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## Welcome to Qualifax

Qualifax is Ireland's National Learners' Database and is the "one stop shop" for learners and the public. Comprehensive, annually updated information is provided about further and higher education and training options in Ireland and further afield. Articles and links are also provided to assist students, jobseekers, parents, guidance professionals and graduates



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## Welcome back!

Welcome back to the 2020-21 academic year during these unprecedented and challenging times from all the Qualifax team [Angela](#), [Siobhan](#), [Breda](#), [Brendan](#), [Anne](#) and [Patricia](#).

## Working Remotely

Our Qualifax team at QQI continue to work remotely supporting information provision for second level students, guidance counsellors, job seekers, adult learners and of course parents.

## Website

Our website is **fully up-to-date** for 2020 and while face-to-face events are not planned, we continue to respond to enquiries and update the site daily.

## Need to contact a member of our team?

Our contact details are available on the front page of our website in the 'Featured Content' section.

*We always welcome your feedback.*

If you need additional marketing materials please email [Patricia](mailto:Patricia) at [preddy@qqi](mailto:preddy@qqi)

## Going to College Podcasts



Due to a most successful series in 2019, QQI has again partnered with the Irish Independent, on a Going to College podcast series which gives advice to Leaving Cert students about their results, CAO offers and preparing for college life.

Tune in to the series of four podcasts at:  
<https://www.independent.ie/podcasts/>

## What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship provides on-the-job training with an approved employer and alternates on and off the job periods at the employer's workplace and at an education environment. An apprenticeship can take 2 to 4 years and offers learners a recognised qualification at levels 5 to 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).



New apprenticeships are **being developed** across a wide range of industries and sectors. [A full list of these is available here.](#)

You can also search for Apprenticeship programmes on Qualifax – just choose Course Type '**Apprenticeship**' in the **Course Finder** to access information on current apprenticeships [here](#) and on new generation apprenticeships at [Apprenticeship.ie](http://Apprenticeship.ie)

## CAREER SUPPORT

Due to Covid-19, virtual open days and online events are planned for the coming year - our online [Events Calendar](#) lists over 300 events for the forthcoming academic year.

You can also submit your event [here](#) or email Breda Cahill at [bcahill@qqi.ie](mailto:bcahill@qqi.ie)

### Minimum Subjects Requirement

**Module** : an easy way to evaluate subject choices for both Junior and Leaving Certificate. *From November you will be able to search programmes which require Maths (HL or OL) and Irish (HL or OL).*

## ESSENTIAL LINKS

Leaving Certificate 2020 students:

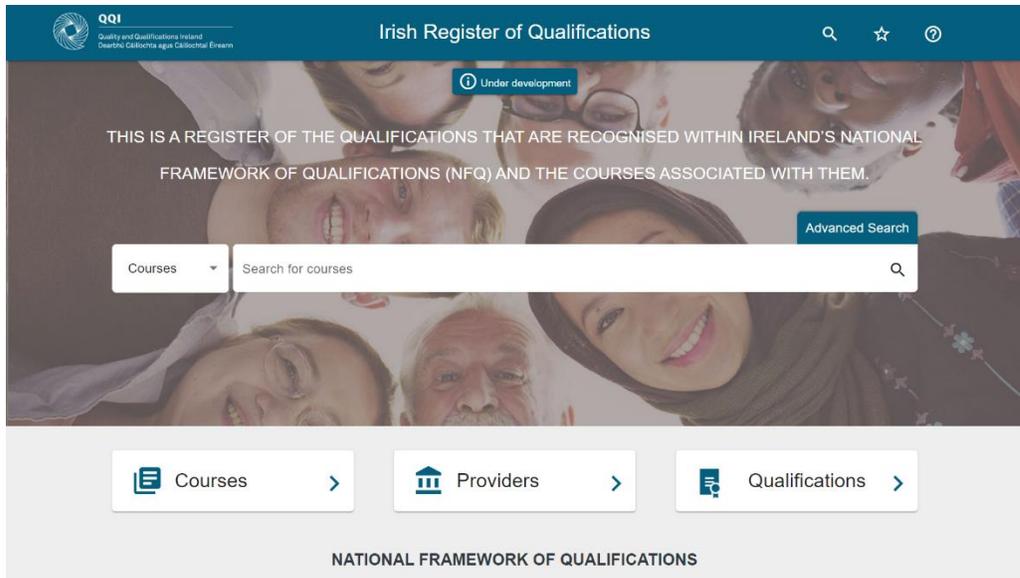
- [NPC Helpline / Calculated grades / LC Examinations](#)
- [CAO - offer dates etc.](#)
- [Information for prospective students of Higher Education Institute's – re-opening scenarios & more...](#)

Junior & Leaving Certificate 2020-21:

- [Adjusted assessment arrangements etc.](#)
- [Calendar of Career Events – Virtual Open Days etc.](#)

## ***NEW! The Irish Register of Qualifications***

QQI has launched the **Irish Register of Qualifications**, a useful information tool used to identify programmes leading to QQI awards in the NFQ and their providers.



The Register will offer up-to-date information to the national and international **Guidance Community, Admissions Officers, students, parents, funding and support agencies** who need to clarify national accreditation information – so visit the [IRQ website](#) today!

### **QQI INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT**

The **Information Services Unit** at QQI also offers information and free advice on the National Framework of Qualifications, Europass tools including mobility and foreign qualifications through NARIC Ireland. Check out [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie) [www.europass.ie](http://www.europass.ie) and [www.naric.ie](http://www.naric.ie) for further information.



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## THE NEW EUROPASS

The **Europass** platform was launched in the summer and communicating your skills, qualifications and experience now easier than ever. On 1 July, the European Commission launched the new and improved Europass platform. It offers jobseekers, learners and workers a set of useful tools to help them manage every step of their career and learning.

### All-in-one digital profile

You can register on Europass and create a profile to record your skills, qualifications and professional experience. You can add files to your Europass account certificates, diplomas and images and share your profile with employers, recruiters, or your employment service for advice and support on your career. The Europass profile is available in 29 languages including Irish.

### Information and support

On the new Europass platform, you can also access information on [learning](#) and [working](#) in Europe, including links to national services, and articles on studying, training, volunteering, career planning and working abroad.

**Europass Digital Credentials** lets you receive and share digital degrees, diplomas and certificates from education and training institutions. This feature can support instant recognition and understanding of all forms of qualifications and eliminate paper-based processes. It is being piloted in 18 countries, and the European Commission is working with EU countries to support its full roll-out. [Learn more about what the new Europass platform has to offer today!](#)

## BEFORE YOU GO...

Check out these reports examining responses across the educational sector to the Covid-19 crisis:

- QQI: [Impact of COVID-19 modifications to Teaching, Learning and Assessment in Irish Further Education and Training and Higher Education](#)
- ENIC-NARIC networks: [information compiled on arrangements made worldwide for school leaving examinations](#)

UK NARIC – [Tracking school and university closures across more than 193 countries during COVID-19](#)