



**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
Between  
The International Association for Quality Assurance in Pre-Tertiary and Higher  
Education (QAHE) And  
Agency accreditation of quality and rating (AAQR)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on this 23rd day of June, 2024, between the International Association for Quality Assurance in Pre-Tertiary and Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as "QAHE") and the Agency accreditation of quality and rating (hereinafter referred to as "AAQR").

WHEREAS, QAHE is a leading international organization dedicated to promoting and ensuring quality assurance in pre-tertiary and higher education institutions worldwide. WHEREAS, AAQR is an organization that assists in improving the quality of the education system by independently accrediting educational organizations and programs, determining their ratings and regulating educational standards in its jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, both parties recognize the benefits of establishing a dual accreditation arrangement to enhance international recognition, student mobility, and quality assurance collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Dual Accreditation Arrangement:
  - a. QAHE and AAQR agree to explore the possibility of establishing a dual accreditation arrangement for QAHE-accredited institutions.
  - b. Under this arrangement, QAHE-accredited institutions would gain additional accreditation from AAQR, further strengthening the global standing of their programs and providing their students with increased opportunities for academic and professional mobility.
2. Enhanced International Recognition and Mobility:
  - a. The dual accreditation would enhance the international recognition of QAHE-accredited institutions, making them more attractive to international students, particularly those from the surrounding regions.
  - b. This would diversify the cultural and academic experience on the campuses of QAHE-accredited institutions.
3. Mutual Recognition of Qualifications:
  - a. The dual accreditation would ensure that degrees and credentials awarded by QAHE-accredited institutions are recognized and respected by both QAHE and AAQR.
  - b. This would facilitate the seamless transfer of credits and the mobility of graduates between the two jurisdictions.
4. Collaborative Learning and Innovation:
  - a. QAHE and AAQR would engage in the regular exchange of best practices, knowledge, and innovative approaches to quality assurance.
  - b. QAHE-accredited institutions would have the opportunity to contribute to



and benefit from these valuable dialogues, further enhancing their own quality management systems.

5. Financial Arrangement:

- a. To protect the mutual benefits of this arrangement, QAHE and AAQR agree that QAHE-accredited institutions must remain in good standing with both QAHE and AAQR during the validity period of the dual accreditation.
- b. QAHE-accredited institutions seeking dual accreditation from AAQR shall be required to pay a fee of **US\$1,000 via PayPal or Stripe** to QRAA for each **3-year accreditation certificate**.

6. Term and Termination:

- a. This MOU shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years.
- b. Either party may terminate this MOU by providing a written notice of ninety (90) days to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first written above.

For the International Association for Quality Assurance in Pre-Tertiary and Higher Education (QAHE):

*Natasha*



Authorized Signatory  
24 June 2024

Director Agency accreditation of quality and rating (AAQR):  
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