



**Education and
Training
Quality
Authority**

BQA is an independent national authority governed and supervised by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bahrain, established in 2008 and was reorganised and renamed in accordance with the Royal Decree No. (83) of 2012 and the Royal Decree No. (74) of 2016 as part of the National Education Reform Project that is based on the vision of the Reform Project of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, in 2002, and a pioneering initiative of the Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

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Chief executive

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Mandate

- Review the quality of the performance of educational and training institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Manage the National Qualifications Framework Operations
- Conduct the National Examinations

Vision

To be an effective partner in driving continual quality enhancement for a world-class education and training sectors in Bahrain.

**BQA
Directorates**

- General Directorate of Educational & Training Institutes Reviews (GDR):
 - Directorates of Higher Educational Reviews (DHR)
 - Directorate of Vocational Reviews (DVR)
 - Directorate of Government Schools Reviews (DGS)
 - Directorate of Private Schools & Kindergartens Reviews (DPS)
- General Directorate of National Qualifications Framework & National Examinations
 - Directorate of Framework Operations
 - Directorate of National Examinations



Staff Total: 104
Female: 71%
Male: 29%

International organized conferences

- 2011: "Quality Education & Training: Towards a Better Future"
- 2013: "Quality Education & Training: Challenges & Opportunities"
- 2015: "Quality Education and Training: Sustainability & Employability"
- 2017: The BQA hosted the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) Conference titled "Between Collaboration & Competitions: The Promises and Challenges for Quality Assurance in Higher Education"
- 2021: "The Future of Quality of Education and Training: Between International Trends & Local Implementation"

Forums 39 forums

Partners & Stake holders

Local

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour and Social Development
- Higher Education Council
- Higher Council of Vocational Training
- Labour Fund (Tamkeen)
- Education and Training Institutions
- EDB
- CSB
- Students and Parents

BQA

membership in the relevant International Organizations

- Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE)
- International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE)
- International Association for Educational Assessment (IAEA)
- Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)



BQA achievement at Glance – Until March 2024

DHR	Institutional Cycle 1 (Sep 2008 - Jan 2011):	14 Reviews
	Institutional Cycle 2 (Oct 2018 – Jan 2020):	11 Reviews
	Programme Reviews Phase I (Jan 2009 - Oct 2011):	30 Reviews
	Programme Reviews Phase II (May 2012 – October 2018):	119 Reviews
	Programme Reviews Phase III (Sep 2020 – ongoing):	101 Reviews
- In addition to Follow-up reviews and Re-reviews		

DVR	Cycle 1 (Sep 2008 - Dec 2011):	83 Reviews
	Cycle 2 (Jan 2012 - Oct 2014):	99 Reviews
	Cycle 3 (April 2015 – April 2019):	96 Reviews
	Cycle 4 (June 2019 – Processing):	42 Reviews
- In addition to Repeat reviews and Monitoring visits		

DGS	Cycle 1 (Oct 2008 - Jan 2011):	202 Government schools reviews
	Cycle 2 (Sep 2011 - Dec 2014):	206 Government schools reviews
	Cycle 3 (April 2015 - April 2019):	207 Government schools reviews
	Cycle 4 (June 2019 – Processing):	128 Government schools reviews
- In addition to Monitoring visits		

DPS	Cycle 1 (Sep 2011 - Dec 2014):	62 Private schools reviews
	Cycle 2 (April 2015 – Apr 2019):	62 Private schools reviews
	Cycle 3 (April 2019 – Sep 2020):	36 Private schools reviews
- In addition to Monitoring visits		

DFO	Listed Institutions:	49 Institutions
	Placed Qualifications:	285 Qualifications
	Aligned Qualification:	78 Qualifications
- In addition to the Re-validation & Archiving reports		



DNE

Grade	Subject	Year															
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	*2020	*2021	*2022	2023	2024
G3	Arabic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*									
	Math	*	*	*	*	*	*	*									
	English						*	*									
G6	Arabic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*				
	Math	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*				
	English	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*				
G9	Science	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*				
	Arabic		*	*	*	*	*	*		*							
	Math		*	*	*	*	*	*		*							
	English		*	*	*	*	*	*		*							
G12	Arabic						*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*
	English						*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*
	Problem Solving						*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*

* Not conducted due to Covid 19 conditions.

Awards

- Bahrain Excellence Centre
- The eGovernment excellence Awards 2014: The Best eProject
- Bahrain Best Practices Award, June 2015
- Maturity level 1 “Practitioner” of cyber trust program 2018
- Bahrain Government Forum Tawasul Award 2018-2019-2020-2021
- Maturity level 2 “Progressive” of cyber trust program 2019
- Ranked among the top five institutions for reducing the gender gap in the Bahrain First National Report in terms of measuring the “Bahrain Index” in gender equality in the public sector, issued by the Supreme Council for Women, and endorsed by the Cabinet 2019
- First place in the public institutions category in Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Advancement (sixth version) 2020

*Updated in March 2024