

## 4 PROGRAMMES OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Voluntary providers will have quality assurance procedures in place to:

- Establish and manage the arrangements for the protection of enrolled learners to comply with statutory obligations which are set out in *Protection of Enrolled Learners: Protocols for Implementation of Part 6 of the 2012 Act*
- Have access, transfer and progression arrangements that meet QQI's criteria for approval
- Support the programme design, development, approval and delivery process as set out in the *QQI Core Validation Policy and Criteria for education and training programmes*
- Monitor and review programmes and arrange for the revalidation of continuing programmes, normally every 5 years or in accordance with the expiry of the duration of the validation

Additional QA procedures will be required if a voluntary provider wishes to change the scope of its approved quality assurance. Examples of where substantial changes may require additional QA procedures include:

- Where proposed programme provision is moving to a different level in the NFQ or from one field (ISCED) of learning to another
- A further education and training provider is proposing to develop a programme leading to validation outside the Common Awards System (CAS)