

507657-2026 - Competition

Ireland – Education and training services – RFT Updating QQI Assessment Infrastructure 2026

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Quality and Qualifications Authority of Ireland (QQI)

Email: LBUTLER@QQI.IE

Legal type of the buyer: Organisation awarding a contract subsidised by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: RFT Updating QQI Assessment Infrastructure 2026

Description: QQI is the Qualifications and Quality Assurance Authority of Ireland with responsibility for (among other things) - the external quality assurance of providers of further education (FET) and training or higher education (HE) (providers) in Ireland including designated, delegated and listed awarding bodies. - the external quality assurance of designated and listed awarding bodies that are not providers. - the provision of statutory guidelines on the quality assurance of education, training, research and related services. - determining national policies and criteria for access, transfer and progression in relation to learners (ATP), and monitoring the implementation of procedures for ATP by providers. - promoting, maintaining, further developing and implementing the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), which is a system of levels and types for awards of qualifications based on standards of knowledge, skill or competence. - deciding which awards are included in the NFQ. - facilitating the recognition of qualifications inside and outside the state. Those functions operate at system level or at the level of organisations providing programmes of education and training (providers). QQI is also an awarding body. It established standards for its awards, and awards qualifications to persons who have completed programmes of education and training that it has validated (validation is approval of a programme prior to its delivery) that are offered by providers of programmes without the authority to award NFQ qualifications. It can also delegate its authority to providers meeting certain criteria. Updating QQI's assessment infrastructure may require changes/supplementation to, or impact upon, all the above in due course. It is important to appreciate that QQI's infrastructure is primarily focussed on the quality assurance of standards-based formative and summative assessment and is not intended to guide on how to assess learners in specific situations. Any substantial changes to QQI's assessment infrastructure will be preceded by consultation documents (green and white papers) that will provide stakeholders with opportunities to express their views on the issues and options at the green paper stage and on proposed new policy or guidelines at the white paper stage. QQI-award specific infrastructure needs to be replaced as soon as practicable. In replacing these we plan to separate policy and procedures relating to assessment that QQI needs to maintain as an awarding body from guidelines on the quality assurance of assessment that will be relevant to all providers.

Procedure identifier: f32bb273-8222-4ae0-b934-db2be3eeca4

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 80000000 Education and training services

Additional classification (cpv): 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: 26/27 Denzille Lane Dublin 2 D02 P266 26/27 Denzille Lane Dublin 2 D02 P266 26/27 Denzille Lane Dublin 2 D02 P266

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D02 P266

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 160 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Country: Ireland

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 18 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 160 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Deadline for requesting additional information: 11/09/2026 23:45:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=8683887>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=8683887>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 30/09/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 6 Days

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 01/10/2026 00:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=8683887>

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Quality and Qualifications Authority of Ireland (QQI)

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Quality and Qualifications Authority of Ireland (QQI)

Organisation processing tenders: Quality and Qualifications Authority of Ireland (QQI)

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Quality and Qualifications Authority of Ireland (QQI)

Registration number: n/a

Postal address: 26/27 Denzille Lane

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D02 P266

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: LBUTLER@QQI.IE

Telephone: 0876993996

Internet address: <https://www.qqi.ie>

Buyer profile: <https://www.qqi.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland
Registration number: The High Court of Ireland
Department: The High Court of Ireland
Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7
Town: Dublin
Postcode: D07 WDX8
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Email: HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie
Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.
Registration number: 002024901000
Department: European Dynamics S.A.
Town: Athens
Postcode: 15125
Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)
Country: Greece
Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com
Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

Notice information

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