

FICTA Executive Committee

Responding on behalf of a Professional Organisation to the White Paper on:

"Sector Specific Quality Assurance (QA) Guidelines"

On behalf of the organisation I represent, I welcome the broad approach the QQI is proposing to take in regard to sector specific quality assurance guidelines for education and training boards.

The QQI's topic specific quality assurance guidelines are a boom to all providers of education and training programmes, whether or not they seek or lead to QQI awards.

Of particular interest is the guidelines reference to a sectoral approach towards the development of quality assurance guidelines recognising the high level of co-operation, collaboration and cross referencing that exists within the ETB sector and provides for the possibility of a sector specific ETB seeking delegation of authority from QQI to make its own awards.