

**Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann**

**Quality and Qualifications Ireland**

**APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE**

Notes of the forty first meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held **on Thursday 28 March 2024 at 15:00 via Microsoft Teams.**

**Participation:**

Dr Sean Duignan (Chair)  
Ms Carol Hanney  
Mr Billy Kelly  
Dr Anna Murphy  
Mr Ronan O'Loughlin  
Mr Gerry O'Sullivan  
Ms Laura Flynn

**In attendance:**

Ms Caoimhe Marshall, Acting Secretary  
Ms Andrea Durin  
Ms Alex Keys  
Mrs Yvonne Agnew

**Apologies:**

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary  
Mr Bryan O'Mahony  
Mr Tony Pettit  
Professor Fiona Farr

**1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Committee approved the agenda for the meeting. There were no other conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 06 DECEMBER 2023.**

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC meeting held on 06 December 2023.

**3 NOTES OF THE MEETING OF 06 DECEMBER 2023**

The Committee approved the Notes of the ARC meeting held on 06 December 2023 which will be published on the QQI website.

**4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Chair provided the committee with an update on recent QQI Board activity and the most recent meeting of the QQI Board which took place on 20 February 2024.

**5 PROVIDER ACCESS TO INITIAL VALIDATION OF PROGRAMMES LEADING TO QQI AWARDS: CENIT COLLEGE**

Alex Keys and Yvonne Agnew joined the meeting to present items 5 and 6.

**5.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Cenit College**

The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to **approve with condition of QA approval**, the application for QA approval of Cenit College.

The Committee noted that the QQI executive considers all the conditions of QA approval to be satisfactorily addressed.

**6 PROVIDER ACCESS TO INITIAL VALIDATION OF PROGRAMMES LEADING TO QQI AWARDS: STUDY GROUP IRELAND LIMITED T/A DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE**

**6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Study Group Ireland Limited t/a Dublin International Study Centre**

The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to approve the application for QA approval of Study Group Ireland Limited t/a Dublin International Study Centre.

**7 PUBLICATION OF THE FINDINGS OF CYCLICAL REVIEW**

Andrea Durin joined the meeting to present item 7.

**7.1 Approval to Publish the Report of RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences (RCSI)**

This Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to publish the final report of the CINNTE Cyclical Review of RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences (RCSI).

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 International Education Mark (IEM)**

A query was raised in relation to the IEM timeline an update was provided to the committee members.

**8.2 Financial issues for providers recently approved for Initial Access to Validation (IAV)**

A query was raised in relation to the above and the committee were informed of measures in place relating to validation and protection of enrolled learners.