



International Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (IQAAF)

The Parties to this Framework Agreement,

Promoting of the importance of external recognition of qualifications,

Promoting cooperation and interaction between institutions of learning worldwide,

Recognizing the need for an easier system for the public to verify accreditation
And recognition status of institutions of learning,

Expressing their commitment to preventing the activities of illegitimate and
unlicensed institutions of learning worldwide,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

To recognize and endorse the undertakings and activities of the board of quality standards international (BQS), brought into existence as a quality assurance authoritative body to promote quality in education in 2011.

Article 2

To recognize and endorse the undertakings and activities of the 'The BQS quality assurance Committee for Accreditation and quality assurance ', duly established by executive mandate by International Advisory Board(IAB), Secretary General of BQS international on November 1st 2011, henceforth referred to as:

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BQS ACCREDITATION

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“for the promotion of international cross-border recognition between institutions of learning and prevention of illegitimate and unlicensed institutions of learning worldwide”

Article 3

The present agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the Parties.

Article 4

BQS ACCREDITATION for an institution of learning shall only be granted on successful evaluation by four (4) members of the BQS Official Assessment Committee. These members shall be selected randomly by the Office of the Secretary General of BQS.

The four

(4) members shall consist of:

Three (3) Academics, one (1) Observer.

For the purposes of transparency and public record, a full list of the Assessment Committee is published at the following web address.

<http://www.b-ac.info>

For the purposes of BQS Accreditation, the main focus of the official assessment shall be upon:

Legality of Operation of the Institution

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Confirmation of legal existence and conformity to relevant legislation or licensing

Existing Accreditation Status if any

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Accreditation from other accreditation bodies recognized by BQS international
Physical and Technical Inspection

Accreditation to ISO standards ISO 9001:2008 or BQS ISO 9001/2008 IAQM

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Inspection of educational facilities or delivery platforms as deemed necessary.

Further Regional Standards observation

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To be compatible with regional norms and general accreditation guidelines, further quality standards in certain regions of the world may be applied by local agencies representing BQS or Agency Member/partner.

On completion of an assessment, each individual Academic Assessor shall report their findings together with a positive or negative vote to the designated Observer.

Article 5

Internal Protocols and Reporting

BQS committee majority vote in favour of Accreditation for an institution of learning:
In the event of a majority vote in favour of Accreditation, this information shall then be passed to the Secretary General of BQS by the Observer. The Office of the Secretary General of BQS shall then authorize the publication of BQS Accreditation Status for the applying institution of learning.

An institution of learning awarded BQS Accreditation shall be deemed accredited for a minimum of one (1) year and a maximum of four(5)years, after which, a new assessment will need to be conducted. Accredited/recognized institution shall observe the BQS code of practice.

BQS committee non-majority vote in favour of Accreditation for an institution of learning: A non-majority vote in favour shall result in the withholding of BQS Accreditation for the applying institution. The institution may then re-apply after twelve (12) months.

Article 6

For the purposes of transparency and public record, an institution awarded BQS Accreditation shall place the Official BQS logo upon institutional publications, letterheads, diplomas, certificates, website and other published media.



In the case of electronic media, the logo shall be linked (whenever possible) to the accreditation status page of the institution as published on:

WWW.B-AC.INFO

Article 7

Each Party may, at any time, withdraw from this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement enters into force according to international law on the date of the signature hereof, and shall be open for approval or adhesion by signature of the present document or by deposit of formal instrument with the depositary.

The BQS international Secretary-General shall be the designated depositary.

Article 9

In the event of a dispute between parties relating to this Agreement, each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other to settle amicably any matter for which no provision has been made in the application of this Agreement of BQS international.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Agreement. This agreement has been signed into effect by the BQS head of International Advisory Board

Party BQS International Advisory Board

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Name: Prince Thomas Osemwende PhD FIBQS(hon).....



Title.... Head of BQS IAB.....
(duly authorized thereto)