



The CHEA “Quality Platform” for Digital Credentials

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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

GOALS

NEW NEEDS:

Higher education innovating to reach larger number of students and promote equity



Challenges for QA to adapt to diversified learning paths and alternative providers



Global QA Model

CHEA Quality Platform



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PLATFORM
PROVIDER

What is the Quality Platform?

- An outcomes-based external review of alternative providers of higher education for their performance and quality
- Can be used nationally or internationally

QUALITY PLATFORM STANDARDS

- Are learning outcomes articulated and achieved?
- Do they meet post-secondary level standards?
- Can credits be transferred?
- Is transparent information available?



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Sent an application to CHEA to be a Quality Platform Pilot (June 2015)

Prepared a Self-Review and sent it to CHEA (September 2015)

A site visit conducted at DeTao using the Self-Review as basis (November 2015)

Site-visit by peer review group



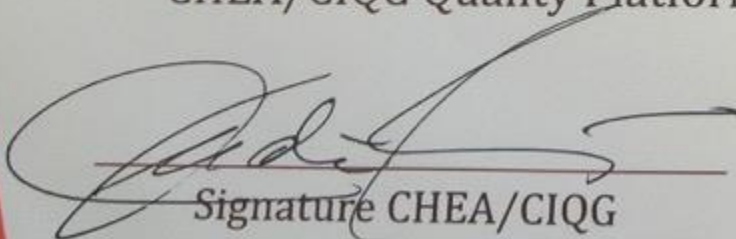
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The Council for Higher Education Accreditation/
International Quality Group Acknowledges that:

*De Tao Masters Academy
Advanced Classes*

Has fully met the required standards to become a
CHEA/CIQG Quality Platform Provider 2016 - 2019


Signature CHEA/CIQG

01/26/2016

Date



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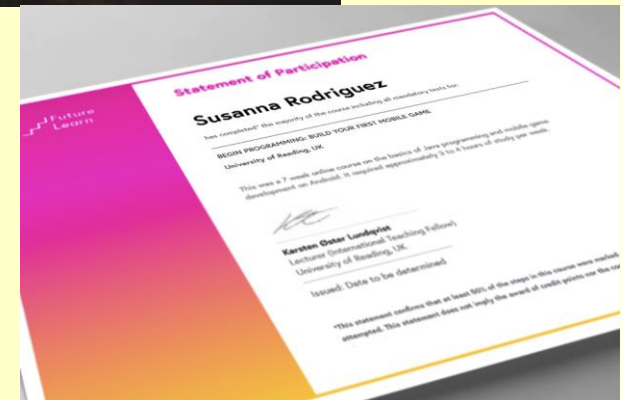
2016, 2019

