



Quality Assurance in Teacher Education in Europe



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BE fr	<i>Agence pour l'évaluation de la qualité de l'enseignement supérieur organisé ou subventionné par la Communauté française</i> (Agency for Public or Grant-aided Higher Education Quality Evaluation)	Universities, <i>Hautes écoles</i> , <i>Écoles Supérieures des Arts</i> , <i>Instituts Supérieurs d'Architecture</i>	Determined by the evaluator	No	Compulsory	Universities, <i>Hautes écoles</i> , <i>Écoles Supérieures des Arts</i> , <i>Instituts Supérieurs d'Architecture</i>	When external evaluation takes place	Compulsory
BE de	<i>Pädagogische Inspektion und Beratung</i> (Department for Inspection and Pedagogical Support) and <i>Ministerium der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft</i> (Ministry of the German-speaking Community)	Institutions of short type (ISCED 5B) (providing teacher education for pre-primary and primary education)	At least every 5 years	No	Compulsory	Institutions of short type (ISCED 5B) (providing teacher training for pre-primary and primary education)	At least every 5 years	Recommended
BE nl	<i>Visitatiecommissie</i> (Evaluation Committee) and <i>Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatie Organisatie – NVAO</i> (Accreditation Organisation of The Netherlands and Flanders)	All higher education institutions	At least every 8 years	Yes	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	At least every 8 years	Compulsory

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CZ	1. <i>Akreditační komise</i> (Accreditation Commission) for evaluation of faculties or institutions	All higher education institutions	Determined by the evaluator	No	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Annual and specific evaluation as preparation for type 1 external evaluation	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. <i>Akreditační komise</i> (Accreditation Commission) for evaluation of study programmes	All higher education institutions	When the accreditation of a new study programme or its extension takes place. Accreditation is awarded for at most twice the standard length of study programmes	Yes				
DK	<i>Danmarks Evalueringsinstitut- EVA</i> (Danish Institute of Evaluation)	All higher education institutions	On request of the government, ministries, advisory boards, local authorities and higher education institutions and on the initiative of EVA	No	Compulsory	Universities	Not regulated	Not regulated
DE	1. Accreditation/evaluation agencies at <i>Land</i> level	Universities, colleges of education and teacher training institutes (<i>Studienseminare</i>)	Must be at regular intervals. On request of universities or the ministry of education (<i>for Studienseminare</i>)	No	1. Compulsory	Universities, colleges of education and teacher training institutes (<i>Studienseminare</i>)	Annual	Optional (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. <i>Akkreditierungsrat</i> (Federal Accreditation Council) and accreditation/evaluation agencies at <i>Land</i> level	Universities and colleges of education	For new bachelor's or master's programmes and their regular reaccreditation	Yes	2. Compulsory	Universities and colleges of education	When external evaluation of bachelor's and master's programmes for accreditation takes place	Optional (for external evaluation type 2)
EE	<i>Eesti Kõrghariduse Akreditee-rimiskeskus</i> (Higher Education Quality Assessment Council)	Universities and professionally oriented higher education institutions	Every 7 years (and accreditation of new programmes before the first graduation of students)	Yes	Compulsory (programme evaluation)	Universities and professionally oriented higher education institutions	From 3 to 7 years	Compulsory
EL	<i>Elliniki Archi Diasfalis Poiotitas stin Anotati Ekpaidefsi</i> (Hellenic Quality Assurance Agency)	Universities and technological education institutions	At least every 4 years	No	Compulsory	Universities and technological education institutions	At least every 4 years	Compulsory

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ES	<i>Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación – ANECA</i> (National Agency for Quality Evaluation and Accreditation)	All higher education institutions	Institution responds voluntarily to annual call but all will have to pass accreditation by 2010	Yes	Recommended	All higher education institutions	In the case of voluntary participation in annual call of ANECA	Compulsory
FR	1. <i>Direction de l'enseignement supérieur – DES</i> (Directorate for Higher Education)	<i>Instituts universitaires de formation des maîtres (IUFM)</i>	Every 4 years	No	Recommended	IUFM	Recommended when external evaluation by CNE and DES takes place	Recommended
	2. <i>Comité national d'évaluation des établissements publics – CNE</i> (National Committee for Evaluation of Public Institutions) and <i>Inspection générale de l'administration de l'éducation nationale et de la recherche – IGAENR</i> (General Inspectorate for the Administration of National Education and Research)	IUFM	Determined by the evaluators	No				
IE	1. Higher education authority for external quality review	Universities and colleges	At least every 10 years	Yes	Compulsory	Universities and colleges	At least every 10 years (before external evaluation type 1)	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. Inspectors of the Department of Education and Science for evaluation of teaching practice	Colleges of education associated with universities providing education for primary school teachers and an online provider (for a post-graduate diploma for primary school teaching)	Annual	No				
IT	No regulation on external evaluation				Compulsory	Universities	Annual	No external evaluation
CY	<i>Symvoulio Ekpaideftikis Axiologisis – Pistoipois</i> (Council of Educational Evaluation-Accreditation)	Colleges (for pre-primary and primary teachers)	4 years after 1st accreditation and then every 10 years	Yes	Recommended	Colleges (for pre-primary and primary teachers)	Not regulated	Recommended

