

## Quality Assurance Committee Digest

This digest provides a short summary of the outcome of the meeting of the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) held on 18 February 2026. Staff can access the full agendas and papers on the [University website](#).

### Work-Based Learning Policy

The QAC, for its part, **approved** the Work-Based Learning Policy.

### Postgraduate Taught Policy Review TFG

The Committee **discussed** the following policies under review by the PGT Policy Review TFG: (i) [Code of Practice on Assessment \(Postgraduate Taught\)](#); and (ii) [Code of Practice on Student Discipline \(Academic\)](#).

### Omnibus Resolution 2026/27

The Committee **approved**, for its part, the Omnibus Resolution 2026/27 for onward consideration by the Senate and the Court.

### Articulation Pathways 2027/28

The Committee **approved** the [Articulation Pathways for 2027/28](#).

### Update on Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER)

The Committee **received** an update on the recent Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review, noting the review took place from Monday 2 to Thursday 5 February 2026. Thanks were expressed specifically to Emma Tough for her role in the organisation of and preparation for the review; and to the staff and students who participated in the process. The Committee noted that the focus of the meetings was varied with discussions around student voice, assessment and feedback, approaches to data across the University, TNE and partnership, staff training and development, pastoral support. An initial outcome letter is due on 19 February, with a draft final report issued by 19 March.

### Student Casework Updates

The Committee **discussed** the student casework updates for 2024/25 in respect of:

- [Academic Appeals and Complaints Handling](#); and
- [Academic Discipline](#).

### School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition (Non-Healthcare) Internal Teaching Review Report

The Committee **approved** the [School of MMSN \(Non-Healthcare\) Internal Teaching Review Report](#). The Committee agreed that areas of good practice that were raised in the report should be shared and disseminated more broadly across the University. The report contains the specific detail, however, in summary, the following areas of good practice were identified by the Committee:

- The collegiate approach taken by the School for both staff and students, despite its size and scale;
- The practical teaching offered as well as authentic assessments (which were welcomed by students);
- Cultural sensitivity and standards were judged to be well balanced across the programmes.
- The range of employability and placement opportunities is excellent; and
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is well represented across the programmes.

### Quality and Planning SharePoint Site

The Committee **approved**, by routine approval, the proposals in relation to the [Quality and Planning SharePoint site](#).

### Deadlines for the Return of Results 2026/27

The Committee **approved**, by routine approval, the [Deadlines for the Return of Results 2026/27](#).

### Deadlines for the Refusal of Class Certificates 2026/27

The Committee **approved**, by routine approval, the [Deadlines for the Refusal of Class Certificates 2026/27](#).

### Creation of a Graduation Gown for the Degree of Doctor of Counselling (DCouns)

The Committee **approved**, by routine approval, the Creation of a Graduation Gown for the Degree of Doctor of Counselling (DCouns).

#### **Students' Progress Committee (SPC)**

The Committee **noted** the following matters in respect of the Students' Progress Committee:

- (i) [Minute of the Meeting in January 2026](#); and
- (ii) [Summary Data of the SPC Progression Exercise 2025](#).

#### **Matters Approved by Circulation and Convenor's Action**

The Committee **noted** the following matters previously approved by circulation or Convenor's Action:

- (i) Deadlines for the Return of Results 2025/26: the Convenor and Vice-Principal (Education) approved an amendment to the UG deadline for the return of results in January 2025. The previous deadline was 23 January, and the revised (approved) deadline is 30 January, as a result of the delay caused by the weather conditions at the start of January.
- (ii) [Psychology Assessments Rescaling](#).

#### **Institutional Liaison Meeting Guidance**

The QAC **noted** the updated [Institutional Liaison Meeting Guidance](#) from QAA Scotland.

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