QQI FET/FETAC (Further Education and Training Awards Council) Policy

General

SETU welcomes applications from applicants who are presenting QQI FET/FETAC Level 5 or Level 6 awards. This scheme provides for the scoring of applicants presenting QQI FET/FETAC (NCVA) examination results.

A full QQI FET/FETAC award normally contains eight modules. Where a full award is accumulated over more than one academic year, it is the responsibility of the applicant to apply to QQI FET/FETAC for a full award. A Component Certificate/Record of Achievement does not meet these minimum entry standards. An applicant's QQI FET/FETAC score can be achieved over multiple sittings i.e. over more than one certification year, between 1 August and 31st July.

Closing Dates and Restrictions

QQI FET/FETAC applicants must apply through the Central Applications Office, Galway, see www.cao.ie for details including list of restricted courses.

Application Process

- Applicants must apply through the CAO system.
- Application can be made online at http://www.cao.ie
- Applicants must ensure to enter their PPS number on page one of the CAO application form.
- Please ensure to tick number 2 (FETAC category) on the Qualifications & Assessment Summary section of the CAO on-line application facility.
- Applicants must have obtained a full QQI FET/FETAC award.
- Progression is on the basis of achieving a Level 5 or 6 major award, with a minimum credit value of 120. A Component Certificate/Record of Achievement is not sufficient.
- The best 8 modules are used for ranking and rating purposes.
- Applicants presenting full QQI FET/FETAC Level 5 or Level 6 awards will not be required to meet minimum entry requirements based on Leaving Certificate results. The QQI FET/FETAC award is accepted in its own right. See section titled Minimum Entry Requirements below for QQI FET/FETAC entry requirements.

Minimum Entry Requirements

The following minimum entry requirements will apply to graduates of QQI FET/FETAC Level 5 seeking admission to courses at SETU:

- **Level 6 Higher Cert**: Minimum entry: QQI FET/FETAC Level 5 or Level 6 award.
- **Level 7 Degree**: Minimum entry: QQI FET/FETAC Level 5 or Level 6 award.
- **Level 8 Honours Degree**: Minimum entry: QQI FET/FETAC Level 5 or Level 6 award including a distinction grade in at least three modules
- Some courses might also require a portfolio to be submitted also
- Eligibility criteria for the SETU offering in 2024 can be viewed on CAO QQI Eligibility Criteria

SETU recommends that students research the mathematical content of third level programmes prior to undertaking a QQI FET/FETAC course.

QQI FET/FETAC Candidates for Nursing Programmes
QQI FET/FETAC applicants for Nursing programmes – there is a quota of offers reserved for applicants applying to Nursing programmes presenting specific QQI FET/FETAC awards. The table below sets out the number of "QQI FET/FETAC" offers SETU will make in Round Zero and the entry requirements for the SETU nursing Programmes.

PROGRAMME	TOTAL	QUOTA FOR QQI FET/FETAC INTAKE	ESSENTIAL MAJOR AWARDS	ESSENTIAL COMPONENT AWARDS
SE915 – General	75	12 offers	DCHSN/ 5M4349 DCHCC/ 5M4468 DHSXX/ 5M4339	Distinctions in **5 modules** including: D20001 or 5N0749 D20012 or 5N4325 D20032 or 5N1279 or C20006 or 5N2746
SE914 - Psychiatric	50	8 offers	DCHSN/ 5M4349 DCHCC/ 5M4468 DHSXX/ 5M4339	Distinctions in **5 modules** including: D20001 or 5N0749 D20012 or 5N4325 D20032 or 5N1279 or C20006 or 5N2746
SE916 – Intel. Disability	25	8 offers	DCHSN/ 5M4349 DCHCC/ 5M4468 DHSXX/ 5M4339	Distinctions in **5 modules** including: D20001 or 5N0749 D20012 or 5N4325 D20032 or 5N1279 or C20006 or 5N2746

An applicant's QQI FET/FETAC score for the Nursing Programmes must be achieved over a single sitting i.e. one certification year, between 1st August and 31st July. Please consult the latest edition of "Nursing/Midwifery a Career for You" on www.nursingboard.ie for additional information on Nursing Studies. Whilst QQI FET/FETAC applicants may meet the requirements outlined above and be eligible for a nursing degree programme, due to the small number of places available, a random selection system is operated by the CAO.

QQI FET/FETAC Scoring
This scoring scheme only applies where all the requirements for the major award are met, i.e. when the named component awards specified have been achieved to a minimum of 120 credits.
Each component is scored as follows:
Each component is given a score based on the credit value of the component and the weighting of the grade achieved:
1. Most component awards have a credit value of 15 (the possible component credit values are 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30).
2. The following weightings will apply to the grades achieved:
    Distinction=3, Merit=2, Pass=1.

To calculate a component score:
1. List the components in order of achievement (D/M/P). Allow 120 credits worth of achievement.
2. Multiply the credit value of the component by the weighting for the grade achieved (3/2/1).
3. Add all of the component scores up to a cumulative credit value of 120. When adding up these scores begin with distinctions, then merits, then passes.
4. Multiply the total by 13 and divide by 12 to give the overall score (maximum 390).

QQI FET/FETAC forward all relevant results achieved by applicants to the CAO. Results received in mid-July are considered for Rounds Zero and One. Results returned to QQI FET/FETAC by QQI FET/FETAC providers

later than mid-July will be included for Round Two at the earliest. Round Two offers are subject to the availability of places.

This scoring system replaces that of the original higher education links scheme and that of the 'pilot' scheme, and applies to all results achieved from 2013.

To view the list of QQI FET/FETAC awards, see https://qsearch.qqi.ie/WebPart/Search?searchtype=awards

QQI FET/FETAC results cannot be added to Leaving Certificate points. Where applicants have taken both exams, the higher points will be considered for rating purposes.