

## 1.2 What is the purpose of these guidelines?

**These guidelines are to be used:**

- by providers when designing, establishing, evaluating, maintaining, renewing and reviewing their quality assurance policies and procedures
- as a basis for the approval by QQI of providers' quality assurance procedures (other than for previously established universities)

**These guidelines are not intended:**

- to prescribe how providers are to carry out their work or run their organisations
- as a “how to” manual for providers on the establishment of QA procedures. Rather, it is up to providers to establish an internal quality system appropriate to their individual context which incorporates both operational procedures and a system of review to monitor the effectiveness of those procedures

**These guidelines should be read in conjunction with QQI's policy on statutory QA guidelines.**