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Quality and Qualifications Ireland
Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Education and Training in Ireland

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Education Sectors

- Schools
 - Early years care and education
 - generally private, subsidised, but expensive, recently developed
 - Primary 4-12 years
 - >90% church-linked
 - Post-primary 13-18
 - Public exams, 15, 18
 - Largely academic
 - Funded by Department of Education and Skills
 - Quality assured by Inspectorate
- Further Education and Training
 - Initial and continuing VET and adult/community education
 - Mainly public, funded by SOLAS
 - Higher education
 - Universities
 - Institutes of technology
 - Specialist colleges
 - Mainly public, funded by HEA
 - Quality assured by QQI



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- 16 **ETBs** established in 2013
- merged from previous bodies (VECs & FÁS)
- manage small number of primary schools
- manage 1/3 of second level schools
- manage almost all post-second level FET
- in FE colleges, training centres, adult & community centres, prisons, Youthreach (early school leavers), etc
- regulated & funded by FET authority **SOLAS**
- 339k beneficiaries
- 22k FET programmes
- €638m investment
- external quality assurance by **QQI** (for FET)



FET providers (non-ETB)

- Approximately 500 but consolidating
- Many small-scale or specialist
- Almost 50% of QQI qualifications awarded, but many minor awards
- Public and privately funded
- Initial and continuing VET and adult ed.
- Some linked/sub-contracting to ETBs
- Challenging to QQI model of provider-owned QA
- Waiting in the wings – English language schools

Choose Your Future...

Ireland's 33 higher education institutions offer a remarkable 5000+ programmes! Covering a huge and diverse range, these courses lead to internationally recognised, quality assured qualifications. So whether you want a strong, focused business school, a centre of scientific and technological excellence, or a world-renowned English language, humanities and arts faculty... you'll find it in Ireland.



I chose Ireland as it offered me the opportunity to achieve a great level of education. It is a place where students are a valued future workforce, where you can grow and shape your professional profile through work experience. The variety of cultures you can find in Ireland makes this country a special place to build up unforgettable memories as a foreign student.



Maria de los Angeles Martinez Moreno
(Venezuela)
ICD Business School - Business Studies

