

Benchmarking on  
Planning,  
Development,  
Assessment,  
Review Practical  
Experiences in  
Armenian HEIs



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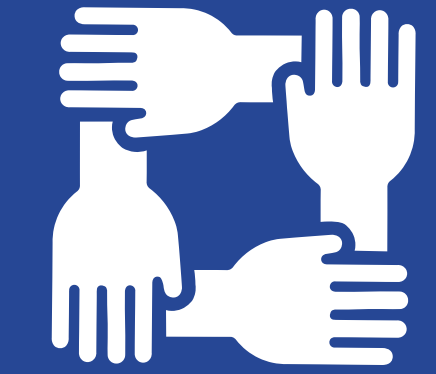


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**ANQA IS AN INDEPENDENT  
AGENCY ESTABLISHED IN 2008  
UNDER GOVERNMENT DECREE**



**The mission of ANQA is to foster  
continuous enhancement of TLI.**



TRUST



INNOVATION



EQUITY



ACCOUNTABILITY



COLLABORATION

# Our Values



**ARMENIAN QA  
SYSTEM**



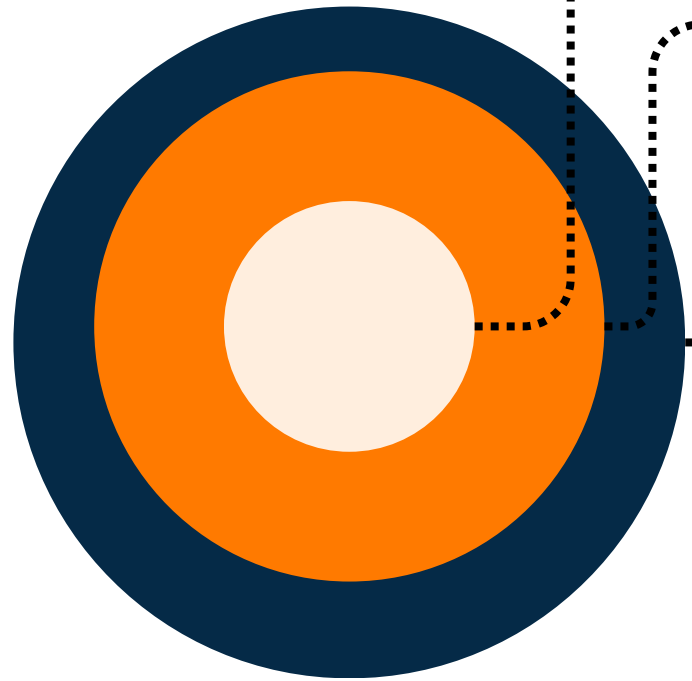
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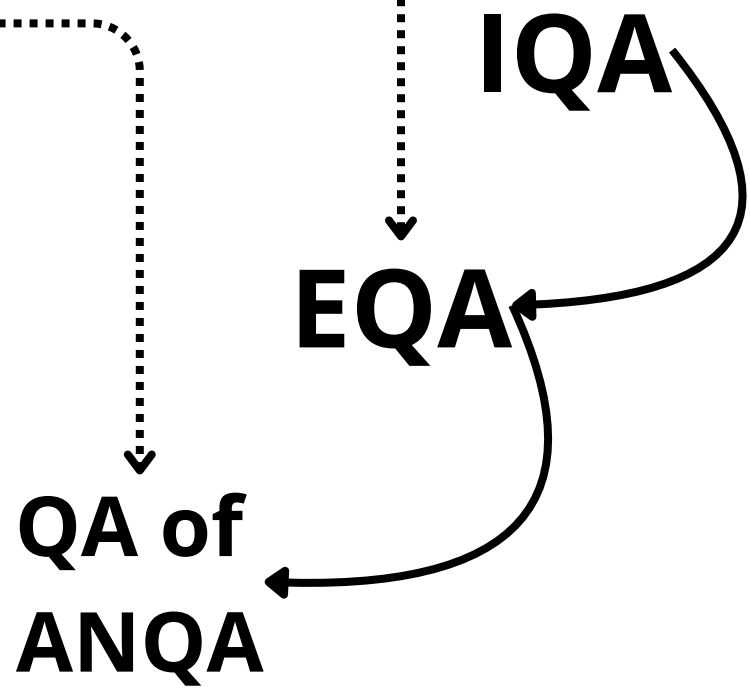
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ANQA Accreditation

