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with quality news, updates, resources and more!

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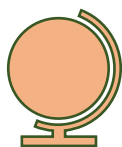
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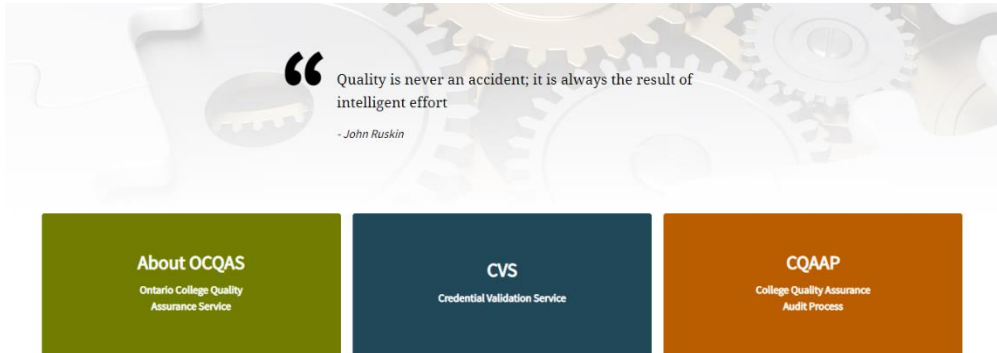Website links to what you need

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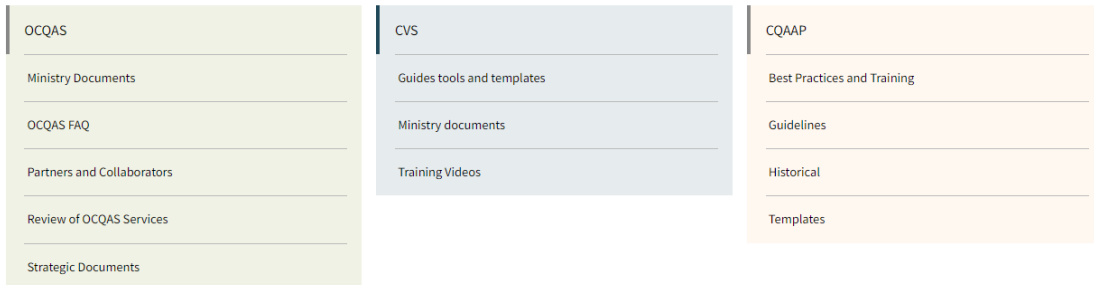
OCQAS Refreshed Website

We heard you!

OCQAS is proud to showcase a newly refreshed website. This version of the website aims at simplifying the search for resources. Thank you to all those who contributed with their feedback and opinions!
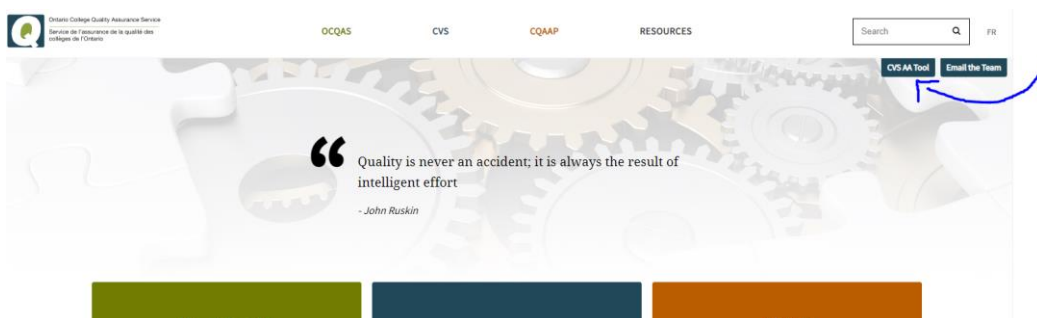
We thought you might like the new resources pages

We thought you would appreciate easy access to the tool!

This is continuous work and so keep us in the loop to let us know what you need the website to have or to do for you. Please reach out if something is wrong or missing or if you just want to tell us that you like it.

CQAAP 5 Year Review

The CQAAP quinquennial review is well on its way.

The Working Groups and HQM Consultations as well as Auditor feedback are informing the CQAAP Review Committee, which will then make recommendations to the OCQAS Board. The aim is to have it completed by June 2023, to allow OCQAS to update all documentation to be available on the website by August 2023.

OCQAS Working Groups

The OCQAS Working Groups have been working very hard at determining recommendations to improve OCQAS services, tools, and documentation.

The CQAAP Requirements Working Groups have identified wording modifications, especially in the guiding information and evidence.

A common thread between the CQAAP Requirements Working Groups is the need to discuss the requirements. Many of the Working Groups are recommending more conversation to clarify the intent of each requirement to help colleges address it, in the way that is best for them.
Education and training for colleges and auditors seems to be what will float to the top as recommendations.

Q and A with QA

Chat with a member of the OCQAS team or even your peers
on Zoom on Thursday Mornings.
Thursday mornings
From 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

We have a a lot of interesting conversations during Q and A with QA during the last 2 months. People pop in with questions and others just to to listen.

The Q and A with QA is a great place to ask your peers about best practices because they are probably wanting to chat about it themselves.

International Code

On November 27, 2022, 23 of the 24 Presidents signed the *International Code – Standards of Practice for International Education* that aims at auditing colleges in relation to their processes for educating international students.

A pilot will be launched once the Guiding Information has been developed (Fall 2023). Three colleges have volunteered to participate in the pilot and recommendations will be made as a result.

In Winter 2024, a decision will be made about its impact on the CQAAP process.

Working with OCQAS

OCQAS would be happy to welcome someone from one of the 24 colleges in a Secondment Opportunity – 2 days per week from January to June 2023. For details, contact cvs@ocqas.org

OCQAS is hoping to welcome a part-time team member as a Social Media Strategist. OCQAS needs to get into the Social Media environment and needs help. Interviews will be held very shortly.

OCQAS Important Links

- CVS Guidelines
- CVS AA Tool
- CVS Informal Review Template
- Submission Method Table
- CQAAP Guidelines

We value your feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please connect with us at cvs@ocqas.org

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