

Differential Validation Report Form

Report of the Review Panel

Reference AQAE046 *Procedure for Approving and Implementing Changes to Programmes* and AQAE047 *Procedure for Approving and Implementing Changes to Modules*. Used for Major Changes to Programme(s) (Type A).

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| Programme Reference Number: | M149 |
| Faculty/School(s): | Faculty of Business |
| Department(s): | Department of Tourism and Sport |

Details of Programme(s) Reviewed (include embedded awards):

| Title: | Award | NFQ Level: | ECTS: | Duration | Delivery Mode: |
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| BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management | Major | 8 | 180 | 3 Stages | Full-Time |
| BA in Tourism and Hospitality Operations | Major | 7 | 180 | 3 Stages | Full-Time |
| BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management Practice | Major | 8 | 240 | 4 Stages | Full-Time |

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| Date of Review: | 29 May 2025 |
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Review Panel

| Panellist Role | Title | Name | Organisation | Job Title |
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| Chair | Dr | Seamus Lennon | ATU | HoS of Business |
| External Expert | Mr | Paul Diver | Sandhouse Hotel | General Manager |
| Head of Department | Ms | Celine Curtin | ATU | HoD of Creative Arts & Media |
| VPAAR/Secretary | Dr | Simon Stephens | ATU | Assistant Registrar |

Programme Board

Patrick Brennan, Conor McTiernan, Ciara Quinlan, Dorothy Bird, Patrice Duffy, Ciara Quinlan, Eloise McGinty, Alison Cannon, Dee McNamara, Nicola Dunnion and Helena Quinn

Summary of Proposed Modifications

Professional

Business

Communication

Assessment for module is 100% CA. This remains unchanged. Incorporation of a different assessment type to replace one of existing assessments. Changing the % breakdown of each assessment type.

Events

Management

This module is moved from semester 4 (year 2) to semester 2 (year 1). It is therefore moving from a NFQ level 7 to NFQ Level 6. This module will be a more appropriate fit at this level, minor amends to MLO's made to reflect change in level.

Food

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Beverage

Cost

Control

This module is moved from semester 4 (year 2) to semester 2 (year 1). It is therefore moving from a NFQ level 7 to NFQ Level 6. This module will be a more appropriate fit at this level, no changes required.

Rooms

Division

Management

The repositioning of this module from semester 2 (year 1) to Semester 4 (year 2). Moving from a NFQ level 6 to NFQ Level 7. Assessment for this module to be changed from 100 % CA to 40 % CA and 60 % final exam.

Culinary

Skill

It is proposed to move it from Sem 4 to Sem 3 – same stage different semester

Staff

Training

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Development

It is proposed to move it from Sem 4 to Sem 3 – same stage different semester

Financial

Accounting

for

Hospitality

It is proposed to move it from Sem 3 to Sem 4 – same stage different semester

Rationale for Modifications

Professional

Business

Communication

Ensures a more comprehensive evaluation of students' abilities.

Events

Management

This would enable our learners to be introduced to the fast-growing event industry earlier in the programme.

Food

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Beverage

Cost

Control

Students will benefit from positioning this module in year one of the programme as it will provide an understanding of the importance of managing and optimising the financial aspects of hospitality operations.

Rooms

Division

Management

This decision was informed by both pedagogical considerations and a need to create a more coherent progression toward the final year Strategic Revenue Management module. Assessment breakdown change is to ensure a balanced evaluation of the modules learning outcomes while also promoting academic integrity.

Culinary

Skill

This proposed change will allow Sem 4 to contain more academic modules, in preparation for Year 3.

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Training

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Development

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Findings

Overall Finding

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| Approved without changes | YES |
| Approved subject to condition(s) and/or recommendation(s) | |
| Rejected | |

Reason for Overall Finding

An excellent presentation and Q&A with the panel. Evidence of extensive discussion at programme board level and engagement with external experts as part of change process. The proposed changes to modules/content are appropriate and align with the PLOs.

Recommendations

N/A

Report Approval



Seamus Lennon

Differential Validation Panel Chair

29/05/2025