

Department response to Validation Panel Report

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Responders: Marie Moran & Michael Barrett, & the Insurance Institute Programme Team
Programme Title(s): Higher Diploma in Business in Insurance Management- **SG_BINSU_L08**

Conditions

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None	N/A

Recommendations

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Recommendation 1: Clarify in the programme submission that the duration of the programme is between 18 months and 3 years, as some students may seek to complete in a shorter time frame.	Updated as per the panel's recommendation.
Recommendation 2: Clarify that the minimum entry requirement is a level 8 honours degree in a cognate area, or equivalent determined by IT Sligo's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) processes.	The team supports this recommendation and has updated the entry requirements. The programme team propose that for students who have already commenced study with the III, prior to the programme being validated as an IT Sligo award, that their completed modules would be transferred to IT Sligo without any penalty to the prior learning of the student.
Recommendation 3: Review programme and module Learning Outcomes (LO) to ensure that all are written to level 8 standards and using measurable active verbs as recommended in Blooms Taxonomy.	The team acknowledges the panel's feedback and has updated all learning outcomes as discussed.
Recommendation 4: Ensure that a pass mark is presented consistently in the document and particularly in each module in the Approved Programme Schedule (APS) and that total contact	Updated as per the panel's recommendation.

<p>hours reflect ECTS guidelines i.e. one 5 ECTS equates to 125-150 hours of learning.</p>	
<p>Recommendations 5: Ensure that current issues and emerging trends are explicitly included in either the module learning outcomes or syllabus content whichever is more appropriate based on the discussions during the panel e.g., new vehicle technologies, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), Artificial Intelligence (AI), ethics, and digital issues.</p>	<p>This recommendation is acknowledged by the team and will be incorporated into the syllabus where appropriate.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6: Review the assessment strategy for the programme in order to ensure that a variety of assessment methods are used and that students are not over assessed (e.g., requirement for 8,000-10,000 words) for a 5 ECTS module.</p>	<p>This recommendation is acknowledged and will be discussed in consultation with the Chartered Insurance Institute, the global recognised body of the insurance industry. Due to the necessity to ensure assessments are in line with the professional body, there may be limited opportunities to change the variety of assessment in the short term. However, the wordcount has been reduced to 6,000-7,000 words.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7: The Institute should develop a linked provider policy to underpin the Quality Assurance of the programme.</p>	<p>Registrar & Project Administrator have developed a procedure for inclusion to Chapter 12 in the QA manual as a result of IT Sligo becoming a Designated Awarding Body (DAB). This was brought to subcommittee of Academic Council on 21st January (Collaborative Provisions Committee) to be forwarded to Academic Council for adoption & implementation for 2021/22 academic year. This requires additional QA obligations on both parties. This framework will be applicable to any organisations whom IT Sligo is in collaboration who are classified as a linked provider (such as III).</p>

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