrity of the Framework' can be maintained and strengthened.

This discussion is timely given two significant developments for the NFQ. Firstly, the recently announced [Government intention](#) to expand the range of awarding bodies with access to the NFQ and, secondly, the commitment by QQI in its statement of strategy to commence the re-referencing of the NFQ to the European Qualifications Framework. Both of these developments will require a re-doubling of efforts to strengthen the transparency and trust in the NFQ. QQI will make a brief presentation, outlining our thoughts on these important questions and we look forward to receiving reaction and advice from members of the Forum.

Forum attendees may find it helpful to consult in advance, sections 55A-55I of the [Qualification and Quality Assurance \(Education and Training\) \(Amendment\) Bill 2018](#) on the prospect of increasing the range of awarding bodies with access to the NFQ.