



## Annual Comparative Study Report Procedure

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**1. REVISION HISTORY AND APPROVAL**

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. The Research and Ethics Committee (REC) plays an important role in monitoring the quality of assessment within PCI College.
- 2.2. The REC is responsible for producing an Annual Comparative Study Report which comparatively analyses the quality of assessment at PCI College, taking into consideration assessment data from both national and international colleges/universities and recent evidenced based research relating to the issues discussed in the report

## 3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. Following the Summer Assessment Boards, the REC Chair requests the grading trends for the previous academic year from PCI College Programmes Office.
- 3.2. List of requested data:
  - 3.2.1. Subject Board Sheets
  - 3.2.2. Awards Board Sheet
  - 3.2.3. External Examiner/External Consultant Feedback
- 3.3. The Chair delegates to the membership an investigation of recent publications and practical solutions on methods of assessment at third level education institutions (where available), both nationally and internationally, e.g. league tables.
- 3.4. Where published national and international data is not available for comparison, our analysis will be assessed against prior data sets of our own institution.
- 3.5. Both sets of data are uploaded to the REC MsTeam for comparative analysis by all REC members
- 3.6. The comparative data is evaluated within the next sitting of the REC.
- 3.7. REC produces a report for the Academic Council that includes:
  - 3.7.1. Comparison of PCI College assessment strategies to parallel external trends
  - 3.7.2. Identification of strengths and limitations of PCI College assessment methods/outcomes
  - 3.7.3. Suggestions for a development plan for PCI College on discussed issues
- 3.8. The Academic Council reviews, approves or provides feedback in relation to the report which initiates action for the REC to proceed, or not, with the recommendations noted therein.
- 3.9. Upon approve from the Academic Council, the recommendations of the Annual Comparative Study Report are actioned through the REC Chair.

## 4. LINKED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Linked Policies	Assessment of Learners Policy
Linked Procedures	Assessment of Learners Procedure