**Endorsement of a Prospective Listed Awarding Body Form**

# Briefing Note

*A Listed Awarding Body (LAB) is an awarding body that does not have statutory awarding powers of NFQ awards in the State and voluntarily seeks to have their awards included in the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).*

*Under Section 55E (4) of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) (Amendment) Act 2019, Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) can require that awarding bodies wishing to become established as a LAB must obtain endorsement from a relevant public authority*

*The relevant public authority must have an informed position about the organisation in its capacity as an awarding body in that it has knowledge of the sector/sectors served by the prospective LAB and has insight into the education and training provided by the awarding body through collaborative, funding and other arrangements.*

*There will be no risk to the endorser of the LAB as all prospective LABs will be subject to comprehensive review by QQI. Endorsement is not an acknowledgement or endorsement of all evidence submitted by the prospective LAB but is limited to the public authority’s knowledge of the industry sector(s) served by the prospective LAB and knowledge of education and training provided.*

# Process

*Your organisation has been requested to endorse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is seeking to become established as a LAB. If you are happy to endorse the proposed LAB as directed, please fill in the below and* ***submit this directly to*** [***labs@qqi.ie***](mailto:labs@qqi.ie)*.*

# General

*Please provide brief description below detailing the basis for your informed position concerning the proposed establishment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a LAB. Please provide information detailing your knowledge of the awarding body and the sector/sectors served by the prospective LAB.*

# Contact

It is unlikely QQI will need to contact endorsers, however, please provide most relevant email address for correspondence from QQI regarding this endorsement:

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Endorsement**

To be completed by Minister, Director, Chief Executive Officer or equivalent of public authority

I *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*endorse \_*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* as a candidate for establishment as a Listed Awarding Body given our informed position on the awarding body and its awards.

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| Endorser Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Public Authority: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Role: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |