

PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAEC)

Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 9.30am

via Microsoft Teams

Note of the 73rd meeting of the QQI Programmes and Awards Executive Committee held via Microsoft Teams, at 9.30am on **17 July 2024**.

Present:

Dr Pdraig Walsh (Chairperson)
Ms Andrea Durnin
Dr Jim Murray
Ms Marie Mattimoe
Ms Mary Grennan
Ms Órla Barry

In attendance:

Ms Therese Masterson
Mr Walter Balfe
Ms Laura McNamee
Ms Michelle Gallagher
Ms Yvonne Agnew
Ms Alex Keys

Apologies:

Ms Barbara Kelly

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson enquired and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 JUNE 2024

2.1 The Minutes of the PAEC Meeting held on 12 June 2024 were approved by the Committee.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were covered within agenda items and were discussed during the meeting.

4. NOTE OF THE MEETING, REPORT FOR THE BOARD, TERMS OF REFERENCE

4.1 Note of Meeting of 12 June 2024

The Committee APPROVED the Note of the PAEC Meeting of 12 June 2024 for publication on the QQI website.

4.2 Report for the Board on the PAEC meeting of 12 June 2024

The Committee NOTED the Report for the Board on the PAEC Meeting of 12 June 2024.

5. PROGRAMME VALIDATION APPLICATIONS

5.1 Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes

5.1.1 **Bord Iascaigh Mhara**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.1.1 PG25620, Commercial Scuba Diving, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET Credits CAS

5.1.1.2 PG25622, Surface Supplied Diving (Inshore), Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET

5.1.2 **The Open College**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.2.1 PG25790, Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sports Leadership, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 30 FET Credits, non-CAS

PG25797, Certificate in Sports Psychology, Level 6, Minor Award, 15 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.3 **A Named Provider**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee agreed with the recommendation to REFUSE validation of ten programmes of one provider.

The decision to refuse validation will be referred to the Programmes and Awards Oversight Committee (PAOC) for confirmation or referral back to the PAEC.

5.1.4 **Cavan & Monaghan Education and Training Board**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.4.1 PG25814, Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Managing the Sustainable Home, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits, non-CAS

PG25815, Certificate in Sustainable Home Finances, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

PG25816, Certificate in Food Management for a Sustainable Home, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

PG25818, Certificate in Utilities Management for a Sustainable Home, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.5 Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.5.1 PG25855, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Podcasting Essentials for Business, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.1.5.2 PG25852, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Remote Working, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits, non-CAS

5.2 Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes – Differential Validation

5.2.1 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainable Supply Chain Procurement**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in July 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there was only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainable Supply Chain Procurement, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board** PG25798

5.2.2 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Lean Practice for Sustainable Business**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *Originally validated for Limerick & Clare ETB in July 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Lean Practice for Sustainable Business, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits

Certificate in Lean Principles for Sustainable Business, Level 5, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Lean Tools for Sustainable Business, Level 5, Minor Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board**
PG25729, PG26025, PG26026
- **Mayo Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board**
PG26027, PG26028, PG26029

5.2.3 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in The Circular Economy in the Workplace**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB in April 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in The Circular Economy in the Workplace, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credit

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board PG25615**

5.2.4 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Online Awareness and Responsibility**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in April 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Online Awareness and Responsibility, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits

Certificate in Essential Online Media Literacy, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Essential Online Financial Security, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board PG26030, PG26031, PG26033**

5.2.5 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainability**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in September 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainability, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board PG26017**

5.2.6 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Drugs and Alcohol Awareness**. The programme is based on a curriculum *Originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in February 2024*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board** PG26016

5.2.7 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Volunteering For Community Engagement**, The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in February 2024*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Volunteering For Community Engagement, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board** PG26019

5.2.8 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Work Based Learning Practices**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Donegal ETB in February 2022*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Work Based Learning Practices, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board** PG26042

5.2.9 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Introduction to Climate Justice** The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for City of Dublin ETB in November 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Introduction to Climate Justice, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board** PG26043
- **Tipperary Education and Training Board** PG26075

5.2.10 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Door Security Skills, Level 4 (10 FET credits), Special Purpose Award, CAS**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Louth & Meath ETB in July 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Door Security Skills, Level 4 (10 FET credits), Special Purpose Award, CAS

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board PG25687**

5.2.11 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Security Guarding Skills, Level 4 (10 FET credits), Special Purpose Award, CAS**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Louth & Meath ETB in July 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Security Guarding Skills, Level 4 (10 FET credits), Special Purpose Award, CAS

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board PG25686**

5.2.12 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Business Innovation and Market Development**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in December 2022*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Business Innovation and Market Development, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 30 FET credits

Certificate in Business Idea Generation, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Business Idea Validation, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Market Exploration, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Customer Acquisition, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Market Development, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Customer Retention and Scaling, Level 6, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **City of Dublin Education and Training Board**
PG26089, PG26090, PG26091, PG26092, PG26093, PG26094, PG26095

5.2.13 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Barista Skills**. The

programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Louth & Meath ETB in April 2024*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Barista Skills, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits
The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board** PG26042

5.2.14 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 1 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages 1**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in April 2024*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 1 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages 1, Level 1, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET credits

Certificate in Speaking and Listening 1, Level 1, Minor Award, 10 FET Credits

Certificate in Writing 1, Level 1, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

Certificate in Reading 1, Level 1, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

Waterford & Wexford Education and Training Board

PG25930, PG25933, PG25934, PG25935

Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board

PG25967, PG25968, PG25969, PG25971

Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board

PG25992, PG25993, PG25994, PG25996

Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board

PG25987, PG25988, PG25990, PG26007

Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board

PG25991, PG26001, PG26002, PG26005

City of Dublin Education and Training Board

PG25995, PG26003, PG26004, PG26038

Donegal Education and Training Board

PG25925, PG25939, PG25940, PG25941

Tipperary Education and Training Board

PG26072, PG26079, PG26081, PG26082

Longford & Westmeath Education and Training Board

PG25918, PG26034, PG26035, PG26036

Cork Education and Training Board

PG26109, PG26116, PG26117, PG26118

5.2.15 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 1 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages 2**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in April 2024*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 1 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages 2, Level 2, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET credits

Certificate in Speaking and Listening 2, Level 2, Minor Award, 10 FET Credits

Certificate in Writing 2, Level 2, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

Certificate in Reading 2, Level 2, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

Waterford & Wexford Education and Training Board

PG25931, PG25932, PG25936, PG25937

Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board

PG25997, PG25998, PG25999, PG26000

Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board

PG26008, PG26010, PG26011, PG26012

Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board

PG26006, PG26009, PG26013, PG26014

Donegal Education and Training Board

PG25946, PG25947, PG25948, PG25950

City of Dublin Education and Training Board

PG26074, PG26076, PG26077, PG26078

Tipperary Education and Training Board

PG26083, PG26084, PG26085, PG26086

Longford & Westmeath Education and Training Board

PG25922, PG26061, PG26080, PG26087

Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board

PG25973, PG25974, PG25975, PG25976

Cork Education and Training Board

PG26110, PG26111, PG26114, PG26115

5.2.16 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Instructional Skills**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Kilkenny & Carlow ETB in December 2021*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Instructional Skills, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Donegal Education and Training Board PG25953**

5.2.17 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Certificate in Managing Money in Everyday Life**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in February 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Certificate in Managing Money in Everyday Life, Level 2, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board PG26015**

5.2.18 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Construction Skills for Energy Conservation**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Laois & Offaly ETB in April 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Construction Skills for Energy Conservation, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 30 FET Credits

Certificate in External Wall Insulation, Level 5, Minor Award, 10 FET credits

Certificate in Retrofitting Skills, Level 5, Minor Award, 10 FET credits

Certificate in Airtightness and Vapour Control, Level 5, Minor Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board PG26037, PG26039, PG26040, PG26041**

5.2.19 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Certificate in Digital Citizenship**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for the City of Dublin ETB in November 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Certificate in Digital Citizenship, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board PG26044**
- **Tipperary Education and Training Board PG26073**

5.2.20 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Social Innovation in the Community**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for the City of Dublin ETB in July 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Social Innovation in the Community, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board** PG26045
- **Tipperary Education and Training Board** PG26071

5.2.21 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Advanced Certificate in Music**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cork ETB in December 2020*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Advanced Certificate in Music, Level 6, Major Award, 120 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board** PG26119

5.3 Higher Education and Training Programmes – Programme Validation

5.3.1 Setanta College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.1.1 PG24788, Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Strength and Conditioning, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits

PG24804, Bachelor of Science in Strength and Conditioning, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG24805, Higher Certificate in Strength and Conditioning, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits

PG24802, Certificate in Strength and Conditioning, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits

5.3.1.2 PG24788, Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Strength and Conditioning (one year add-on), Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

