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Recipients	United Kingdom higher education institutions, further education colleges and other higher education providers; organisations with an interest in enterprise and entrepreneurship; higher education funding councils; representative bodies; the National Union of Students
Of interest to	Staff involved in learning and teaching, academic support, quality assurance, and enterprise; students and student representatives
Related documents	<a href="#">Guidance on enterprise and entrepreneurship education</a>
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Dear colleague

I am writing to alert you to the publication of new guidance for UK higher education providers on enterprise and entrepreneurship education.

The guidance has been prepared by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), working with an external advisory group composed of representatives from higher education providers and sector organisations with an interest in enterprise and entrepreneurship education.

QAA facilitated a sector-wide consultation on a draft version of the guidance during February - April 2012. We are very grateful for the responses we received to the consultation, which have helped to inform the publication of the final version.

The new guidance offers a framework for higher education providers working with students to foster their skills in enterprise and entrepreneurship. It covers the initial stages of developing an awareness of enterprise, through to developing an entrepreneurial mindset, capability and overall effectiveness. It includes advice on delivery aspects in addition to graduate outcomes.

The guidance is intended to be of practical help to all those working with students in this context, whether as a formal part of academic programmes or via careers services or specialist service centres. The guidance does not form part of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education but is complementary to it.

We would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to staff in relevant departments within your institution or organisation.

The new guidance is available on QAA's website at:

[www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/enterprise-entrepreneurship-guidance.aspx](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/enterprise-entrepreneurship-guidance.aspx).

If you would like further information relating to the guidance or the process followed in its development, please contact Dr Laura Bellingham (01452 557015).

Yours sincerely



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