QAA reviews for educational oversight

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QAA's mission and strategic aims

Mission:

To safeguard standards and improve the quality of UK higher education

Strategic aims include:

- Safeguarding academic standards in an increasingly diverse UK and international context
- Driving improvements in UK higher education

Educational oversight and the role of QAA

- educational oversight is a requirement for highly trusted sponsor status
- recognised by UKBA as the body to provide educational oversight for higher education organisations

Reviews for educational oversight: aims

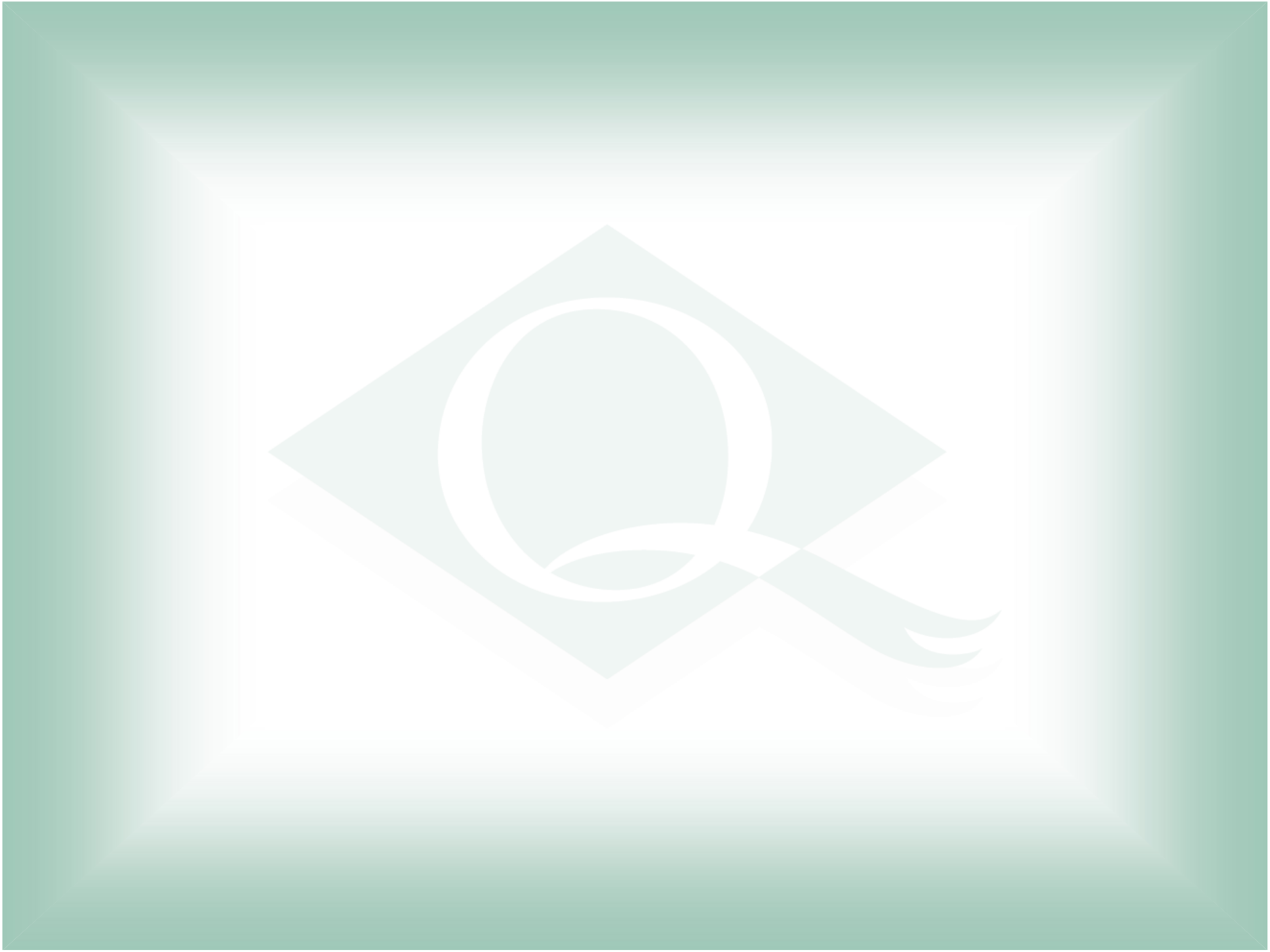
- to provide information useful to applicants/students
- to contribute to the enhancement of UK HE
- to promote partnership working between providers, awarding bodies/organisations and students

Reviews for educational oversight: key features

- employs existing review methodologies and standards
- yet, is designed specifically for private providers of higher education
- is comparable with external review processes used within publicly funded higher education providers

Reviews for educational oversight: progress to date

Review method	Number of applicants	Review visits at (24 May 2012)
Recognition scheme for educational oversight (RSEO)	17	13
Embedded college review for educational oversight (ECREO)	3	3
Review for educational oversight (REO)	230	75

Reviews for educational oversight: early conclusions

- Reviewers
- International students
- Review schedule