CERTIFICATION

**Key new Features of QQI**

Single statutory awarding body for firther education and training. QQI incorporates the certification work of BIM, FÁS, NCVA, NTCB, and Teagasc. Standards for awards will be determined by QQI in partnership with education, training and industry.

Courses in public and privataly funded education and training will be validated

Quality of Courses in public and private education and training will be monitored

QQI awards are placed within the national qualifications framework. This framework includes further and higher education and training awards. This will grately extend opportunities for access, transfer and progression for all learners.

**The Main Functions of QQI**

To make and promote awards

To determen standards for awards

To validate courses

To monitor and evaluate the quality of courses

To facilitate access, transfer and progress

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**City & Guilds**

It gets its full name - City and Guilds of London Institute - from being founded and financed by the Corporation of the City of London and some of the livery, companies or guilds. City & Guilds is an independent, non-profit making organisation operating under Royal Charter. City and Guilds schemes are available in over 400 subjects, in most occupational sectors and have come to be regarded as the qualifications for working in industries as varied as engineering and hairdressing, catering and construction. In addition, City and Guilds also offers certificates for technical and leisure activities, for general education and use in schools. Every year there are 1.3m entries for C & G Awards. There are currently 4500 centres worldwide. City and Guilds awards certificates and diploamas to candidates who have been successful in all elements of the assessment at a particular level and records of achievement for success in a unit or component.

**International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC)**

ITEC, which celebrated its 50th Anivirsary in 1997, is an Independent Examining Body, and has set the standards for the past 25 years having provided the syllabus originally. Its team of examiners and the James Accreditation system makes certain that the ITEC system is not being abused and assures you of its vigilance and determination to provide the finest and fairest examination for students’ professonal qualifications.

QQI awards are NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications) standards.