

1 INTRODUCTION

These statutory, sector-specific, quality assurance (QA) guidelines for institutes of technology supplement the Core Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines which are applicable to **all** providers. While the Core Statutory QA Guidelines provide the majority of the quality assurance guidance required, these sector-specific guidelines add to the core by addressing the specific responsibilities of the institutes of technology as set out in the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act, 2012 (the 2012 Act) and under the residual arrangements for delegation of authority to make awards.

Institutes of technology should also refer to QQI's other topic-specific quality assurance guidelines, as appropriate.

1.1 What is the purpose of these guidelines?

These guidelines set out additional, statutory, quality assurance guidelines specific to institutes of technology. These additional QA guidelines address the responsibilities of institutes of technology in the context of delegation of authority to make awards. They also address the institutes of technology as experienced higher education institutions seeking to continuously improve and enhance their internal quality assurance system.

1.2 To whom do they apply?

These guidelines are applicable to institutes of technology, other than Dublin Institute of Technology.