



# Academic Integrity: Safeguarding Trust in Higher Education

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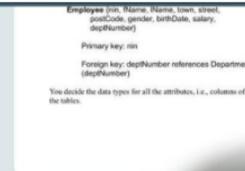
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# QQI's Evolving Approach



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## 2019 amendment to QQI's legislation:

- New criminal offences (facilitation and promotion of academic cheating)
- New responsibilities for QQI (prosecutor)

**BUT legislation not a silver bullet**



*Complementary & mutually supportive regulatory & enhancement strands*

## Leveraging QQI's role as:

- QA agency
- Qualifications authority
- Statutory awarding body

*#partnership:  
Strengthening strategic  
partnerships to effect  
system change*

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## Underpinning principles include:

- Partnership/Shared responsibility
- Institutional autonomy
- Proportionality & fairness

Statement of  
Strategy  
2022-24



# Partnership Approach – From National to Global



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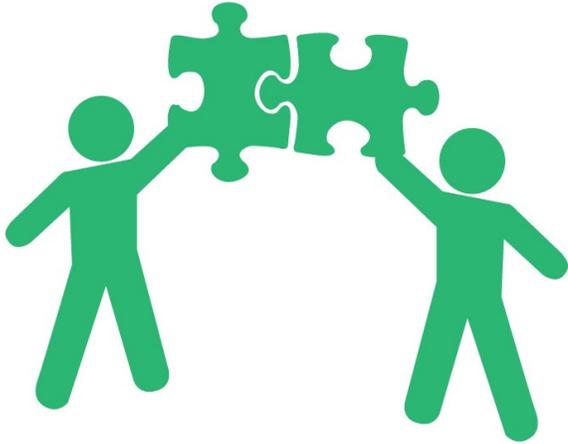
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Collaborative effort & partnership approach nationally with:

- [National Academic Integrity Network](#)
- Education providers
- Students & staff
- Other state agencies & representative bodies
- Advertising & publishing platforms
- Professional, statutory & regulatory bodies

to:

- Establish the **academic integrity ‘landscape’**
- Determine the action required of each actor (QQI, education providers, etc.)
- Support the **maintenance & enhancement of cultures of academic integrity across the tertiary education system**



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# Partnership Approach – From National to Global: GAIN



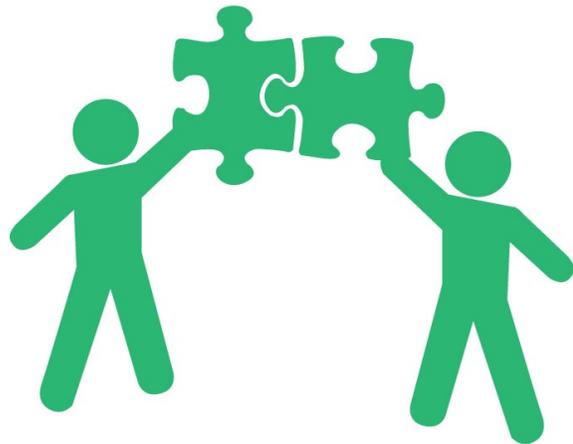
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## Co-founders: QQI & TEQSA

- Existing cooperation & engagement through our MOU
- Similar legislation in our respective jurisdictions; similar remits and functions
- **Acknowledgement that contract cheating and other forms of academic misconduct & fraud are global issues, transcending jurisdictional boundaries**



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## Global network set up to stamp out contract cheating in HE

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Education agencies across the globe are joining forces to fight the rise of commercial cheating services that target students worldwide. The newly formed Global Academic Integrity Network (GAIN) is working to stamp out the multi-billion-dollar contract cheating operations which have flourished in recent years as online learning and assessment have become more prevalent.

**Membership at time of launch: 14 organisations**

**Launched in Dublin on 18 October 2022**



# GAIN Membership



Endorsing organisations: ENQA,  
ENAI, Council of Europe ETINED

ASQA (Australia)	Office of the Ombudsperson for Academic Ethics & Procedures (Lithuania)
TEQSA (Australia)	NZQA (New Zealand)
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