

# 1 **SUMMARY**

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) was established in November 2012 by the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 (the 2012 Act). The 2012 Act sets out the functions of QQI, which include issuing guidelines for the establishment of providers' quality assurance (QA) procedures.

This document sets out the QQI policy approach to the development and issuing of such QA guidelines. All QA guidelines issued by QQI will have regard to this policy.

This policy was originally published in December 2014 and was revised in April 2016 following consultation.

QQI policy is developed through a consultative process involving all stakeholders. Details of the policy development process are available on [www.QQI.ie](http://www.QQI.ie). QQI policy is adopted by the Board and implemented by the executive accordingly.