

To whom it may concern,

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) was established under the Higher Education Authority Act 1971. The HEA is the statutory planning and policy development body for higher education and research in Ireland and is also the funding authority for the universities, institutes of technology and a number of designated higher education institutions.

The Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006 are the primary pieces of legislation governing Institutes of Technology in Ireland. Following the enactment of the Institutes of Technology Act, 2006, responsibility for recurrent grant funding for the institutes of technology was transferred to the HEA in February 2007.

Athlone Institute of Technology was established in 1970 and is a state funded higher education institute. The Institute has delegated authority to develop, design, and validate its own courses, to conduct examinations, and to confer its own academic awards up to and including Level 9 and Level 10 (in Polymer, Microbiology and Toxicology) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

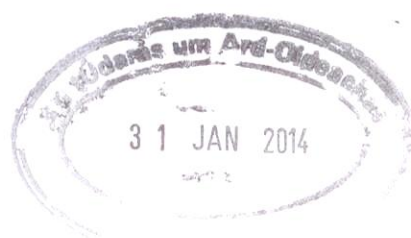
Professor Ciarán Ó Catháin is the President of Athlone Institute of Technology and is the Chief Officer of the Institute.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Boland

Chief Executive



HEA

高等教育署

致相关人员：

高等教育署(HEA)依照高等教育机构法案 1971 建立。HEA 是爱尔兰高等教育与研究的相关法规政策的制定单位，同时也是众多大学、理工学院以及一些特定高等教育机构的出资人。

理工学院 1992 至 2006 法案是爱尔兰境内监管理工学院的基础法律条文。自从理工学院法案 2006 正式实施后，对理工学院的资金发放审核于 2007 年 2 月份被转移到 HEA 进行。

阿斯隆理工学院作为一所国家公立学院于 1970 年成立。学院有权全权代表相关审核机关来开发、设计以及审核学院运行的所有课程；有权进行考试考核并且按照国家资质框架（NFQ）颁发最高至 9 级以及某些 10 级专业（包括聚合物、微生物学以及毒理学）的相应学术证明文件。

Ciarán Ó Catháin 教授是阿斯隆理工学院的院长并且是学院的首席官员。

真诚地，

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首席执行官

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