5.3.2 Open Training College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for three years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.2.1 PG25708, Certificate in Human Service Manager Skills, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 20 Credits

5.3.3 National College of Ireland

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.3.1 PG25768, Master of Science in Business Analytics for Decision Makers, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
PG25785, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Business Analytics for Decision Makers, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits
PG25786, Certificate in Big Data and AI in Business: Strategy and Emerging Trends, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits
PG25789, Certificate in HR Analytics and Evidence based decision making, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits
PG25786, Certificate in Data Governance and Ethics, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits

The Committee NOTED that the documentation for the following programme was included in the documentation circulated as PAEC/A73/6.2.5.2 and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

PG25769, Certificate in Operations Management, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits

5.3.4 Griffith College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.4.1 PG25843, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology, Level 8, Major Award, 180

5.4 Devolution of Responsibility for Validation Sub-Processes

No Business

5.5 Validation of Research Degree Programmes

No Business

5.6 Apprenticeship Programmes

5.6.1 Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

5.6.1.1 PG25767, Advanced Certificate in Digital Marketing, Level 6, Major Award, 155 FET Credits

6. REVALIDATION

6.1 Application for Extension of Validation Period

6.1.1 Griffith College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Griffith College requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programme:

6.1.1.1 PG24535, Certificate in Digital Sales Transformation, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 30 Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

Griffith College wished to extend the duration of this special purpose award for an additional year to align the review with the related parent level 8 programme, PG24410 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business, which is scheduled to take place in 2024/2025. The Certificate in Digital Sales Transformation shares common modules with the level 8 programme and aligning the reviews would allow an external panel to consider both programmes within a single process.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programme above to August 2025.

6.1.2 Farm Ed

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Farm Ed requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programmes:

6.1.2.1 PG23812, Agriculture, Level 5, Major Award, 120 FET Credits
PG23814, Farming, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 50 FET Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

Farm Ed indicated that they were currently in the process of updating the Level 5 Agriculture and Level 6 Farming programmes. However, as they had their site visit on 27 May 2024 and received the panel report on 17 June 2024, they were unable to address the conditions in time to make the July PAEC meeting. From a business point of view, Farm Ed indicated that it is imperative that they continue to deliver these programmes in line with their mission and commitment to the agriculture sector. The extension would allow them to deliver on commitments made to learners, staff and the extended network of programme-related stakeholders.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programmes to September 2025.

6.2 Applications for Revalidation

6.2.1 IICP College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.1.1 PG25942, Master of Arts in Integrative Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
- PG25958, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Integrative Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits
- PG25959, Certificate in CBT with Children & Adolescents, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits
- PG25962, Certificate in Trauma Informed Practice with Children & Adolescents, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits
- PG25963, Certificate in The Therapeutic Use of Play, Creative Media & Expressive Arts, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits

6.2.2 CCT College Dublin

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.2.1 PG26067, Diploma in Applied Software Development, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits
- PG26068, Diploma in Artificial Intelligence and Working into the Future, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits
- PG26069, Diploma in Data Analytics for Business, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits
- PG26070, Diploma in Networking and Systems Security, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits

6.2.3 Dorset College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.3.1 PG26047, Bachelor of Business, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits
- PG24445, Bachelor of Business (Honours) in International Business, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

6.2.4 Griffith College Dublin

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

6.2.4.1 PG25891, Master of Science in Accounting and Finance Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25892, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Accounting and Finance Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25893, Certificate in Advanced Taxation, Level 9, Special Purpose Award, 25 Credits

6.2.4.2 PG25902, Master of Science in Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25903, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25904, Certificate in Sustainable Reporting and Transformation, Level 9, Minor Award, 10 Credits

PG25943, Master of Science in International Business and Law, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25944, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in International Business and Law, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

6.2.4.3 PG26112, Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG26113, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in Criminal Justice, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25917, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in Commercial Law, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

6.2.4.4 PG25894, Master of Science in International Business Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25895, Postgraduate Diploma in Business in International Business Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25896, Master of Business Administration in International Business, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25897, Postgraduate Diploma in Business in International Business Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25898, Master of Science in Global Brand Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25899, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Global Brand Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25900, Master of Science in Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25901, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

6.2.5 National College of Ireland

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

6.2.5.1 PG26055, Master of Science in Data Analytics, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG26088, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Data Analytics, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG26096, Certificate in Data Governance, Ethics and Sustainability, Level 9, Minor Award, 5 Credits

