

# Validation Report



**BN711**

**Certificate in ACCA Fundamental Skills Level  
(F4 - F9)**

## Introduction

The Institute of Technology Blanchardstown was established in 1999. The mission of the Institute is to serve its students and the community by meeting the skills needs in the economy and increasing the level of participation in third-level education and training, particularly in Dublin North-West and its environs.

The Institute has developed an active adult continuing education programme to provide education and training that is relevant and responsive to economic and social needs both locally and nationally and is committed to both lifelong learning and second-chance education.

The Institute in 2006 was awarded delegated authority enabling the development, validation, implementation and continuous improvement of its existing taught higher education and training programmes up to and including level 9 of the National Framework of Qualifications.

It is Institute policy to validate all academic programmes offered by the Institute, and in so doing, indicate award and programme title, academic level by relating them to the National Framework of Qualifications and volume of learning by allocating ECTS<sup>I</sup> credits to the programme.

The purpose of this document is to report on the findings of the peer review panel established to validate this proposed programme against the criteria for the validation of programmes as stipulated in the Institute policy document 2MP01<sup>II</sup>.

This submission by the School of Business and Humanities evolved through:

- examining the competence, expertise and experience of it's staff in addition to the strategy of the department/school/Institute and government educational policy
- feedback from prospective students at open evenings and other marketing events

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<sup>I</sup> European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

<sup>II</sup> 2MP01 Design, validation and accreditation of new academic programmes

## Programme overview

ACCA is the world's largest and fastest growing global professional accountancy body. The ACCA – Fundamental Skills Level (F4 – F9) is one module of the Fundamentals level of the ACCA qualification.

This part time programme is designed to provide the accounting knowledge, skills and professional values which will deliver finance professionals who are capable of building successful careers across all sectors, whether they are working in the public or private sectors, practicing in accounting firms, or pursuing a career in business.

## Programme detail

**Programme title** Certificate in ACCA Fundamental Skills Level (F4 - F9)

**Award title** Certificate in ACCA Fundamental Skills Level (F4 - F9)

**Award type** Special purpose

**NFQ<sup>1</sup> level** 6

**ECTS credits** 30

**Programme code** BN711

**Banner code** BN\_BACCA\_Q

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<sup>1</sup> National Framework of Qualifications

## Panel members

<b>Chairperson</b>	Dr. Joseph Ryan Athlone IT
<b>Panel member 1</b>	Dr. Thomas O'Toole Waterford IT
<b>Panel member 2</b>	Dr. Alan Ringland Tralee IT
<b>Panel member 3</b>	Mr. Gary Ryan Athletics Association of Ireland
<b>Panel member 4</b>	Dr. John Gaffney Sligo IT
<b>In attendance</b>	Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan IT Blanchardstown  Mr. Michael Keane IT Blanchardstown
<b>Date of Panel Meeting</b>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2008

## Institute staff present

Mr. Michael Tobin Head of School of Business and Humanities

Mr. Pat O'Connor Head of Department of Business

## Programme information

The academic content of this programme is determined by the ACCA, and the examinations are conducted under the auspices of the ACCA.

Please see

[http://www.accaglobal.com/students/study\\_exams/qualifications/acca\\_choose/acca/fundamentals/](http://www.accaglobal.com/students/study_exams/qualifications/acca_choose/acca/fundamentals/)

for details of programme and entry requirements.

The validation was restricted to recommendation of programme and award title, proposed NFQ level, and proposed ECTS credits.

## Decision of the panel

The panel recommended the validation of the proposed programme namely:

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<b>Award type</b>	Special purpose
<b>NFQ<sup>I</sup> level</b>	6
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<b>Programme code</b>	BN711
<b>Banner code</b>	BN_BACCA_Q

It was noted that the programme and award title, NFQ level and ECTS credits are subject to amendment in the light of any National review.

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<sup>I</sup> National Framework of Qualifications

<sup>II</sup> European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

## Panel signatures

### Chairperson

Dr. Joseph Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary

Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_