



Quality in Higher and Degree  
Apprenticeships

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We are the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA): the independent body entrusted with monitoring, and advising on, standards and quality in UK higher education.

# What is our role in higher and degree apprenticeships?

- they sit on the FHEQ...
- so they fall within scope of Quality Code...
- and are subject to the Expectations
  
- but there are **no** specific references or requirements in any of the above

# What do we plan to do?

- Characteristics Statement.

## Forthcoming

- Literature review
- Research

# What's a Characteristics Statement?

- provides key information on context, distinctive features, content, structure and delivery
- developed by the sector, via an advisory group
- public consultation in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017

# What the Characteristics Statement will cover:

Context and purpose

Forms and types

Content, structure and delivery

Teaching, learning and assessment

# Questions we will be asking

For each heading...

- What should this section cover?
- What situations/particular issues would it need to address
- Issues? Problems?  
Anything we've missed?



# How to get involved

Communities of practice - contact Marieke on [m.guy@qaa.ac.uk](mailto:m.guy@qaa.ac.uk) to sign up

Advisory group for the statement – contact Simon on [s.bullock@qaa.ac.uk](mailto:s.bullock@qaa.ac.uk) to join the sub-group



Any questions?





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