6.2.5.2 PG26101, Certificate in Social Protection Studies, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG26097, Certificate in Community Welfare Service Provision, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG26098, Certificate in Managing Social Protection Services, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG26099, Certificate in Public Employment Services Provision, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG26100, Certificate in Social Protection Investigative Work, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG26102, Certificate in Social Welfare Appeals, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG26103, Certificate in Social Welfare Decision Making, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 15 Credits

PG25769, Certificate in Operations Management, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits
(approved as a new programme – see item 5.3.3)

6.2.6 Dublin Business School

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated . The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

6.2.6.1 PG25292, Master of Arts in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25293, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Psychoanalytic Studies, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits (*Exit Award*)

PG25294, Certificate in Psychoanalytic Studies, Level 9, Special Purpose Award, 20 Credits (*Exit Award*)

6.2.6.2 PG25839, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Audio Production and Music Project Management, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

PG25840, Higher Certificate in Arts in Sound Engineering and Music Production, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits

6.2.6.3 PG25750, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting and Finance, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

6.2.6.4 PG25573, Master of Science in Marketing, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25574, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Marketing, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits (*Exit Award*)

6.2.6.5 PG25844, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Marketing, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

6.2.6.6 PG25856, Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

6.2.6.7 PG25836, Higher Diploma in Business, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG25837, Certificate in Digital Marketing, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 40 Credits

PG25838, Certificate in Business and Digital Skills, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 30 Credits

6.2.6.8 PG25841, Higher Diploma in Psychology, Level 8, Major Award, 90 Credits

PG25844, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

6.2.7 SOLAS

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

6.2.7.1 PG25980, Advanced Certificate in Craft – Mechanical Automation and Maintenance Fitting, Level 6, Major Award, 240 FET Credits

PG25982, Advanced Certificate in Craft – Sheet Metal Working, Level 6, Major Award, 240 FET Credits

7. FOLLOW-UP ON PAEC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN PANEL REPORTS

7.1 Update on the follow-up of conditions of validation

No business

7.2 Update on the follow-up of conditions of QA Approval

As part of its internal quality assurance procedures, the QA Approval unit is required to follow up on any “Conditions of QA Approval” imposed by the Programme and Awards Executive Committee (PAEC).

7.2.1 Aspire Training

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

At its meeting on 25 April 2023, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of Aspire Training with one Condition of QA Approval. On 14 June 2024, Aspire Training confirmed that it had addressed the condition and outlined the actions that have been taken by the provider in respect of this condition.

The Committee NOTED that the executive is satisfied that the condition has been appropriately addressed and that no further follow-up is required.

7.2.2 Special Schools

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

At its meeting on 12 June 2024, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of the Special Schools with three Conditions of QA Approval. The 20 providers listed below are members of a network of Special Schools who have agreed to operate under a common quality assurance (QA) system facilitated by The National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education (NABMSE).

- Catherine McAuley School
- Mid- West School for the Deaf
- Our Lady of Fatima Special School
- St. Augustine's Special School
- Scoil Chiaráin
- St. Anne's School (Ennis)
- St. Anne's Special School (The Curragh)
- St. Brigid's Special School (Dundalk)
- St. Brigid's Special School (Mullingar)
- St. Cecilia's School
- St. Francis Special School
- St. Hilda's Special School
- St. Ita's and St. Joseph's
- St. Ita's Special School
- St. Laserian's School
- St. Michael's School (Castlerea)
- St. Michael's Special School (Chapelizod)
- St. Patrick's Special School
- St. Ultan's Special School
- Scoil Chormaic

On 20 June 2024 the Special Schools confirmed that they had addressed condition numbers 2 and 3 and outlined the actions that have been taken by the schools in respect of these conditions.

The Committee NOTED that the executive is satisfied that conditions numbers 2 and 3 have been appropriately addressed.

8. QA FOR COLLABORATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL PROVISION

No Business

9. APPROVAL OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR LEGACY PROVIDERS (RE-ENGAGEMENT)

9.1 NCBI Services

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS the core quality assurance procedures of NCBI Services.

A NAMED PROVIDER

The Committee REFUSED TO APPROVE the application of a Named Provider to extend its current Scope of Provision to include Blended Learning.

10. ROUTINE STANDARDS ACTIVITIES UPDATE

No Business

11. CHANGE OF STATUS OF LEGACY HET AND FET PROVIDERS

No Business

12. REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PAOC)

No Business