Making Sense of MOOCs

**A Guide for Policy-Makers
in Developing Countries**



New Credentials



QA: European examples



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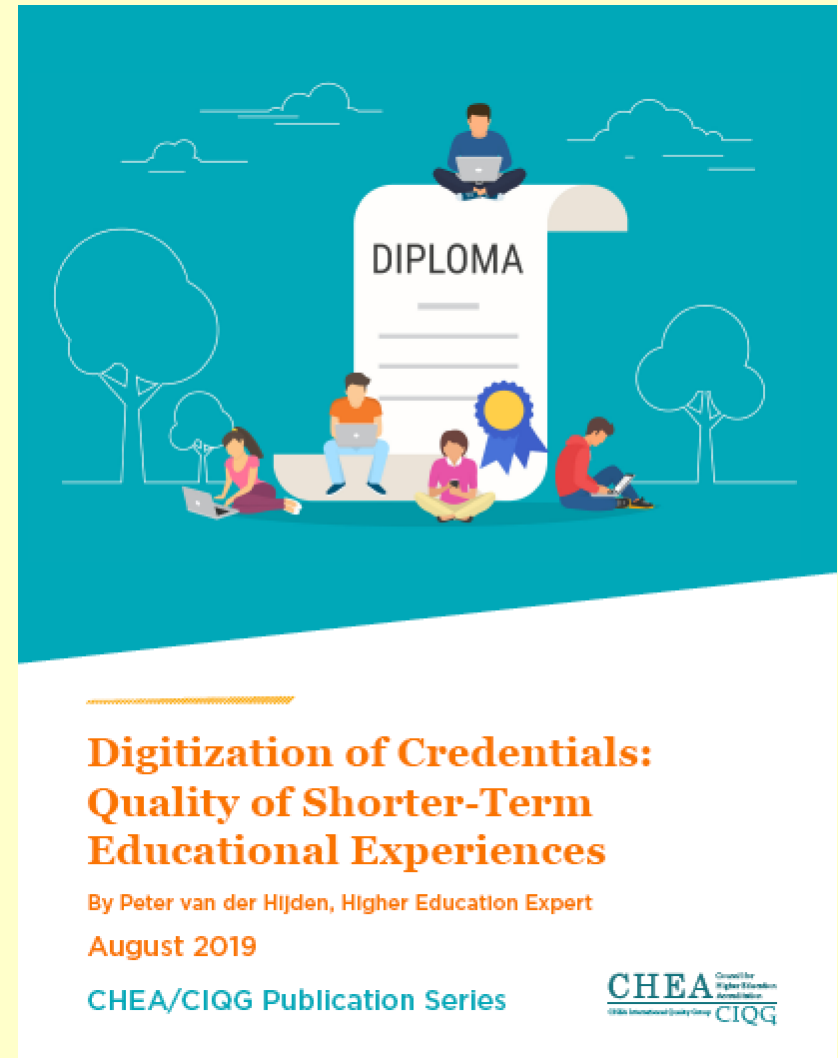


LuminaTM
FOUNDATION

Lumina Quality Credential Task Force framework

Digitization and Quality

Expert Group
with ACCRAO
(Washington, DC,
March 2019)



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HAS QUALITY ASSURANCE BECOME OBSOLETE
IN THE DIGITAL ERA?¹

James Keevy, JET Education Services



**THE QUALITY PLATFORM:
EXTERNAL REVIEW
OF DIGITAL
CREDENTIALS**



The CHEA “Quality Platform” for Digital Credentials



What is the “Quality Platform” for digital credentials?

- An outcomes-based external review of digital credentials to affirm their quality
- May be used nationally or internationally

What is its Purpose?

- Equip students and the public with reliable information about quality digital credentials
- Serve students and the public by assuring and improving the quality of digital credentials

What are the benefits?

- *Students and the Public:* the *Platform* provides **reliable information** about the value of a credential.
- *Governments:* the *Platform* provides **reliable information** about the value of a credential that can be used in determining whether to make government funds available as part of addressing access and affordability.

What are the benefits?

- *Employers:* the *Platform* provides **reliable information about the skills and competencies** of potential employees as this relates to workforce education and strengthening workers skills.
- *Colleges and Universities:* they can rely on the *Platform* when making judgments about whether the credential provides evidence of what students entering the institution know and can do.

What are the benefits?

Quality Assurance and Accrediting

Organizations benefit because they can rely on the *Platform* when reviewing their institutions and programs' work in evaluating and accepting digital credentials.

How does the Quality Platform work for Digital Credentials?

A Panel of Experts to review digital credentials is established. The Panel will include at least an academic, a quality assurance expert, an employer and a person skilled in digital credentialing

Criteria to establish quality:

- The credential includes clear expectations of expected student learning.
- The expectations are at a postsecondary level.
- The credential provides reliable evidence that the student has demonstrated the expected skills and competencies associated with student learning.
- There is reliable evidence of acceptance of the credential by companies for employment and, where applicable, higher education institutions for further study.

Quality Platform Award

- Upon success with the criteria, an award of “Quality Platform for Digital Credentials” status is made.
- The award is for three years, with periodic re-examination to sustain award status.
- Over time, information about the credentials and award status will be available to the public to provide information and comparability.



UNESCO's General Conference adopted the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education (November, 2019)

The Convention
introduces
recognition
of non-traditional
providers



**WE ARE READY TO PLAN A
QUALITY PLATFORM REVIEW
WITH YOU**

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