

COMMUNICATION TO LICENSED FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Title: Processing of Requests for Recognition of New Courses by Accredited Entities		
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Dear colleagues

May we remind you that entities accredited by the NCFHE that are considering offering new courses need to request an amendment of their licence conditions, so that the licence is renewed with the appropriate additional information. If the course in question is provided by a foreign training provider, they need to contact Ms Angelique Grech at the Quality Assurance Unit on licensing.ncfhe@gov.mt to check if the course can be recognised by the NCFHE. The Quality Assurance Unit will quickly inform the entity by email, and the newly recognised course can be offered from the date of this email communication. Once this email communication is sent, the NCFHE Register available on <http://www.ncfhe.org.mt> is updated by not later than the end of the following week. The renewed licence is then sent in due course.

Henceforth, the MQRIC shall not be issuing a statement of recognition for prospective courses to entities. Any statement issued by MQRIC in the past may not be used by entities as proof to third parties (such as students) that the entities have NCFHE approval to provide the said course/s. The only formal documentation that may be used by entities as proof that they have NCFHE approval to provide recognised courses is the renewed licence, and reference to the NCFHE Register.

Entities wishing to check on the recognition status of UK-based non-university courses may autonomously check the OFQUAL website, at <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification>. Entities wishing to check on the recognition status of UK-based university courses may autonomously check if the University itself is accredited, at <http://www.ncfhe.org.mt/uploads/filebrowser/United%20Kingdom.pdf> and then go to the website of the respective university for further information.

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