

3 LEGAL AND ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

The 2012 Act (Section 27[1]) requires QQI to issue guidelines for providers for the establishment of provider QA procedures for programmes of education and training, research and related services.

The 2012 Act also requires QQI to consult with the Higher Education Authority and providers on the guidelines before issuing them.

QQI has taken the approach that there are fundamental, common, core guidelines that are applicable to all providers; however, it will also be necessary to issue a range of supplementary guidelines for different types of providers and for different topics. This approach is anticipated by the 2012 Act (Section 27[6|a]). When QA guidelines are developed they will be published on www.QQI.ie and providers will be notified of them and any implications arising from them.