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# Webinar 1: Regulators and Online Learning

## Online Education Quality Assurance

9:30-11:00am IST, 19 November 2020

[Microsoft Teams Live Event](#)

### With Expert Presenters:

- **Professor Nick Saunders AO**, Chief Commissioner, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
- **Professor Anil Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe**, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)



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All India Council for Technical Education



# Online Education Quality Assurance

## Webinar Overview

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is Australia's independent national quality assurance and regulatory agency for higher education. In this webinar TEQSA's Chief Commissioner, Professor Nick Saunders will present on the tertiary regulator's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how TEQSA has assisted the Australian higher education sector to adopt best practice online learning.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic TEQSA has collated and developed the [Online learning good practice](#) resources to assist the Australian higher education sector. The resources cover a range of topics related to online learning, from getting started and helping workforces to work online, to student experiences and assessment integrity.

Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Professor Sahasrabudhe, will join the webinar with his experience and expertise of India's online education and the role of the AICTE.

## Expert Presenters

**Professor Nick Saunders AO**, Chief Commissioner, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

**Professor Anil Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe**, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

## Senior Government Education Officials

**Ms Karen Sandercock**, First Assistant Secretary, International Division, Department of Education Skills and Employment, Australian Government

**Ms Neeta Prasad**, Joint Secretary, Higher Education Ministry of Education, Government of India

## Facilitator

**Mr Brett Galt-Smith**, Director South Asia Desk, Canberra and Counsellor (Education and Research) New Delhi, Department of Education, Skills and Employment, Australian Government

## Intended Audience

Regulators, Government Authorities, Higher Education Stakeholders

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# Program

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9:30 – 9:35am IST

[3:00 – 3:05pm AEDT]

**Ms Karen Sandercock**, First Assistant Secretary,  
International Division, Department of Education Skills  
and Employment, Australia

- Introduction
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9:35 – 9:40am IST

[3:05 – 3:10pm AEDT]

**Ms Neeta Prasad**, Joint Secretary, Higher Education  
Ministry of Education, Government of India

- Introduction
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9:40 – 10:05am IST

[3:10 – 3:35pm AEDT]

**Professor Saunders AO**, Chief Commissioner,  
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

- Australia's Higher Education Regulatory Landscape
  - TEQSA's Response to COVID-19
  - Transition to Online Learning – Best Practice Material
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10:05 – 10:20am IST

[3:35 – 3:50pm AEDT]

**Question and Answer** with Professor Saunders

- Facilitated by Mr Brett Galt-Smith, Counsellor Education and Research, New Delhi
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10:20 – 10:45am IST

[3:50 – 4:15pm AEDT]

**Professor Sahasrabudhe**, Professor of Mechanical  
Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT),  
Guwahati, Chairman AICTE

- India's experience with online education quality assurance
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10:45 – 11:00am IST

[4:15 – 4:30pm AEDT]

**Question and Answer** with Professor Sahasrabudhe

- Facilitated by Mr Brett Galt-Smith, Counsellor Education and Research, New Delhi
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11:00am IST

[4:30pm AEDT]

**End of Webinar**

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## About the Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education (MoE), formerly the Ministry of Human Resource Development (1985-2020), is responsible for the implementation and formulation of the National Policy on Education approved by Union cabinet of India and to ensure that it is implemented in letter and spirit. Visit the MoE [website](#) for further details.

## About TEQSA

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is Australia's independent national quality assurance and regulatory agency for higher education.

All organisations that offer higher education qualifications in or from Australia, must be registered by TEQSA. Higher education providers that have not been granted self-accrediting authority (almost all of the non-university providers) must also have their courses of study accredited by TEQSA.

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## About AICTE

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a national-level advisory body established to ensure proper planning and co-ordinated development of a technical education system throughout India, the promotion of qualitative improvements of such education in relation to planned quantitative growth, and regulation & proper maintenance of norms and standards in the technical education system and for the matters connected therewith. Visit the AICTE [website](#) for further details.

