

# A3ES

Agência de Avaliação  
e Acreditação  
do Ensino Superior

## **AUDITING INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS**

### **GUIDELINES FOR SELF-ASSESSMENT**

## DESCRIPTIVE ITEMS

### 1. SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

1.1 The institution wishes the auditing of the internal quality assurance system for:

The overall institution: ☐

A Basic Unit: ☐

Which Unit?

### 2. BRIEF CHARACTERIZATION OF THE INSTITUTION

Note: If only a basic unit is to be audited, the information to be included in sections 2.1 to 2.9 will concern the basic unit and not the institution as a whole. In particular, section 2.2 will deal with the subunits of the basic unit.

2.1. Higher education institution:

2.2. Basic units/subunits

2.2.1 Number of units/subunits:

2.2.2 List and characterization of units/subunits:

UNIT/SUBUNIT	STUDY CYCLES (nº)				STUDENTS				ACADEMIC STAFF (FTE)		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	I.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle	1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	I.M.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle	Ph.D.	Specialists	Other

2.3. Research Centres

2.3.1 Number of Research Centres:

2.3.2 List and characterization of Research Centres:

RESEARCH CENTRES	Researchers (EFTE)*			Rating FCT
	Ph.D.	Ph.D. students	Other	

\* EFTE – Eligible as Full Time Equivalent, in the terms defined by FCT.

**2.4. Number of students:**

1st Cycle:

2nd Cycle:

Int. Master:

3rd Cycle:

Daytime working regime:

After working hours:

Distance learning:

**2.5. Teaching staff (FTE):**

With a Ph.D.:

Specialists:  *(in the case of polytechnic education)*

Other:

**2.6. Researchers *(with contract, post-doc, grant holders, ..., other than the teaching staff)***

With a Ph.D.:

Ph.D. students:

Other:

**2.7. Non-teaching staff**

With higher education qualifications:

With secondary education qualifications:

Other:

**2.8. Support Services**

List of Support Services

**2.9. Other elements that the institution (or basic unit, if applicable) wishes to point out:**

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**3. BRIEF HISTORICAL NOTE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE WITHIN THE INSTITUTION**

(maximum 4 500 characters)

**4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM**

*The institution should include, as Annex I, the quality manual or an equivalent document on its institutional policy for quality.*

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**5. BRIEF CHARACTERISATION OF THE ORGANIC STRUCTURE OF THE INSTITUTION AND OF ITS INTERCONNECTION WITH THE SYSTEM OF QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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