



# Global Academic Integrity Network



# Partnership approach – QQI & TEQSA

**Similar  
legislation,  
remits and  
functions**

**Existing  
co-operation and  
engagement**

**Global nature of  
academic  
misconduct and  
fraud**



## Global Academic Integrity Network (GAIN) Established to Combat Contract Cheating



Contract cheating and other forms of academic fraud have the potential to cause significant damage to our national qualifications systems. These are global issues that require a collaborative, cross-border approach to combat.

# GAIN launched in Dublin on 18 October 2022

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We need to work together to stamp out contract cheating. Image: iStock.

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

John Walshe 21 October 2022

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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 assessment have become more prevalent.



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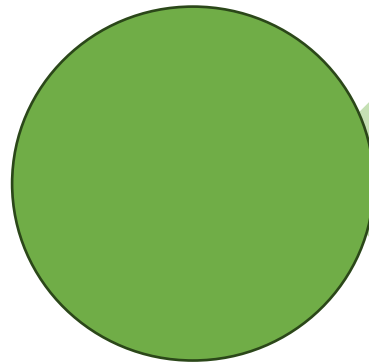
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19 Oct 2022

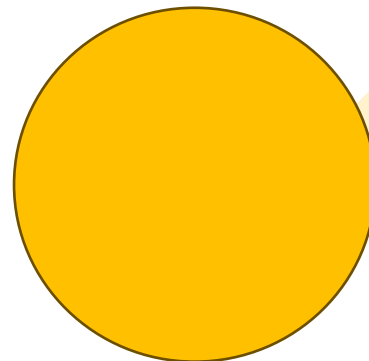


# Membership application review process

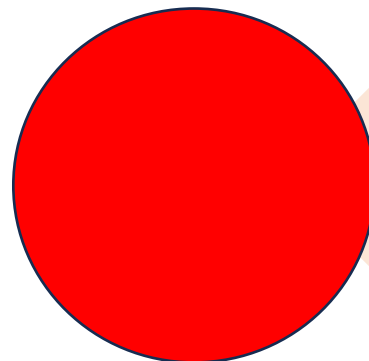


Organisations\* with an established legal basis, which are formally recognised by the competent public authority, that have responsibility for external quality assurance, regulation **AND/OR** accreditation **AND/OR** qualifications systems or qualifications recognition across tertiary (higher and vocational/further) education

\*We recognise the important role that professional standards bodies play in external QA and welcome endorsements from such bodies.



Any applicant organisations that do not fit within the green or the red lane will be asked to demonstrate relevant interest or role in academic integrity or related activities through a supporting statement and documentation



For profit entity **OR**  
Entity unable to evidence a legitimate interest or role in academic integrity and related matters **OR**  
Individual institution of higher education **OR**  
individuals **OR**  
networks of education providers

# Membership

- AQUA (Andorra)
- CONEAU (Argentina)
- ASQA (Australia)
- TEQSA (Australia)
- NEAA (Bulgaria)
- MPHEC (Canada)
- PEQAB (Canada)
- CYQAA (Cyprus)
- HCÉRES (France)
- NCEQE (Georgia)
- MAB (Hungary)
- QQI (Ireland)
- ANVUR (Italy)
- CIMEA (Italy)
- IQAA (Kazakhstan)
- Commission for University Education (Kenya)
- KAA (Kosovo)
- Office of the Ombudsman for Academic Ethics & Procedures (Lithuania)
- MFHEA (Malta)
- ACQAHE (Montenegro)
- NQA (Namibia)
- NZQA (New Zealand)
- Department for the Economy (Northern Ireland)
- ARACIS (Romania)
- Council on HE of South Africa
- SAQA (South Africa)
- AVAP (Spain)
- ACCUA (Spain)
- ANECA (Spain)
- AQU Catalunya (Spain)
- AQUIB (Spain)
- AVAP (Spain)
- Unibasq (Spain)
- AHERS (Srpska, Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- ENIC-NARIC (Sweden)
- THEQC (Turkey)
- Ecctis (UK)
- QAA (UK)
- NAQA (Ukraine)
- Higher Education Authority Zambia
- ZAQA (Zambia)

Endorsed by ENQA, Council of Europe, European Network for Academic Integrity, European Students Union



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# Progress to date

- Six meetings and two information sessions
- Meetings chaired by **TEQSA** (Australia), **QQI** (Ireland), **CIMEA** (Italy), **SAQA** (South Africa), **QAA** (UK) and **ARACIS** (Romania)
- **Topics explored:**
  - Spotlight on individual member organisations and their work to support academic integrity
  - Business models of diploma mills & contract cheating service providers
  - Generative AI models and their potential uses by learners
  - Impact of generative AI across member organisations' jurisdictions and policy and regulatory responses
  - Legislation to combat contract cheating; Council of Europe recommendations

# GAIN guest expert speakers

Speaker	Title
<b>Dr Sarah Eaton, University of Calgary</b>	Comprehensive Academic Integrity and Fraud: A Global Knowledge Synthesis
<b>Dr Zeenath Khan, University of Wollongong in Dubai</b>	Bringing it all together - setting up a national-level Centre for Academic Integrity
<b>Dr André Hesselbäck, ENIC-NARIC Sweden</b>	Business models of diploma mills & contract cheating service providers
<b>Dr Privolin Naidoo, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research &amp; Rishal Hurbans, South Africa</b>	Generative artificial intelligence and its implications for academic integrity
<b>Professor Michael Draper, Swansea University</b>	Countering contract cheating and academic fraud through legislation and legal instruments
<b>Aisling Reast, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences</b>	Overview of the Irish National Academic Integrity Network (NAIN)
<b>Dr Greer Murphy &amp; Dr Jason Stephens, ICAI</b>	The Problem of Academic Misconduct and Possibilities for Promoting Academic Integrity (McCabe-ICAI faculty and student surveys)
<b>Professor Cath Ellis, University of Sydney &amp; Kane Murdoch, Macquarie University</b>	The Academic Integrity enforcement pyramid

# Collective statement

- Global Academic Integrity Network urges leading social media and online platforms to take a stand against academic dishonesty – Wednesday 11 September 2024



## GAIN "calls on major social media and online platforms to take a stand"

Global Academic Integrity Network puts it out there, US-based higher ed ignores the issue.

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Global action to address academic dishonesty

As a member of the Global Academic Integrity Network (GAIN), Hungarian Accreditation Committee has united with similar agencies globally and calls on social media and online platforms to stand up against academic dishonesty.

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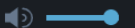
## Pushing academic cheats off social media

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Major social media and online platforms are being asked to make a stand and join the fight against academic dishonesty. Gráinne Mooney - Senior Communications Manager at Quality and Qualifications Ireland.



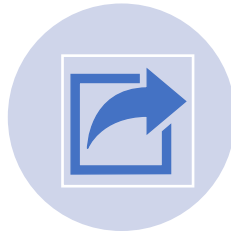
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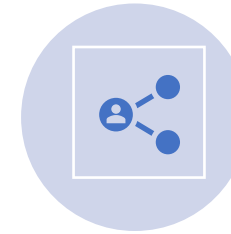
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INFORMATION AND DATA



DEVELOP AND PUBLISH GAIN  
COLLECTIVE STATEMENTS



CONSIDER OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR DEVELOPING GLOBAL  
APPROACHES TO SUPPORTING  
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND  
COMBATting ACADEMIC  
FRAUD



EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
SHARING AND ADAPTING  
RESOURCES DEVELOPED BY  
GAIN MEMBERS

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