



QQI

Quality and Qualifications Ireland
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Microcredentials

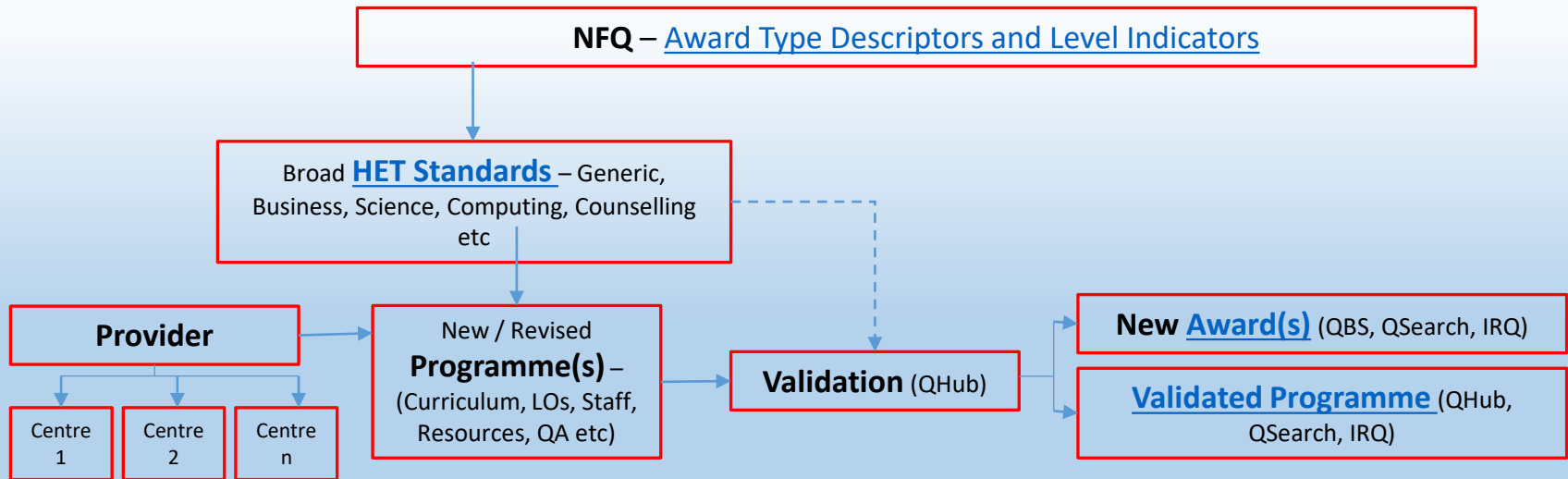
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Developing the validation process for short programmes in collaboration with Irish private higher education institutions



Existing Infrastructure

- [NFQ](#) – descriptors for levels, award classes, award types
- Minor, Special Purpose and Supplemental awards
- [Validation Policy](#), Process and Cycle
- Quality assured providers – core and blended learning
- Validated programmes
- Integrated validation and awarding system



HET Programme Validation



- Gradual development
 - Collaborative working group
 - Standalone special purpose award
 - Module from single validated programme
 - Modules from one or more validated programme(s)
 - New modules
 - Blended / online
- Streamlined but consistent validation process
 - 5 – 30 ECTS
 - Shortened period of validation
 - Simplified descriptor
 - Desk audit evaluation by default
 - Validation decision by QQI
 - Panel reports published
- 7 providers, 25 programmes



Current position

- Standalone or embedded
- Special Purpose or Minor awards
- Transfer
- MIPLOs
- [Descriptor template](#)
- [Rationale Template](#)
- Proposal for degree by MCs