

10 OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

10.1 Peer relationships with the broader education and training community

Education and training lead to recognised qualifications. Awards made on the National Framework of Qualifications are intended to promote mutual recognition and confidence in the learning outcomes attained by learners. Other awards, accreditations, collaboration, arrangements and partnerships, both in Ireland and abroad, offered through or by the provider are organised with reputable bodies and are subject to appropriate internal and external quality assurance procedures. The nature of all such arrangements in place with the broader national and international education and training community are published on the provider's website.

10.2 External partnerships and second providers

Quality assurance procedures include provision for engagement with external partnerships and second providers. Procedures cover all such arrangements, including sub-contracting of provision, research or other partnerships in programme or research provision or related services both at home and abroad as appropriate. Quality assurance procedures include provisions for due diligence on the reputation, legal status, standing and financial sustainability of any such parties or second providers involved in provider provision or related services. The nature of all such arrangements in place with the broader national and international education and training community is published. All transnational arrangements in which the provider is involved are published separately in one place.

10.3 Expert panellists, examiners and authenticators

The quality assurance procedures include explicit criteria and procedures for the recruitment and engagement of external, independent, national and international experts (where appropriate), including the selection and recruitment of expert panel members. Ethical guidelines relating to the selection and participation of such external experts are provided to the experts. These require a declaration by the external expert of any interests that could conflict, or might appear to conflict, with the role or responsibilities proposed by the provider. Independence and expertise are reviewed each time a person is engaged because both are subject to change. The names and affiliations of expert panellists, examiners and authenticators and other external experts associated with the provider are collated and monitored by the provider.