## Expert Presenters



Professor Nick Saunders AO, Chief Commissioner, TEQSA, AUSTRALIA



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# Webinar 2: Institutions and Implementation

## Online Education Quality Assurance

9:30-11:00am IST, 20 November 2020

[Microsoft Teams Live Event](#)

### With Expert Presenters:

- **Professor Michael Sankey**, President, Australian Council on Open Distance and e-Learning (ACODE), Professor and Director (Learning Transformations) at Griffith University
- **Professor Andrew Thangaraj**, Coordinator for Online Diploma and Degree Programme, and Electrical Engineering Department IIT Madras



# Online Education Quality Assurance

## Overview

Over the last 20 years distance, and now online learning, has evolved in unexpected and unprecedented ways due to the emergence of a variety of factors. These include but are certainly not limited to the advent of social media, the strengthening of wireless internet, particularly to internet optimised mobile devices, a new wave of learning management systems and the emergence of online productivity tools.

There is now a strong emphasis on the role of standards within the online offering of courses, that has led to institutions being able to mediate the quality of their offerings, providing new levels of consistency and equivalence, which has risen in importance in the wake of the outbreak of COVID-19 globally.

These contemporary ways of looking at online and distance learning means that there is an opportunity to consider new models of teaching that allow for more active, collaborative and authentic forms of student engagement that shift the emphasis away from teaching to learning and preparing student for the future of work. The Australian Council on Open Distance and e-Learning's (ACODE) role, among other things, is to provide institutions with guidance and expertise on these new approaches in the distance and e-learning fields, while advocating and promoting best practise amongst its members.

Professor Andrew Thangaraj, Coordinator for Online Diploma and Degree Programme, Electrical Engineering Department IIT Madras, will join the webinar to reflect on his experience and expertise of online education quality assurance.

## Expert Presenter

**Professor Michael Sankey**, President, Australian Council on Open Distance and e-Learning (ACODE), Professor and Director (Learning Transformations) at Griffith University

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9:30 – 9:40am IST [3:05 – 3:10pm AEDT]	<b>Mr Brett Galt-Smith</b> , Director South Asia Desk, Canberra and Counsellor (Education and Research) New Delhi, Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction</li></ul>
9:40 – 10:05am IST [3:10 – 3:35pm AEDT]	<b>Professor Michael Sankey</b> , President, Australian Council on Open Distance and e-Learning (ACODE), Professor and Director (Learning Transformations) at Griffith University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Online and distance learning quality</li></ul>
10:05 – 10:20am IST [3:35 – 3:50pm AEDT]	<b>Question and Answer with Professor Sankey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Facilitated by Mr Brett Galt-Smith, Counsellor Education and Research, New Delhi</li></ul>
10:20 – 10:45am IST [3:50 – 4:15pm AEDT]	<b>Professor Andrew Thangaraj</b> , Coordinator for Online Diploma and Degree Programme, and Electrical Engineering Department IIT Madras <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ India’s experience with online education</li></ul>
10:45 – 11:00am IST [4:15 – 4:30pm AEDT]	<b>Question and Answer with Professor Thangaraj</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Facilitated by Mr Brett Galt Smith, Counsellor Education and Research, New Delhi</li></ul>
11:00am IST [4:30pm AEDT]	<b>End of Webinar</b>

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## About ACODE and Professor Sankey

The Australasian Council on Open, Distance and e-Learning (ACODE) is the peak Australasian organisation for universities engaged or interested in technology enhanced learning and teaching. ACODE's mission is to enhance policy and practice in Australasian higher education around technology enhanced learning and teaching at institutional, national and international levels.

Professor Sankey is President, Australian Council on Open Distance and e-Learning (ACODE) and, Professor and Director (Learning Transformations) at Griffith University.

More information about ACODE is available via the [website](#).

## About IIT Madras and Professor Thangaraj

Indian Institute of Technology Madras is a public technical and research university located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. As one of the Indian Institutes of Technology, it is recognised as an Institute of National Importance.

Professor Thangaraj is Coordinator for Online Diploma and Degree Programme and a member of the Electrical Engineering Department at IIT Madras.

More information about IIT Madras and Professor Andrew Thangaraj is available via the [website](#).

## Expert Presenters



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