

The role of the QAA

Shaping Quality and Assessment in
Entrepreneurship Education

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What does QAA do?

- Checks how UK universities maintain academic standards and quality.
- Reviews and reports on how universities meet their responsibilities and, in so doing, identifies good practice and makes recommendations for improvement.
- Publishes guidelines to help UK universities and colleges to ensure students have the best learning experience.

QAA guidance

- Framework for higher education qualifications
- Programme specifications
- Subject benchmark statements
- Code of practice: 10 sections
- Other

Subject benchmark statements

- Defining principles
- Nature and extent of the subject
- Knowledge, understanding and skills
 - Subject-specific
 - Generic
- Teaching, learning and assessment
- Benchmark standards

What do the statements do?

- Set out standards
- Describe approaches to teaching, learning and assessment
- Reflect or establish a consensus around the nature of a subject/area of practice
- Give coherence to a subject/area of practice

How are the statements used?

- Source of guidance for educators and education developers (in QAA-speak, programme designers, deliverers and reviewers)
- A source of information for students, employers, others....?
- Quality assurance: internal & external

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- QAA's involvement -

- Is there a lack of available guidance for educators?
...which would affect the student experience?
- Is there a need for greater consistency/coherence across provision?
- Are there issues to do with standards (of student achievement), graduates' skills, etc?

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- QAA's involvement -

- What form would the guidance take?
- How would it be used?
- Partner organisations?
- Financial support



<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/default.asp>

