The RQF Explained

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The RQF Process

Institutions
- Identify eligible staff based on eligibility criteria
- Nominate Research Groups and researchers put forward for inclusion
- Collect evidence for the RQF in an on-site repository that allows assessor access via the RQF Information Management System (to be developed)

Research Groups
- Defined under a common 4-digit RFCD code or mix of codes for cross-discipline groups
- Consist of allied researchers nominated for assessment

Evidence Portfolios
As per panel-specific Guidelines:
- Context Statement
- 4 “best” Research Outputs per researcher
- Full list of Research Outputs (body of work)
- Statements of impact/quality that can be verified by qualified end users of research
- Other discipline specific measures

Assessment Panels
- Consist of 12 reviewers of international standing, including a minimum of three internationals and three end users
- Panel Chairs have the power to exercise appropriate discretion in the operation of Panels to best suit (cross-)disciplinary areas
- Panel Chairs will coordinate the development of panel-specific input to Guidelines
- Determine Research quality and impact scores based on the submitted evidence

RQF Moderation Panel

Reporting
Parties to the RQF

Higher Education Institutions

Evidence Portfolios

Reporting

Research Quality Framework

- The Minister
- Reference Committee
- Assessment Panels
- Moderation Panel
- Specialist Assessors

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Parties to the RQF (e.g.)

**HIGHER ED. INSTITUTION**
- Faculties/Schools etc.
  - Departmental Research Units/Groups
  - Individual Researchers
- Research Administration Unit
- Information Services/Library

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Evidence Portfolios

Reporting
Data for the RQF

- Expression of Interest to Submit (EIR) Research Groups
- Institutional Submission
  - Total number of eligible staff
  - List of participating research groups
- Research Group Evidence Portfolios
  - Context Statement
  - List of 4 ‘best’ Research Outputs per researcher
  - Full list of Research Outputs (whole body of work)
  - Statements of impact
- Evidence (on demand from a repository)
- Reporting of results of assessment
- Confirmations of receipt of all of the above
RQF (Info. Systems View)

CAMPUS-WIDE INFO. SYSTEMS
- FACULTY/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS
- RESEARCH UNITS/GROUPS
- INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS
- INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH MAN. SYSTEM
- INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

Evidence Portfolios

RQF INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- RQF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- ASSESSMENT PANELS
- MODERATION PANEL

Reporting
RQF (Information Flows-2)
RQF (Information Flows-3)
Institutional Repository Support Network

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