What is the CHEA International Quality Group?

The CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG) is the international arm of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CIQG assists institutions and quality assurance organizations worldwide by further enhancing capacity for academic quality and advancing understanding of quality assurance internationally.

CIQG serves as a forum for colleges and universities, accrediting and quality assurance organizations, higher education associations, governments, businesses, foundations, and individuals to address issues and challenges for quality assurance in an international setting. CIQG was launched by CHEA in September 2012.

Why Is CIQG Important?

Internationalization is a powerful force throughout the academic world. More and more research is now carried out by international teams of academics. Preparation for international engagement is becoming a routine feature of the undergraduate curriculum. At meetings, in webinars and through publications and presentations, CIQG members exchange information and ideas on common interests and concerns including public accountability, student learning outcomes, new modes of educational delivery, international quality expectations, the role of government, academic freedom, non-institutional education, quality standards, rankings, degree mills and more.

What Does CIQG Offer?

CIQG offers a range of products and activities including:

PUBLICATIONS
• International QA in the News, a compendium of recent articles on a range of international accreditation and quality assurance issues
• The CHEA/CIQG Policy Brief series
• In-depth papers from the CHEA/CIQG Publications Series

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS
• Webinars on international quality assurance-related topics
• CIQG special activities such as surveys on key issues for quality assurance internationally

THE CIQG WEBSITE
• Presentations from CIQG meetings
• Links to international reference sources, including the UNESCO Portal on Higher Education Institutions and a glossary of accreditation and quality assurance terms published by the Global University Network for Innovation

DISCOUNTS ON REGISTRATION FOR CIQG EVENTS
CIQG members receive discounts on registration for CHEA meetings including the Annual Conference.
Who Is Eligible to Join the CHEA International Quality Group?

Membership in CIQG is open to:

- Higher education institutions in the United States accredited by U.S. Department of Education- or CHEA-recognized accrediting organizations
- Higher education institutions from other countries in good standing with their national quality assurance bodies
- Higher education accreditation and quality assurance organizations sanctioned by government or other competent authorities
- Higher education associations
- Government agencies
- Businesses and corporations
- Foundations

Are Current CHEA Institutional Members Part of the Quality Group?

Yes. All CHEA member institutions are automatically members of CIQG. CIQG membership is a benefit of CHEA membership.

How Can Other Institutions and Organizations Join the Quality Group?

Go to the CHEA Website (www.chea.org) for additional information, including the cost of membership and an online and printable version of the CIQG membership application.

Where Can I Get More Information on the Quality Group?

For more information on the CHEA International Quality Group, please send your email to info@chea.org or call (202) 955-6126.