

PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Report for Council on the meeting of 31 May 2005

1. PROGRAMMES APPROVED

Provider: Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Programme: Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Computer Games Development

Provider: Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Programme: Master of Science in Computer Games Development

Provider: Irish Academy of Public Relations
Programme: Higher Diploma in Arts in Public Relations

Provider: Leinster Academy, Leinster Rugby IRFU
Programme: Diploma in Professional Rugby
Special Purpose Award, Level 7 60 ECTS Credits (20 ECTS per year for 3 years)

Provider: Institute of Technology Carlow
Programme: Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering (Military Communication Systems)

Provider: Limerick Institute of Technology
Programme: Bachelor of Engineering in Automation and Control Technology

Provider: Portobello College
Programme: Higher Diploma in Arts in Legal Studies

Provider: Hibernia College
Programme: Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Medicine

Provider: Dublin Business School
Programme: Bachelor of Arts

Agreed to extend accreditation of the above programme for another year and the programme should be reviewed in the academic year 2005-2006.

Provider: HSI Limerick Business School
Programmes: Certificate in Business in Intercultural Studies
Certificate in Travel and Tourism
Certificate in Applied Information Technology

Provider: Limerick Institute of Technology
Programme: Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering

2. **PROGRAMMES DEFERRED**

Provider: Institute of Technology Carlow
Programme: Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Marketing Practice

The executive will (i) seek clarification from the institute in relation to the number of credits and number of stages in the programme schedule, and (ii) request confirmation from the chairperson of the panel of assessors that the institute's response to the conditions was satisfactory.

3. **PROGRAMME SCHEDULES**

3.1 The Committee decided that special conditions should not appear on validated programme schedules.

3.2 The Committee decided that validated programme schedules should indicate the appropriate Level of the Award on the National Framework of Qualifications.

4. **OTHER**

4.1 The Committee requested that the Executive prepare a paper on the issue of embedding standards of other awards into programmes with a view to the Committee forming advice for the Council.

4.2 The Committee was informed that the award of an MA Degree with First Class Honours was approved for a candidate who had made a direct application to HETAC but that a conferring ceremony would not take place until a procedures document had been completed.

4.3 Noted that the NQAI has reviewed the validation appeals process under sections 17 and 27 of the Qualifications (Education & Training) Act 1999 in relation to validation being withdrawn or refused by either of the awards Councils and has established revised procedures.

4.4 Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology's request to make programme title changes to five programmes was approved by the committee.