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Recipients:	Registrars of higher education institutions offering QQI validated programmes, Institutes of Technology Ireland (IOTI), Irish Universities Association (IUA) and the Higher Education Authority (HEA).
Of interest to:	Providers of programmes validated by QQI
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Further information:	www.QQI.ie Access, transfer and progression article in QHelp .

Please note that QQI has restated the formal determinations in relation to access, transfer and progression that were originally published by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland in 2003. The document, "[Access Transfer and Progression - QQI Policy Restatement 2015](#)" is now available on our website. The determinations outlined in the restatement address:

- Progression and transfer routes
- Entry arrangements
- Information provision

The requirements it details concerning entry arrangements, include, for example, the following:

- For every programme, prospective learners have available statements of the knowledge, skill and competence needed as a basis for successful participation, and there is comparability in the factors defined for similar programmes.

In the light of this requirement, your attention is also drawn to the joint IUA and IOTI publication "[New Leaving Certificate Grading Scale and Revised Common Points Scale](#)" dealing with the new leaving certificate grading scale and revised common points scale.

For the purposes of consistency, QQI recommends adoption of this new grading scale by higher education and training providers of QQI validated programmes.