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Quality Assurance

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Standardisation / Assessment / Direct Claim Status/Whistleblowing/Appeals

The MERCURIUS POLITICUS Awards Quality team works with our Centres to develop their internal quality assurance systems to ensure compliance with both MERCURIUS POLITICUS Awards and Ofqual conditions. All MERCURIUS POLITICUS Awards policies and procedures, including guidance on quality assurance, are within the Centre Handbook in the Resource Bank.

MERCURIUS POLITICUS Awards quality assurance processes can be split into three categories:

1. How we expect centres to quality assure – Internal quality assurance carried out by recognised centres
2. How we quality assure centres – External quality assurance of recognised centres
3. How we quality assure ourselves – Internal standardisation and self assessment of MERCURIUS POLITICUS Awards

NB Our Access to HE provision is moderated by a separate quality assurance system and full details are explained in the [Quality Assurance](#) Section.

All recognised centres must carry out Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) to ensure that standards are maintained and to enable us to comply with the regulations from our regulator Ofqual.

Centres must ensure that their internal quality assurance processes are documented, evidenced and that all staff are aware of their responsibilities. IQA activity must include:

- Internal verification
- Standardisation of assessment practice
- Review of selection, recruitment, training and updating of staff
- Review of any Complaints and Appeals from learners/users
- Support of any reasonable monitoring or investigation activity

We carry out external quality assurance of centres primarily through External Verification of completed, assessed and internally verified learner work and Quality Review of centre's compliance with their centre recognition and centre agreement on a periodic basis (informed by our risk assessment of our centres).