

Assuring the quality and standards of alternative providers of Higher Education

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Current situation

- Alternative providers with degree-awarding powers
- Alternative providers that subscribe to QAA
- Listed bodies – institutions in partnership with validating universities
- Small and specialist providers
- Other private providers



Alternative providers of HE

- QAA voluntary subscribers.
 - Non-publicly funded institutions with DAP
 - Ashridge Management College
 - BPP University College of Professional Studies Limited
 - University of Buckingham
 - IFS School of Finance
 - The College of Law
 - Non-publicly funded institutions without DAP
 - Anglo-European College of Chiropractic
 - Greenwich School of Management
 - Richmond, The American International University in London
 - Kensington College of Business
 - Institute of Contemporary Performance



Collaborative provision

- Forms of partnership:
 - Joint ventures
 - Franchise
 - Validation
 - Recognition/Articulation
 - Learning centres
- Quality assurance of Collaborative provision
 - QAA Code of practice
 - Collaborative provision review
 - Integrated quality and enhancement review (IQER)
 - Educational oversight



Educational oversight

- Changes to Tier 4 requirements
- QAA's role as a recognised body for educational oversight
- Types of review
 - Private colleges
 - Embedded colleges
 - Foreign providers
- Review programme 2012.
- Continuing engagement with QAA



Future developments

- New entrants to higher education
- New types of provider
- Developments in Further Education
- Proposals for non-teaching degree-awarding organisations





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