

ONLINE ACCREDITATION INSPECTION STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of the accreditation process for online/distance learning institutions, a great deal of importance is attached to the experiences of staff employed by the institution. Could you therefore take a few minutes to answer the questions below?

You may feel that some of the questions are not relevant to your situation or employment. In these cases, please just state NA.

NOTE: Questions regarding premises are only relevant for blended learning or hybrid programs, ie where you actually need to attend classes for part of your study.

Your responses will remain anonymous

Thank you for your cooperation.

(Please complete all comments/responses in bold type.)

Name of institution:
Role; academic or support:
If academic, subjects taught and academic level:
No of hours per week you teach:
If support, main function(s):

Premises and Health and Safety

(This area only applies if you either work from the Host or a Satellite campus, operating blended or hybrid systems, please state.)

Standard of the premises		
Is the following up to your expected standard • Toilet facilities	Yes	No
Air Conditioning	Yes	No
Heating	Yes	No
• Lighting	Yes	No
• Cleanliness	Yes	No

Staff facilities (For blended and hybrid systems only)	
Do all staff have access to workspaces (including hot-desking) and IT? Is there a dedicated staff work room with designated workspaces? Comments on size of workspaces:	Yes No Yes No
Is there effective IT provision? (*) Is there access to secure storage for your personal property? If so, where?	Yes No Yes No
Are there refreshment facilities?	Yes No

Teaching facilities (For blended and hybrid systems only)

Are the following adequate

• Classroom sizes Yes No

• (*) Teaching resources, including projectors

Yes No

• IT provision Yes No

• Specialist resources (for practice-based Institutions)

Yes No

• Supporting technology (for English language classes)

Yes No

Comment

only) Have you been informed what to do in the event of fire?	Yes	No
Have you participation in fire drills?	Yes	No
Do you receive health and safety training on a regular basis?	Yes	No
Do you know who the first aiders are?	Yes	No
Do you know who the fire marshals?	Yes	No
Comment		

Understanding of health and safety policy and procedures (For blended and hybrid systems

B Management and Staff Resources

Views on staffing provision

Are the following satisfactory

• Management Yes No

Administrative /technical
 Yes No

• Teaching Yes No

Is the institutions management supportive of its staff?

Yes No

If so, in what ways?

Comment

Internal communication

Please indicate the methods of internal communication used within the institution and comment on its effectiveness

• Phone Yes No

• Face to face conversations Yes No

• Email Yes No

• Regular meetings, with minutes and actions identified and undertaken Yes No

Is there effective collaboration and mutual support amongst all staff?

Yes No

Comments:

Employment

Are you aware of any formal complaints/grievance procedure? Yes No

Please comment on your working conditions including workloads:

Timetabling

How many days or hours per week do students attend or study?

Comments on the scheduling of classes for students:

Staff support and staff development Do you have a copy of the Staff Handbook? Yes No Did you sign for its receipt? Yes No When was the Staff Handbook issued to you? Views on the Staff Handbook Have you been involved in the following and how useful are they: Induction? Yes No Comments: Appraisal? Yes No Comments: Is appraisal recorded and agreed targets established then actioned? Yes No Is staff development encouraged and supported? Yes Nο Comments: What type of staff development activities have you been involved in? In what ways were these supported by the institution?

Review of teaching

Is there review/observation of teaching with a view to achieving continuous improvement in standards?

Yes No

How often does teaching observation take place?

Who observes the teaching?

Is feedback provided? Yes No

Is the feedback recorded? Yes No

Comments

Learning and Teaching

Course delivery

Are you required to provide lesson plans and/or teaching schedules? Yes No

Do you provide handout materials? Yes No

Are students given written feedback on their work?

Yes No

Are there written procedures/guidance notes for providing feedback to students? Yes No

Is there a teaching and learning platform?

Yes No

If so, comment on its effectiveness and main functions:

Library

Views of on-line library provision, facilities, plans for its development Comment

Which on-line system(s) is/are used?

Quality Assurance and Enhancement

Annual course review

Do you participate in annual course review?

If so, what form does this take?

Comment

Student feedback

Are you informed about feedback given by students on:

Staff performance? Yes No

Yes No

Course delivery? Yes No

Welfare/counselling support?

No

Comment

Quality assurance and enhancement	
Are you aware of any written procedures to improve and enhance the	e quality of provision?
Are you aware or any written procedures to improve and emiance the	Yes No
What do these procedures cover?	163 140
course delivery and review	Yes No
teaching and learning	Yes No
formative assessment	Yes No
monitoring student progress	Yes No
Are you involved in creating records of the following?	
 timely completion of programmes by students 	Yes No
 retention rates 	Yes No
• completion rates	Yes No
• pass rates	Yes No
attendance rates	Yes No
Internal courses – development and standards	
Have you been involved in curriculum development/course design?	Yes No
If so, in what ways:	
Comment	

Student Support

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Do you know what the welfare and counselling arrangements for students? Yes No

Comment

Support for special needs

Is there support for students with: learning needs?

medical needs? Yes No physical needs? Yes No

Comments:

Awards and Qualifications

Academic misconduct

How and when are students guided about academic misconduct and the consequent penalties? Comment

What categories of academic misconduct are covered?

CheatingYesNoPersonationYesNoCollusionYesNoFabricationYesNoPlagiarismYesNo

How do you ensure that the person taking assignments is the person enrolled on the course?

Please describe any proctoring arrangements within the institution:

Comment

Marketing and Recruitment

Are you involved in the recruitment of students?

Yes No

Yes No

If so, are you aware of the institutions ethics policy relating to student recruitment and do you receive training in this respect?

Comment

Selection of students

Have students demonstrated that they are qualified to study at the level of their current course, including their English language ability?

Yes No

Comments:

Systems Management Staff Appointments:		
Staff appointments		
Do you have:		
A job description?	Yes	No
A contract of employment? What appointment process did you go through? Comment	Yes	No
Staff files Are you aware of the system for updating your personal details?	Yes	No
Please give details:		

Have your Say

about the institution					
• Likes?					
• Dislikes?					
Would you recommend the institution to others as a place of employment Yes	es No				
Final Comments (please state here any other comments you would like to make in regard to the institution)					

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

Date: