

## ΦΟΡΕΑΣ ΔΙΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΙΣΤΟΠΟΙΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΟΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΗΣ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΎΣΗΣ THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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To Director Ledra College

SUBJECT: Preliminary review regarding the programme of study "LLB Law" which is going to be offered by Ledra College, via the franchise method, in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK.

Based on the Law [N. 136 (I) / 2015 to 35 (I) 2019], I have instructions to inform you of the findings of the **preliminary review**, carried out by CYQAA, for the program of study "**LLB Law**" of the institution "University of Sunderland, UK" which will be offered via the franchise method by your institution.

In your letter of reply, you should include, in accordance with the above-mentioned Law, all the information that the Agency has identified as deficient and/or missing in the preliminary review.

It is expected that your response will be structured, and you will reply with specific references to documentation (annexes and pages) in accordance to the Agency's Law.

## During the preliminary review we have observed the following:

1. Under Part A, in paragraph 4.2, you refer to your collaborative partnerships, and in particular to the Collaborative Provision Agreement between your institution and the University of Sunderland. As evidence of the above partnership, you cite Doc. 4 which you include. You also refer to Annexes (Annex 1 and Annex 2) supporting Doc. 4 which you do not include in the order you make reference to. Instead, you submit Doc. 11 (which you name "Annex 2: Quality Annex") to support the division of responsibility between your institution and the University of Sunderland, as you present it in paragraph 4.5, under Part A. Please, do submit Annex 1 which is missing, as well as Annex 2 once more and in the right order, as part of your documentation for paragraph 4.2.





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- Under Part A, in paragraph 4.2, in referring to models of collaborative provision, you cite **Doc.** which you include. You also refer to Annexes (**Annex 3 and Annex 4**) supporting Doc. 5, which you do not include. Please, do submit Annexes 3 and 4 as part of your documentation.
- 3. Under Part A, in paragraph 4.5 you refer to the higher education qualification issued in the Republic, as conferring the same rights as those applicable in the territory of the member state of origin of the higher education qualification. While you provide a sample of the above mentioned qualification as documentation (**Doc. 10**), you do not cite it in the body of your application. Please, do submit again page 9 of your application, making reference to Doc. 10 in the corresponding paragraph.
- 4. Under Part B, in **paragraph (b)**, you are asked to provide *complete evidence for the academic facilities and services to be offered by the educational institute, as well as those offered by the educational institute whose degree title will be awarded.* While you provide information and the relevant website links directing to the University of Sunderland campuses, you do not do so for your campus. Please, do provide description and website link(s) of your premises.
- 5. Under Part B, in paragraph (c), you are asked to provide complete evidence of the criteria for admission, evaluation and graduation implemented by your institution. On Doc. 18 (programme specification), which you provide as evidence of the above, under Programme Title you list both of the LLB concentrations offered by the University of Sunderland, namely the LLB (360 ECTS) and the LLB with placement year (480 ECTS). Please, do list, on Doc. 18 under programme title, only the particular programme which is offered by your institution via the franchise method, and make the appropriate correction on the same document, under name of final award (page 219 of your application).
- 6. Under Part B, in paragraph (d) you provide a nominal list of the teaching staff of your institution (TABLE A). In the corresponding Appendix 1 (500.1.04), where you provide the CVs of the teaching staff, there is a mismatch between information you provide for your teaching staff on Table A and what is shown on their CVs. For example, on Table A, the second person you list appears to be at the rank of Lecturer, whereas on her CV as an Associate Lecturer. Furthermore, on Table A, you list the third person of the teaching staff as a PhD holder, whereas on his CV this person appears as a PhD candidate. Lastly, the CV of the fourth person you list on Table A is incomplete. Please, do make the appropriate corrections so that your nominal list of the teaching staff matches the corresponding Appendix 1 of the teaching staff's CVs.
- 7. Under Part B, in **paragraph (d)** you provide a nominal list of the teaching staff of your institution **(TABLE A).** On your list, only one out of the four members of the teaching staff appears to be employed full time, who is at the rank of Professor. The other three members of the teaching staff are employed part time, and they are at the rank of Lecturer. The Agency would like to highlight that recruiting qualified staff and affording them full-time status is a





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prerequisite for running successful programmes of study. Please, do submit more information on this matter.

8. Under Part C, you are asked to complete **TABLE C**, indicating the distribution of the courses per semester per academic year. Similarly, under Part C, you are asked to complete **TABLE D**, indicating the weekly timetable each course will be delivered each semester per academic year. In both Tables C and D the information provided is not numbered correctly. Please, do provide again the information requested, so that it is clear which course is offered in which semester.

I remain at your disposal for any inquiries.

(Loucia D. Constantinou, PhD)

On Behalf of the President of The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education