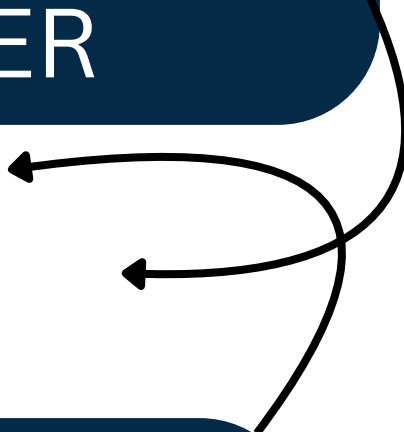
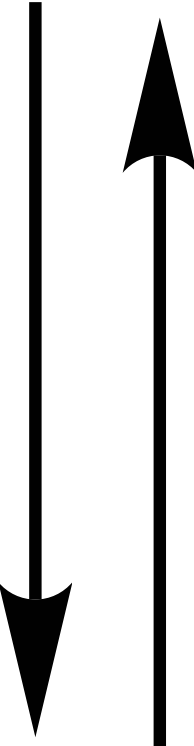
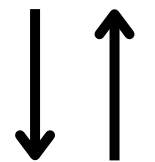


External review of  
ANQA

State Accreditation  
Register



ENQA & EQAR




# **EQA** FRAMEWORK IN **ARMENIA**

**Mandatory institutional  
accreditation with the  
examination of 3 academic  
programmes**

**Voluntary Academic  
programme accreditation**

# Building Trust Among the Stakeholders and the Public

## Accreditation

- 
- promotes institutional strategic changes at TLIs
  - promotes academic programme reforms
  - builds a dialog among all stakeholders on the current challenges in education

Accreditation processes promotes industry cooperation and joint strategy of TLI and employers

- **Ensuring credible award of qualifications**
- **Ensuring that the qualifications awarded are valued by employers, enhancing public confidence in TLI as a viable pathway to employment**



