

QUALITY ASSURANCE CONSULTATIVE GROUP (QACG)
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. MoD's Quality Assurance Authority (MOD QAA*), in formulating QA policy, needs to consult with all areas of MOD including Agencies, involved with acquisition** to assess the effectiveness of existing QA policy and identify areas for improvement.

2. The QACG provides a forum for:
 - a. the QAA, when appropriate, to brief members on any changes and developments in policies for Quality and its Assurance, including the implications of UK, NATO and International policy and legislation.
 - b. consultation on the effect of these changes and developments on MOD acquisition.
 - c. members to raise significant issues concerning MOD policy and procedures relating to Quality policy and its Assurance.
 - d. a focus for feedback and discussion on the effectiveness and application of Quality policy and its Assurance within MOD.
 - e. members to identify areas where policies or services are required which do not presently exist.

3. Members will bring to the QACG the views of the group they are representing and feed back to their group QACG outputs.

4. The QACG will be convened at a periodicity to be determined by the QAA, but normally at least twice a year.

* The MOD QAA is the professional head of the QA function in MOD, and as such is the sole authority on matters of policy pertaining to quality and its assurance for all MOD acquisition. The QAA is DQAG_GL. The MOD QAA is also the National Quality Assurance Authority (NQAA) in terms of international defence acquisition.

** Acquisition is defined as "The process of requirement setting, procurement management and support management, implying a whole-life approach".