1 Unique Location

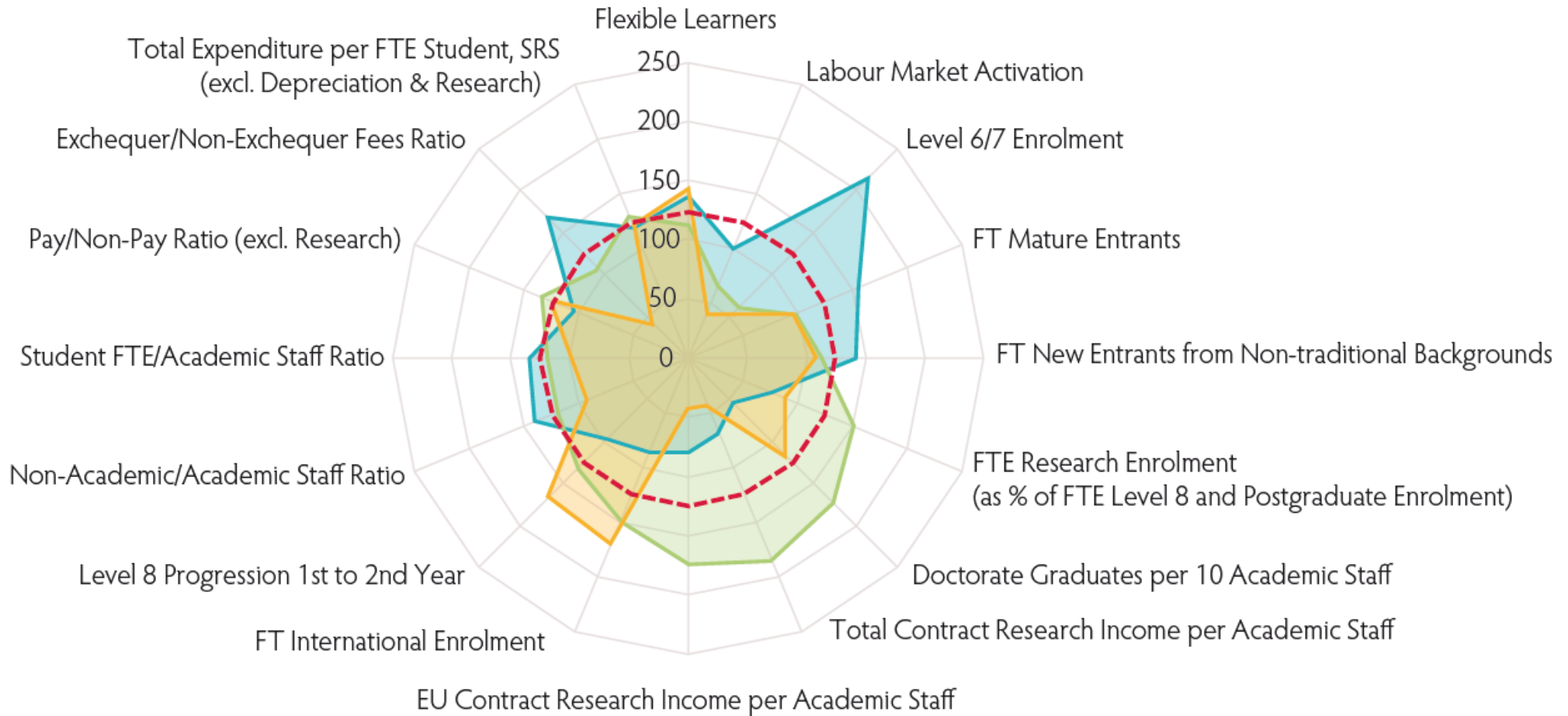
33 Higher Education Institutions

5000+ Programmes



Universities and Colleges in Ireland

- 1 Athlone Institute of Technology
- 2 CCT (College of Computing Technology)
- 3 Cork Institute of Technology
- 4 Dorset College
- 5 Dublin Business School
- 6 Dublin City University
- 7 Dublin Institute of Technology
- 8 Dundalk Institute of Technology
- 9 Galway Business School
- 10 Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- 11 Griffith College
- 12 ICD Business School
- 13 Independent Colleges
- 14 Institute of Art, Design & Technology
- 15 Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
- 16 Institute of Technology Carlow
- 17 Institute of Technology Sligo
- 18 Institute of Technology Tallaght
- 19 Institute of Technology Tralee
- 20 Letterkenny Institute of Technology
- 21 Limerick Institute of Technology
- 22 Mary Immaculate College
- 23 Maynooth University
- 24 National College of Ireland
- 25 National College of Art and Design
- 26 National University of Ireland, Galway
- 27 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- 28 Shannon College of Hotel Management
- 29 Trinity College Dublin
- 30 University College Cork
- 31 University College Dublin
- 32 University of Limerick
- 33 Waterford Institute of Technology

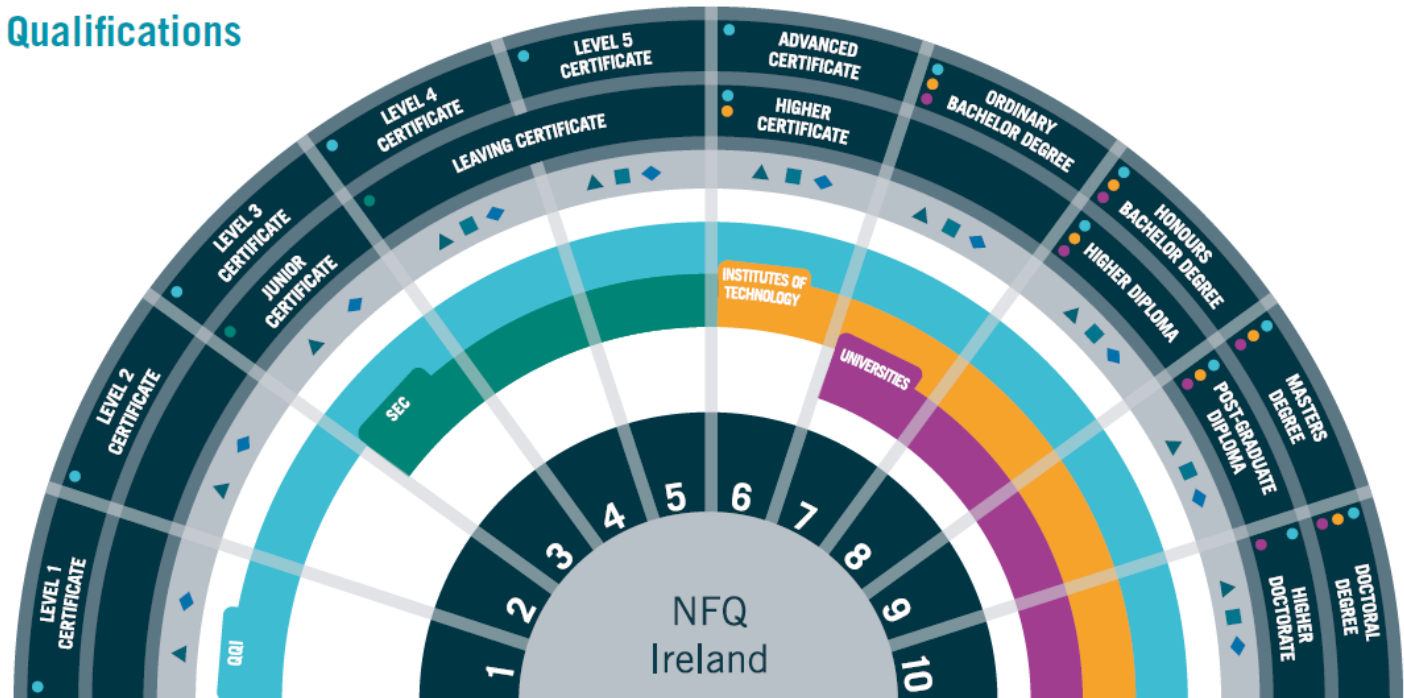




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National Framework of Qualifications



AWARDING BODIES

- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) makes awards in further and higher education and training
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Skills)
- Institutes of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four classes of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:



- Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
- Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
- Supplemental Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
- Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement



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