



Quality Assurance System

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Collaborative Provision

1.1 Policy

To oversee and co-ordinate the sector's engagement with third level institutions, so as to provide an access route to higher education accreditation (where appropriate).

In order to meet this objective, LASNTG works in partnership with other providers to expand the range of Programmes available to our Learners, to open progression opportunities for graduates to higher education and to meet the needs of the industry sectors we serve. While LASTNG is proactive in developing relationships with ITs to expand the range of courses available to the Local Authority sector, we do not engage in collaborative provision as defined by QQI which describes the co-delivery of all or parts of a Programme by two providers. In our partnership arrangements with other providers, LASNTG does not deliver any part of the Programme. LASTNG is involved in need's identification, Programme design, information provision and Programme evaluation and enhancement. The Programmes are validated by our partner providers and delivered under their QA arrangements with QQI. Our partner providers have full and ultimate responsibility for the quality of the Programme and for returning results to QQI for certification.

1.2 Agreed arrangements

Before we enter into any partnership with another provider, we have a written statement setting out the arrangements and responsibilities of both parties, agreed in advance and signed off by the governance units of both partners including:

- Objectives
- Meetings and reporting
- Obligations of both parties
- Communication strategy
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Confidentially

1.3 Existing Partnership Arrangements

- Institute of Technology Carlow
 - Level 7 - Certificate in Road Programme Management
- Institute of Technology Sligo
 - Level 6 - Certificate in Drinking Water Treatment Operations
 - Level 6 - Certificate in Wastewater Treatment Operation
 - Level 9 - Post Graduate Diploma & Master of Science in Water Services Management
 - Level 9 - Master of Engineering in Road and Transport Engineering

1.4 Working Partnership Arrangements

The IT is the lead partner and as such is responsible for managing the validated Programme.

LASNTG involvement is as follows;

1.4.1. Programme Design

Membership of the Programme Design and Delivery Team (PDDT), which is made up of representatives of a range of stakeholders and subject matter experts based on the nature and purpose of the proposed Programme. The PDDT oversees all aspects of the development of the new Programme, creates a relevant, high-quality curriculum and identifies suitably experienced and qualified staff for delivery.

1.4.2. Programme Promotion

Details of the Programme and Programme provision are made available through LASNTG, RTC network, the website, the Local Authority Training Officers Network and other channels of communication used by LASNTG.

1.4.3. Programme Evaluation

Representatives of LASTNG contribute to the review and evaluation of the Programme on an ongoing basis

1.4.4. Provision of Training Sites

The IT may use LASTNG training sites to deliver all, or part of, the Programme