

3.5 Access to QQI validation

A Coordinating Provider who cannot make awards that are recognised within the framework will need to apply to QQI to have the programme validated or, if a Linked Provider, to the relevant Designated Awarding Body.

Certain prerequisites must be in place before a provider may apply to QQI for validation. These are set out in “*Policy and Criteria for Provider Access to Initial Validation of Programmes Leading to QQI Awards*”⁶ and further details are available on QQI’s website. The establishment of QA procedures is one of the requirements for access and the applicable guidelines include the Core QA Guidelines and the QA Guidelines for Apprenticeship Programmes (as set out in this document).

6 http://www.qqi.ie/Publications/Initial_Validation_policy_7_10_13.pdf