

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Forum on the Alignment of Professional Awards with the National Framework of Qualifications: *Advancing an Understanding of the Issues*

The National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI) and the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) will hold a Forum on the alignment of professional awards with the National Framework of Qualifications

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2011

10.00am – 1.30pm

HETAC Offices, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2

Draft Programme (subject to change)

- Professional Award Alignment: Motivations and Challenges
 - Local perspectives
 - Global perspectives
- Presentation of the Draft Policy and Award-type Descriptors (see below)
- Responses to the Consultation Process
 - Analysis
 - Discussion
- Activity: Using the descriptors
- Conclusions

[DRAFT Award-type Descriptors for the Alignment of Professional Awards at NFQ Levels 7, 8 and 9 \(National Qualifications Authority of Ireland\)](#)

[DRAFT Professional Award Alignment Policy and Criteria Â \(Higher Education and Training Awards Council\)](#)