

# Information for Providers

Supported Internship Quality Assurance Framework (SIQAF)

**The revised Supported Internship Quality Framework (SIQAF), funded by the Department for Education, has now been published!**

## SIQAF Self-assessment tool

The SIQAF has been designed as a self-assessment tool, for providers to complete, to support you to determine the quality and success of your SI programme. It is designed to be read and used in conjunction with the Supported Internship Guidance. It will highlight a programme's strengths and should be used as an annual continuous improvement tool.

### Benefits of completing a SIQAF self-assessment:

- Identify areas of your programme that are working well and those that require improvement.
- Develop a SMART action plan for continuous improvement
- Evidence to advertise the quality of your programme to potential interns, parent/carers, and employers.
- Support to evidence the quality of your programme during your Ofsted inspection
- Simple and easy to use self-assessment tool

For providers who are just starting their SI journey, it can be used as a guide for creating a quality supported internship programme.

For more information and to download the SIQAF follow the link [here](#).

## Peer Reviewed Self-assessments

As part of Internships Work programme, we are encouraging providers to take part in a peer review. The peer review would be delivered by two trained peer reviewers (one lead reviewer and another peer reviewer) who will spend 1.5 days with the provider to validate their SIQAF self-assessment scores and support their continuous improvement efforts with recommended actions and good practice examples.

### Benefits of a peer review:

Validate your self-assessment  
Gain advice and guidance on best practice from industry professionals  
Support with developing your action plan  
Develop networks, relationships and collaborate with others

For more information, join us for a lunch and learn session: click [here](#) to book your place.

## A Quality Kitemark (Coming Soon...)

As part of the Internships Work programme a Supported Internship Quality Kitemark is being developed based on your peer reviewed self-assessment. This will evidence the quality of your programme to external parties, aid in recruiting interns and employers.

## Peer Reviewers

As part of the Internships Work programme we will be delivering over 200 peer reviewed self-assessments using this new SIQAF between April 23 and March 25. To deliver these we are looking to recruit peer reviewers.

A peer reviewer will be someone working within Supported Internship. You may be from a School/College, local authority, supported employment service or employer, as long as you are involved with the delivery of Supported Internships.

Peer reviewers provide a practitioner perspective and 'critical friend' challenge. Supported by an experienced Lead Peer Reviewer, peers will spend time with Supported Internship providers and their partner organisations to support improvement and learning.

### **The benefits of becoming a peer reviewer:**

- Learn from other SI provisions outside of your area
- Develop your professional practice as part of your CPD
- Make an active contribution to the sector
- Learn how your programme compares to others in the sector
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the SIQAF
- Build networks, relationships, and collaborate with others
- Share learning and practice through peers, and across the sector

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## Contact

**To ask questions about the SIQAF, to arrange a peer review or to become a peer review, please email: [Lily.Beyer@base-uk.org](mailto:Lily.Beyer@base-uk.org)**

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