



Towards the Lebanese Quality Assurance Agency

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From a Student's Perspective

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- What are the benefits of a Quality Assurance Agency for students in Lebanon?
- Why is it crucial to include students as members of the QAA?



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Benefits of a QA Agency for Students -1-



In addition to the higher quality of education, a QAA will:

- Facilitate the recognition of degrees in Lebanon and abroad
- Improve the evaluation and the comparability of the learning outcomes
- Ensure adequate academic staff qualifications & expertise
- Increase institutional transparency



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Benefits of a QA Agency for Students -2-



- Allow students to make informed decisions concerning where to study
- Protect students from low quality providers, and from non-recognized degrees by the end of the study period
- Promote student mobility between universities in Lebanon
- Ensure a fair access to the job market

We want to avoid that



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Why Include Students in the QAA -1-



- Increase their interest, responsibility and awareness about QA issues
- Promote a democratic learning environment based on participation in decision making
- Help identify real needs and problems encountered
- Students' feedback ensures relevant reforms



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Why Include Students in the QAA -2-



Students play many roles:

- They form a major stakeholder group in terms of time and money invested
- They are information providers (feedbacks, surveys, reports...)
- They are experts about student affairs
- They can be partners in planning and implementing the reforms

Concluding Points

- Students must not be merely considered as statistical and numerical sources; their needs and problems must be evaluated and taken into consideration.
- Furthermore, institutional quality to serve students and not student quality to serve institution; an institution should not only accept the brightest students and then brag about its own quality.



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Thank you for your attention!

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