**PHASES OF  
ACCREDITATION**

**1**

**SELF-ASSESSMENT**

**2**

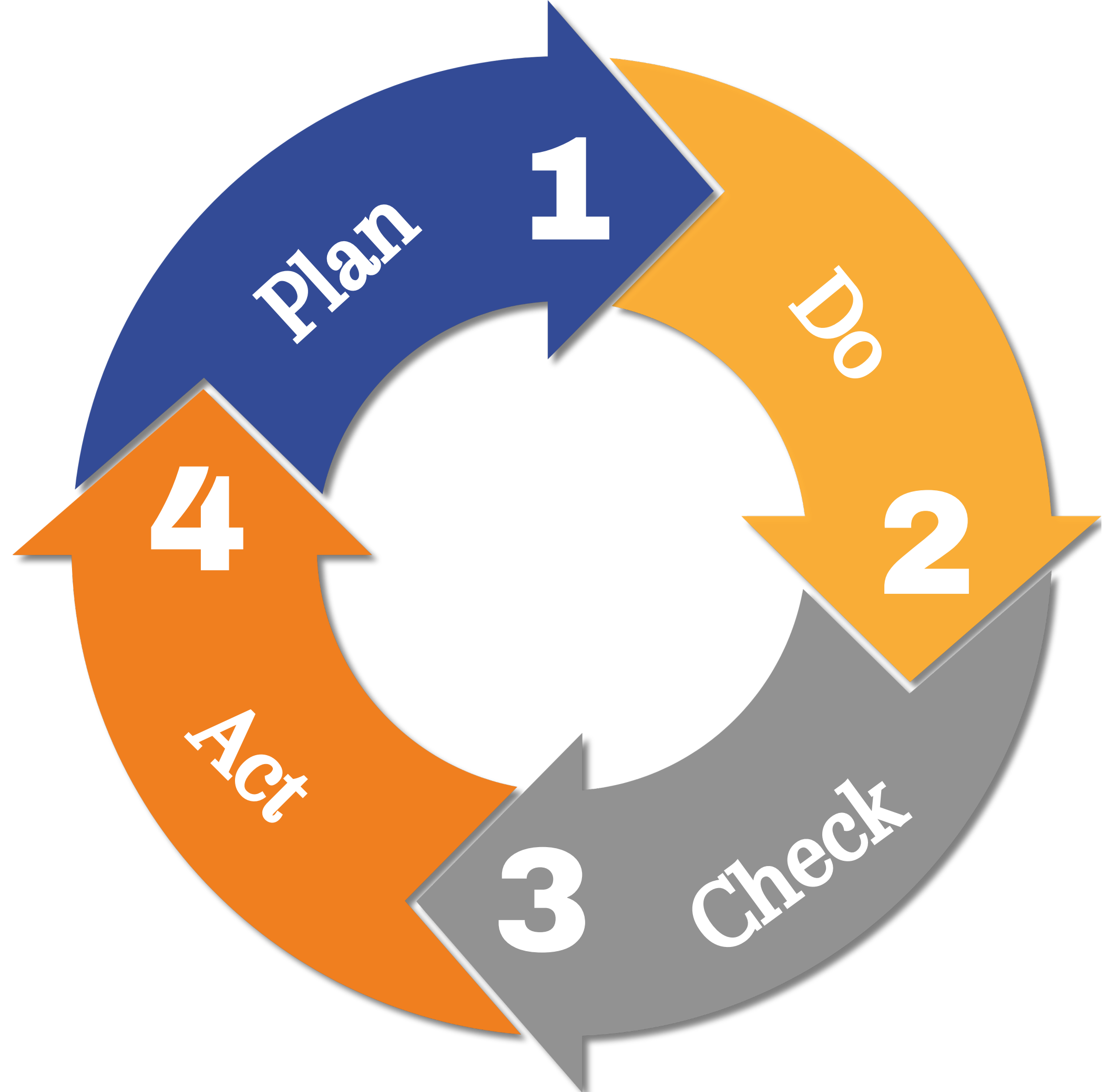
**EXTERNAL EXPERTISE**

desk-review, site-visit, production of  
expert panel report

**3**

**DECISION MAKING  
AND FOLLOW-UP**

# EQA PRINCIPLE



# **INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION CRITERIA**

**Standards are developed  
with the PDCA logic**

## **➤ 3 CRUTUAL DIMENSIOAN**

- **Credible award of qualifications**
  1. Academic programmes
  2. Faculty and staff
  3. Infrastructure and Resources

- **Ensure that achieved learning outcomes are aligned with the needs of employers**
- **The academic programmes, teaching staff, facilities, technical resources ensure achievement of up-to date practical skills, and preparation of graduates in accordance with the requirements of the NQF and employers**

# INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

**Standards are developed  
with the PDCA logic**

## ➤ **3 CRUTUAL DIMENSIOAN**

- **Outcome oriented  
governance**

1. Mission and Purpose
2. Governance and Administration
3. Internal Quality Assurance System

- **Data-driven decision-making**
- **Management system supports  
the quality assurance system  
and its development**

# INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

**Standards are developed  
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## ➤ **3 CRUTUAL DIMENSIOAN**

- **Future Development**

1. Students
2. Research and Development
3. Societal responsibility
4. External relations and Internationalization

- **Analytical skills among students**
- **International activities**
- **Cooperation with employers**

# PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMME DESIGN AND APPROVAL

Teaching staff

Teaching and learning practices

Student assessment

Research and Development

Student assessment

Research and Development

# Policies Supporting Implementation of MCs in RA



**RA Education Development State Programme Until 2030 (Purpose 2.3.3)**

**Development Of Legislative Basis, as well as Licensing and Accreditation Standards and Procedures for Micro-credentials)**



**Law On Education (Article 26 On Supplementary Education)**

**Defines: who can participate, who can provide, how long should be the duration**

# Legal Basis for Supplementary Education Development and Implementation in RA

## Definition of Supplementary Education

The term “Micro-credentials” is not yet defined

The Law on Education considers Supplementary Academic Programmes as it.

## What is Supplementary Education?

Non-formal learning which is provided through a supplementary AP, duration of which lasts maximum 5 months



# Practices of Supplementary education Providers

## Who can provide Supplementary Education Program

- Supplementary Education may be carried out by any legal or physical entities registered in the **National Teaching Register**

## Supplementary Education Programs providers in Armenia

- **Provided by TLIs**
  - Engineering, Architecture and Construction, Agriculture, Food industry, Pedagogy, Medicine
- **Provided by Alternative provider**
  - Medicine , IT, Accounting, Audit, Languages, Tourism, Service, Catering, Beauty Services

# STATE OF ARTS REGARDING THE MC IN ARMENIA

Topics	REGULATED	No regulation
1. Inclusion into NQF / Levels / Learning Outcomes	A national requirement for TLLs to design the program taking into account the level descriptors of the NQF.	No regulation for alternatives
2. Design	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to the Law on Education TLLs or alternative providers aiming at providing SE, should first be register the <u>SE programme</u> in the <b>National Teaching Register</b>.</li> <li>2. A regulation on the design and implementation of the Supplementary Education is defined and approved by RA Government</li> </ol>	
3. Assessment	A regulation on the SE programs' implementation, recognition and assessment of <u>LOs'</u> achievement	No regulation for alternatives
4. Recognition of prior learning		V
5. Workload	A national requirement to apply ECTS Users' Guide	No regulation for alternatives
6. Quality		V
7. Supplement to MCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate and a supplement is provided in case of successful completion.</li> <li>• Certificate and supplement are registered in National Teaching Register and validated by MOESCS</li> </ul>	



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