

# **Educational Oversight Fee Schedule 2024-25**

The fee structure provided below applies to all review activity and annual monitoring costs.

Annual monitoring fees will be for the academic year, August to July, each year. Invoices will be issued in August.

Providers are required to pay a monitoring fee contributing to the costs of maintaining and developing QAA activities which include the annual monitoring activity for Educational Oversight Review (EOR) and responding to enquiries, appeals, complaints and concerns.

QAA does not receive any funding to cover the direct costs incurred in reviews for educational oversight. Consequently, the costs of such activity must be borne by providers. QAA is a non-profit-making organisation.

Fees for educational oversight are reviewed on an annual basis and may be subject to increase. Fees are non-refundable.

To comply with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG), QAA has ensured that a student reviewer will be included as part of the review team for each review method. This does not apply to annual monitoring activity.

# **Educational Oversight Review**

Educational Oversight Review is divided into two categories: Core and Full. Providers will be allocated a category based on the criteria set out in <u>Educational Oversight Review</u>: <u>Guidance for Providers</u>.

Review category	Size of review team	Number of visit days	Review fee
Core	3	1	£12,500
Full	3	3	£26,500

The table above sets out the standard team size and review visit length for each component. The team size and number of days onsite may vary according to provider size and type of provision. The fee will be calculated on an individual basis where a variance occurs.

# Fees for providers seeking to maintain educational oversight

#### Annual monitoring fee

The annual monitoring fee includes scrutiny of the annual return and any subsequent monitoring visit. Should an extended monitoring visit, or partial or full review be required, there will be an additional fee. The additional fee will be calculated on an individual basis.

Please note that where providers are scheduled to undergo a review in 2024-25, they will not be invoiced for the annual monitoring fee. In addition, new applicants that have their first review in 2024-25 are not required to undergo annual monitoring or pay a monitoring fee during this period.

The annual monitoring fee is £4,900 per academic year.

# Maintaining educational oversight: four-yearly review

The stages of this process are detailed below and follow Stage 2 and 3 of the application process. The review will be preceded by a check on the provider's Financial Sustainability, Management and Governance (FSMG), for which the fee for Stage 2 of the application process applies for existing providers on the EOR schedule.

Review invoices (Stage 3) will be sent out prior to the full review.

### **New applicants**

The process for all new applicants happens in three main stages. There are separate fees for Stage 2 and 3.

For **Stage 1**, a provider will be required to complete the application pack. All details and templates are available here: <u>Applying for Educational Oversight Review.</u>

Where applicable, **Stage 2** is the Financial Sustainability, Management and Governance (FSMG) check. QAA carries out the FSMG check for **educational oversight**, for which there is a fee of £4,350. QAA will issue an invoice for the FSMG fee. Payment must be received by QAA before submitting the FSMG form and supporting information.

For **Stage 3** - the review of quality assurance arrangements - the fee for Educational Oversight Review will be as follows:

Review category	Size of review team	Number of visit days	Review fee
Core	3	1	£12,500
Full	3	3	£26,500

The fee for the review of quality assurance arrangements will be invoiced by QAA and must be paid in full 16 weeks before the review visit.

In some cases, the FSMG check and review of quality assurance arrangements may overlap, and the fees for both stages would be paid by applicants at the same time.

#### Transitional arrangements 2024-25

Annual monitoring (previously annual maintenance) - For the year 2024 these have already been charged to 31 December 2024.\* An adjustment will be made to ensure providers are not double-charged for the period 1 August to 31 December while we transition to these new charging arrangements.

\*some exceptions apply

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