

PAKISTAN

Group B: Communicating about quality : External quality assurance

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Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) established in 2005 is involved in both internal quality assurance and external quality assurance through development of criteria & standards ; development of processes & capacity building ; and monitoring & evaluation processes





Internal Quality Assurance

Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC)

Ensures all quality criteria are fully implemented in University.

First QEC established in 2006. Till now 170 QECs have been established. (Total universities 183 – 108 public ; 75 private)

- To initiate a Self Assessment Process for preparation of Self-Assessment Report (SAR) to identify program's strengths and weaknesses through the feedback of students, faculty, alumni & employer.
- To provide feedback for faculty and administration to initiate action plan for improvement
- Progress is monitored by QAA, Higher Education Commission.
- QAA also arrange trainings for capacity building of QEC.

External Quality Assurance

Accreditation Councils

Assuring the accreditation of all the academic programs through relevant accreditation bodies

1. National Computing Education Accreditation Council
 2. National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council
 3. National Business Education Accreditation Council
 4. National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
 5. National Technology Council
- Established post QAA (after 2005)

External Quality Assurance

6. Pakistan Engineering Council.
7. Pakistan Medical & Dental Council
8. Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council.
9. Pakistan Council for Architects and Town Planners.
10. Pharmacy Council of Pakistan.
11. Pakistan Bar Council.
12. Pakistan Nursing Council.
13. National Council for Homoeopathy.
14. National Council for Tibb (Eastern Medicine)

Established
Pre QAA
(Before 2005)

External Quality Assurance

Ph.D. Program Review

- QAA has defined minimum criteria for award of MS/MPHIL and Ph.D. degree
- To ensure implementation of, QAA review Ph.D. programs of universities through QAA Reviewers drawn from universities
- QAA has power to close down any Ph.D. program of any university.

External Quality Assurance

Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE)

QAA performs evaluation of universities against eleven standards:

1. Mission Statement and Goals
2. Planning and Evaluation
3. Organization and Governance
4. Integrity
5. Faculty
6. Students
7. Institutional Resources
8. Public Disclosure and Transparency
9. Academic Programs & Curricula
10. Assessment & Quality Assurance
11. Student Support Services

Five Year Plan (2013-18)

All the universities should have QEC till 2018

QAA should make sure that all universities submit periodic quality assurance reports and the same are also physically verified. The outcomes should also be published for information of the public.

Develop proper mechanism for assessing quality of higher education institutions.

Five Year Plan (2013-18)

Implementation and evaluation of the Institutional Performance Evaluation Standards.

Liaison with the international QA bodies for sharing the best practices and experience in the areas of mutual interest.

Improving accreditation and regulatory system for various disciplines at the universities.

Five Year Plan (2013-18)

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