

1.4 The national education and training system

All providers offering programmes leading to awards in the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) form part of the national education and training system. This system is underpinned by quality assurance, which seeks to provide public trust and confidence in the education and training delivered and the resulting qualifications obtained by learners.

It is important for all providers offering programmes leading to awards in the NFQ to understand that they are linked to each other and to the national reputation of the qualifications system, and therefore they have an obligation to uphold the quality of the education and training offering. QQI is responsible for the external quality assurance of post-secondary further, higher and English language education and training.