



ICHAS

Section 3 – Policies and Procedures associated with Quality in ICHAS

Subject:	Policy on assuring the Quality of the Physical Learning Environment		
Applicable QQI Core Standard	Teaching and Learning		
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CONTEXT

ICHAS's main premises is located at Walton House, Lonsdale Rd., National Technology Park, Castletroy, Limerick in a single physical structure comprising approximately 8,000 square feet and has the following facilities:

- Fully equipped for face-to-face lectures with 9 Classrooms with appropriate lecturing facilities (e.g. Flipcharts, Whiteboards, PC's, LCD Projectors) and designed to be able to be used for both didactic lectures as well as interactive workshops and tutorials.
- All classrooms are resourced with appropriate IT resources.
- Library (online)
- Student Lounge/Canteen

POLICY STATEMENT

ICHAS commits to the:

- Provision, support and maintenance of an infrastructure and environment designed to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning.
- Provision of the required physical learning resources and student supports services and ensure that all resources and services are fit for purpose, efficiently communicated and inclusively accessible.
- Constant periodic review and monitoring of all resources and services.

SCOPE

Applies To	Staff	Students	Both	
	✓			
Responsible for Implementation	Board of Management			
Responsible for Monitoring & Review	Vice President (Corporate Affairs)	Vice President (Academic Affairs)	Registrar	Quality Assurance & Enhancement Officer
	✓	✓		

DEFINITIONS

The Physical Learning Environment includes the physical structures and infrastructure necessary to provide high quality teaching and learning.

RELEVANT GUIDELINES/ POLICIES INFORMING THIS POLICY

- (QQI, 2016) Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines developed by QQI for use by all Providers
- European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) et al (2015) Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).
- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (2016) Sector Specific Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines Developed By QQI For Independent/Private Providers Coming To QQI On A Voluntary Basis
- Government of Ireland (2012) Qualifications & Quality Assurance (Education and Training Act).
- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (2016) Policies & Criteria for the Validation of programmes of Education.

Linked Policies & Procedures

Linked Policies	Policy on the Validation of New Programmes Policy on Programme Design and Development
Linked Procedures	Procedures associated with assuring the Quality of Physical Learning Environments Procedures associated with the Validation of New Programmes Procedures associated with Programme Design and Development