

Ireland: Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Tender for Thematic Analysis of QQI Validation Reports

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

1 Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name: Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2 Procedure

2.1 Procedure

Title: Tender for Thematic Analysis of QQI Validation Reports

Description: QQI is currently the main statutory body in Ireland awarding educational qualifications in the further education and training (FET) sector and the independent higher education (HE) sector. Learners access QQI awards by enrolling on validated programmes of education and training delivered by third-party organisations referred to as providers. The validation of such programmes before they are offered to learners is one of QQI's main awarding-body functions. Validation is a regulatory process that evaluates: 1. whether a programme proposed by a provider can be expected to enable a learner who meets its access criteria to achieve and demonstrate the specified programme learning outcomes, and 2. whether the specified programme learning outcomes are consistent with the specified QQI award type (i.e. qualification) and the applicable QQI award standard. Validation of a new programme occurs before a programme is offered to learners and typically expires after about five years. Once the validation period has elapsed, a provider must apply again for validation (revalidation) to continue enrolling new learners. The revalidation process involves both a review of the original programme and an evaluation of the updated version proposed to be provided in the future. Groups of related programmes may be validated or revalidated together. References to validation (e.g. reports, panels, applications) should, unless otherwise indicated, be understood as references to the validation of new programmes or to the review and revalidation of updated programmes. Before a programme is validated, it is evaluated against a set of published criteria by a group of people with relevant expertise selected to evaluate that programme and referred to as the independent evaluation panel. The findings are communicated in an 'independent evaluation report' (IER) that addresses the validation criteria and may address the findings of the programme review. The IER also includes: - an outline of the validation application and each programme, - details of the panel membership, - the panel's recommendation(s) to QQI regarding validation of the programme(s), - recommended special conditions of validation if deemed necessary by the panel, - recommendations to the provider and, in some instances, commendations. QQI requires an analysis of IERs relating to applications for (1) new programme validation, and (2) programme revalidation, determined by QQI during the period September 2018 to November 2024. Relevant reporting involves approximately 1940 programmes, 648 principal programmes, and 598 available reports. The focus of the qualitative analysis will be on these IERs. Application documentation including programme descriptors will not be made available for analysis. We require thematic and trend analyses of a representative sample of the available IERs. The thematic analysis of the IERs should have regard to the twelve broad validation criteria, however, there may be themes that cut across these. Overall, the objectives of the project are to identify: - Themes emerging from the areas of strength and areas for improvement identified in the validation reports and how they relate to programmatic dimensions such as NFQ level, discipline, provider type etc. - How useful or otherwise the reporting mechanisms are in identifying and effectively communicating critical issues. In addition to the above, the analysis is required to attempt to address the following questions. - What strengths and weaknesses feature most prominently? - Is there evidence that providers are learning from validation? - how effective is the reporting in the context of the

purpose of validation and the validation policy and criteria - Has the nature of programmes submitted for validation changed significantly since 2018? Where practicable, the analysis is required to identify themes within clusters of reports with similar features.

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Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

2.1.2 Place of performance

Country: Ireland

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.3 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 80 000 Euro

2.1.4 General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5 Lot

5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0001

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5.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

5.1.2 Place of performance

Country: Ireland

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information:

5.1.3 Estimated duration

Start date: 01/10/2025

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.5 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 80 000 Euro

5.1.6 General information

Reserved participation: Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7 Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

Approach to reducing environmental impacts: Other

5.1.11 Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available: English

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=5967439>

5.1.12 Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=5967439>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 25/09/2025 12:00 +01:00

Deadline until which the tender must remain valid: 3 Month

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 26/09/2025 00:00 +01:00

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=5967439>

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: Not yet known

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: no

5.1.15 Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Organisation processing tenders: Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

8 Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Registration number: IE9848745L

Postal address: 26/27 Denzille Lane

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D02 P266

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: LBUTLER@QQI.IE

Telephone: 0876993996

Internet address: <https://www.qqi.ie>

Buyer profile: <https://www.qqi.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

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Organisation processing tenders

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland

Registration number: The High Court of Ireland

Department: The High Court of Ireland

Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D07 WDX8

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie

Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1 ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.

Registration number: 002024901000

Department: European Dynamics S.A.

Town: Athens

Postcode: 15125

Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)

Country: Greece

Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com

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Roles of this organisation:

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Notice information

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