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LV	1. <i>Augstākās izglītības kvalitātes novērtēšanas centrs</i> (Higher Education Quality Evaluation Centre) for institution evaluation	All higher education institutions and colleges	Normally organised only once	Yes	1. Compulsory	All higher education institutions and colleges	When accreditation of the HE institution takes place (external evaluation type 1)	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. Higher Education Quality Evaluation Centre for programme evaluation	All higher education institutions and colleges	Accreditation of new programmes within two years of implementation and reaccreditation every 6 years	Yes	2. Compulsory	All higher education institutions and colleges	When accreditation of a study programme takes place (external evaluation type 2)	Compulsory (for accreditation of a study programme)
					3. Compulsory	All higher education institutions and colleges	Annual	Compulsory (for reaccreditation of a study programme)
LT	<i>Studijų Kokybės Vertinimo Centras</i> (Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education)	Universities and colleges	Every 8 years and in the case of a new programme	Yes	Compulsory	Universities and colleges	Annual and in the case of a new programme	Compulsory
LU	No regulations on external evaluation. The quality assurance agency is not yet operational				No regulations on internal evaluation			
HU	<i>Magyar Akkreditációs Bizottság</i> (Hungarian Accreditation Committee)	All higher education institutions	At least every 8 years	Yes	1. Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Annual	Compulsory
					2. Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Every 8 years and interim report every 4 years	Compulsory
MT	No regulations on external evaluation				Optional	The University of Malta	Not regulated	Not regulated
NL	<i>Visiterende en Beoordelende Instanties</i> (Review and Assessment Boards) complying with the requirements of the <i>Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatie Organisatie</i> (Accreditation Organisation of The Netherlands and Flanders)	All higher education institutions	Every 6 years	Yes	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Every 6 years	Compulsory

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AT	1. <i>Österreichische Qualitätssicherungsagentur</i> (Austrian Agency for Quality Assurance)	Universities	On request of universities and the Ministry for Education, Science and Culture	No	Compulsory	Universities	At least every 5 years	Not regulated
	2. <i>Pädagogische Akademien</i> : no prescribed evaluation for 2005/06. External and internal evaluations will be included in the future law on <i>Pädagogische Hochschulen</i>							
PL	1. <i>Państwowa Komisja Akredytacyjna</i> (Polish State Accreditation Committee)	Autonomous universities, pedagogical academies and higher vocational schools	At least every 5 years and in the case of a new institution, specialisation or level	Yes	1. Compulsory	Autonomous universities, pedagogical academies and higher vocational schools	At least every 5 years (before external evaluation type 1)	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. <i>Ministerstwo Edukacji Narodowej i Sportu</i> (Ministry of National Education and Sport)	Teacher training colleges	At least every 5 years	Yes	2. Compulsory	Teacher training colleges	At least every 5 years (before external evaluation type 2)	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 2)
PT	1. <i>Conselho Nacional de Avaliação do Ensino Superior – CNAVES</i> (National Council for the Evaluation of Higher Education)	Universities	At least every 5 years	No	1. Compulsory	Universities	Every 5 years	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. CNAVES and the <i>Associação dos Institutos Superiores Politécnicos Portugueses</i> (Association of Portuguese Polytechnic Institutes)	Polytechnic institutes	At least every 5 years	No	2. Compulsory	Polytechnic institutes	Every 5 years	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 2)

