

Bachelor of Science in Quality for Industry – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I would like to apply for the Level 7 BSc in Quality for Industry. How do I go about it?

It's not possible to apply for a programme called Level 7 BSc in Quality for Industry. This Award consists of three Special Purpose Awards (SPAs), and these must be completed in order to receive the Level 7 Bachelor of Science.

To apply for any of the three SPAs or an individual module, log on to www.apply.gmit.ie and then select application type Q7 from the drop down box in the Application Menu. You will then be asked to select the modules you want to take when the programme commences in September. Please read the FAQs for further information on the modules available to you.

2. Do I need to have a prior third-level qualification to apply for this programme?

Yes, you need to hold a Level 6 award (Higher Certificate, 120 ECTS - or higher) in Science, Business or Engineering, to be eligible to apply for entry to this programme.

3. I don't have a Level 6 Higher Certificate; can I still apply for the SPAs?

If you don't hold a Level 6 Higher Certificate, but have significant experience in industry (Medical Device or Pharmaceutical Industry, for example), you can apply for these SPAs through the Recognition of Prior Learning process.

4. What is Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)?

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a system whereby learning acquired through work experience and/or through certified programmes can be acknowledged as a basis for entry to these SPAs. For more information, go to <https://www.myexperience.ie/about/how-rpl-works/>

If you wish to apply for RPL, please send a comprehensive, up-to-date CV to Learn@gmit.ie, which is the email address for the Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development at GMIT. Your CV will be assessed and you will be notified when/if your work experience is deemed suitable for the RPL process.

5. How do I complete the RPL process?

You will be sent guidance documents to help you complete the process, and we will support you with any questions you have.

6. Is there a fee for RPL?

Yes, a non-refundable assessment fee of €100 applies to all RPL ePortfolio applications for GMIT.

7. I have a third-level qualification from a country other than Ireland. Can I apply?

Yes. Please email a certified copy of your transcript (with official translation, if necessary) to Learn@gmit.ie so that your qualifications can be assessed under the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

8. What modules are covered in the BSc in Quality for Industry?

The modules covered are:

- Quality Management 1
- Quality Management 2
- Regulatory Affairs and Compliance Auditing
- Validation
- Clean Room Management

- Production and Supervisory Management
- Six Sigma for Quality Management
- Project

9. Do I apply for all of these modules at the same time?

No, you can't apply for all of these modules at the same time.

(a) There are certain rules about which modules must be studied before other modules:

- Quality Management 1 must be completed before Quality Management 2
- Quality Management 1 must be completed before Six Sigma for Quality Management
- Quality Management 1 must be completed before Project

(b) The current timetable doesn't allow all modules to be taken in the same academic year.

Below is the timetable for the 2020/21 academic year:

All classes run from 6.30-9.30 pm

MODULE	SEMESTER 1 (Sept to Dec)	SEMESTER 2 (Jan to May)
<u>Certificate in Science in Quality Management</u>		
Quality Management 1	Tuesday	Tuesday
Quality Management 2	Tuesday	Tuesday
<u>Certificate in Science in Quality and Regulatory Affairs</u>		
Regulatory Affairs and Compliance Auditing	Monday	Monday
Validation	Wednesday	
Clean Room Management		Wednesday
<u>Certificate in Science in Quality Statistics and Management</u>		
Production & Supervisory Management	Thursday	
Six Sigma for Quality Management		Thursday
Project		Work-based project completed in Sem 2

10. What is the quickest way to complete this programme?

It is possible to complete all three SPAs in two academic years following the schedule below.

You could also complete the SPAs at a slower pace.

Year 1

Three nights per week: Tuesday night for Quality Management 1 and Monday and Wednesday nights for the Certificate in Science in Quality and Regulatory Affairs.

Year 2

Two nights per week: Tuesday night for Quality Management 2 and Thursday night for the Certificate in Science in Quality Statistics and Management.

11. I completed Quality Management 1 and Quality Management 2 a few years ago. Do I have to complete these modules again?

If you are accepted on to the programme, it may be possible to apply for a module exemption. Please contact your tutor for the Institute's policy when you commence the programme.

12. How much does each module cost?

The cost of each module is listed below:

Special Purpose Award	Module	No of Credits	Module Cost
Certificate in Science in Quality Management:	Quality Management 1	10 Credits	€800
	Quality Management 2	10 Credits	€800
Certificate in Science in Quality and Regulatory Affairs:	Regulatory Affairs & Compliance Auditing	10 Credits	€800
	Validation	5 Credits	€400
	Clean Room Management	5 Credits	€400
Certificate in Science in Quality Statistics and Management:	Production & Supervisory Management	5 Credits	€400
	Six Sigma for Quality Management	5 Credits	€400
	Project	10 Credits	€800

13. Can I pay for the modules in instalments?

Ideally, applicants who have been accepted on to a course, would pay for their course when they register. However, instalment plans can be put in place, on request to Learn@gmit.ie. If your employer is paying your fee, or a portion of your fee, you can request an invoice from Learn@gmit.ie. It is possible to complete registration while waiting for an instalment plan to be put in place or for an invoice to be paid by your employer.

14. When can I apply for modules?

Online application opens on 6 April 2021. The closing date is 31 August 2021, but early application is advisable as this is a very popular programme and class sizes are limited and fill very quickly. If some modules have available places after offers have been made, we may open for applications again.

15. What is the mode of delivery for these modules?

Next year's mode of delivery - online, face to face or a combination of both - is entirely dependent on the government health advice and level of restrictions in force during the upcoming academic year 2021/2022. It is therefore not possible to say the exact mode of delivery right now as GMIT will be required to adhere to such advice and make decisions in line with health and safety requirements. For the academic year 2020/2021 the course was delivered fully online with either live or recorded lectures for modules, or a combination of both.

16. When does the programme commence?

Application is made for this programme in April, with the programme starting in mid-September usually (subject to a viable enrolment). Some modules are studied from January, but application must be made in April with registration taking place in September.

17. I've been accepted on to the modules I want to take in September, but my workload has increased and I can't now commit. Can I defer my place and take it up next September?

Unfortunately, we don't permit deferral of an offer to register for this programme, but we look forward to hearing from you when your workload allows.