

Mr Joseph McHugh, T.D.  
Minister for Education and Skills  
Marlborough St,  
Dublin 2

6 May 2020

**Re: Response by MTU consortium to conditions required in relation to application for designation as a technological university**

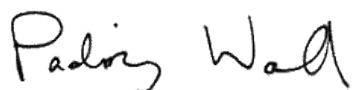
Dear Minister,

I refer to your letter of 3 April last in which you asked Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) to submit to you any issue of relevance within the response of the consortium to the conditions set out in your letter of 30 September 2019 (notably condition 5.1) such as would inform the decision making process on technological university designation under the 2018 Technological Universities Act.

In your letter you indicated the importance of there being as much synchronisation as possible in relation to the relevant modalities for conveying views on the response document between the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and QQI.

I would like to inform you that senior members of the QQI and HEA Executives met recently to discuss the above matter. QQI is satisfied that its views have been satisfactorily incorporated within the memorandum prepared by the HEA Executive for consideration by the HEA Authority that led to the statement in the Authority's letter to you of 5 May that the HEA Executive has ascertained, through documentation and dialogue, evidence of recent progress sufficient to confirm that the conditions have been met for designation of MTU as a Technological University and that this conclusion has been endorsed by the HEA Authority.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Padraig Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Padraig Walsh  
Chief Executive  
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)