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SI	<i>Svet za visoko šolstvo</i> (Council for Higher Education)	All higher education institutions	Every 7 years. Will be applied to teacher education institutions once they have designed their study programmes according to the Bologna requirements	Yes	Recommended	All higher education institutions	Not regulated (but internal evaluation report required in order to get full funding)	Not regulated
SK	1. <i>Akreditacná komisia</i> (Accreditation Commission) for institution evaluation	All higher education institutions	Every 6 years	Yes	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Annual	Recommended
	2. <i>Akreditacná komisia</i> for programme evaluation	All higher education institutions	Every 4 years and in the case of a new programme	Yes				
FI	<i>Korkeakoulujen arviointineuvosto – FINHEEC</i> (Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council)	All higher education institutions	Determined by the evaluator and by universities	No	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Not regulated (but universities are supposed to write a self-evaluation report when external evaluation takes place)	Not regulated
SE	<i>Högskolverket</i> (National Agency for Higher Education – NAHE)	All higher education institutions	Every 6 years. Evaluation in 2004 and 2006 for teacher education programmes only	Yes	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Annual	Recommended

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UK - ENG/ WLS/ NIR	1. ENG: Office for Standards in Education – OFSTED 1. WLS: Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales – ESTYN 1. NIR: The Education and Training Inspectorate – ETI	Higher education institutions providing initial teacher training, including both undergraduate (concurrent model) and/or postgraduate professional training. ENG: Some postgraduate professional training is also provided by consortia of schools	ENG: twice during the current six-year period WLS: once in a six-year cycle. A different cycle to be introduced from 2008 NIR: determined by ETI	Yes	1. Compulsory	Higher education institutions providing initial teacher training, including both undergraduate (concurrent model) and/or postgraduate professional training. ENG: Some postgraduate professional training is also provided by consortia of schools	Not regulated but providers are expected to provide their most recent self-evaluation report before external evaluation	Compulsory
	2. Quality Assurance Agency – QAA	All higher education institutions	Once in a six-year cycle	No	2. Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Regular monitoring and periodic review as determined by the institution; a self-evaluation document drawing on results of these activities is produced before each external review	Compulsory

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UK-SCT	1. General Teaching Council for Scotland	All higher education institutions providing the concurrent model of teacher training or the postgraduate professional training for teachers	Every 6 years and in the case of a new programme	Yes	1. Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Annual	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. Quality Assurance Agency – QAA	All higher education institutions	Every 4 years	No	2. Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Every 4 years	Compulsory (for external evaluation types 1 and 2)
IS	1. <i>Menntamálaráðuneytið</i> (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture) for institutional evaluation	All higher education institutions	Determined by the minister	No	1. Compulsory for programme evaluation	All higher education institutions	Not regulated (when external evaluation type 2 takes place)	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 2)
	2. <i>Menntamálaráðuneytið</i> (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture) for programme evaluation	All higher education institutions	Determined by the minister	No	2. Compulsory to have an internal quality assurance system. Institutions are free to choose their methods	All higher education institutions	Should be a regular procedure	Recommended
LI	Initial teacher education abroad							
NO	1. <i>Nasjonalt organ for kvalitet i utdanningen</i> – NOKUT (Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education)	All higher education institutions	At least every 6 years	No (but can lead to a reaccreditation process)	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Annual	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 1)
	2. NOKUT	All higher education institutions, but teacher education programmes have not been subject to it	Not regulated (takes place when an accreditation revision process is needed)	Yes				

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BG	<i>Natzionalna agentzia za otzneniavane / akreditatzia</i> (National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency)	All higher education institutions	Every 3 or 6 years according to the grade obtained in the prior evaluation	Yes	Compulsory	All higher education institutions	Ongoing process	Compulsory
RO	1. <i>Inspectoratul Școlar Județean</i> (County School Inspectorate) (NOT COVERED)	Pedagogical high school	Determined by the inspectorate and linked to curricular reform	No	1. Compulsory (NOT COVERED)	Upper secondary schools	Annual and linked to curricular reform	Compulsory (for external evaluation types 1 and 2)
	2. <i>Comisia Națională pentru Evaluare și Acreditare a Învățământului Preuniversitar</i> (National Commission for Evaluation and Accreditation of Pre-university Education) (NOT COVERED)	Pedagogical high school	Every 5 years	Yes				
	3. <i>Consiliul Național pentru Evaluare și Acreditare Academică – NCAAA</i> (National Council for Academic Assessment and Accreditation)	Pedagogical university colleges and university	Every 5 years and in the case of reforms of higher education	Yes	2. Compulsory	Pedagogical university colleges and university	Annual	Compulsory (for external evaluation type 3)