Contracts with Third Parties

Quality Assurance of Third Party Programs
Where a third party offers a program to Flinders students on behalf of Flinders, Flinders must assure the quality of that program. The program must meet TEQSA’s Provider Course Accreditation Standards, which are set out under the following headings:

“Standards for each higher education award
1. Course design is appropriate and meets the Qualification Standards
2. Course resourcing and information is adequate
3. Admission criteria are appropriate
4. Teaching and learning are of high quality
5. Assessment is effective and expected student learning outcomes are achieved
6. Course monitoring, review, updating and termination are appropriately managed”

TEQSA’s Provider Registration Standards also require the following:

“6.3 The higher education provider and its agents and other entities with which it has arrangements for the delivery of a course of study provide current, accurate, adequate, and openly accessible information for prospective and enrolled students on all matters relating to their studies for higher education awards offered by the higher education provider, including information on:
• the higher education provider offering the higher education award and the higher education awards that will be awarded for each course of study;
• the higher education provider’s registration status and the accreditation status of each course of study;
• formal recognition of each course of study by professional bodies;
• structure, credit points and duration or volume of learning for each course of study;
• admission criteria, recognition of prior learning and credit and articulation to and from other studies;
• content and assessment for each unit in the course of study;
• when and where the course of study will be offered, including the units that will be offered in any teaching period; and,
• availability of student support.”

The third party must also be able to meet TEQSA’s requirements in respect of the functions it is performing on behalf of the University. Before any agreement or contract with a third party is finalised, the University must be sure that it can certify to TEQSA that the arrangement with the third party concerned can meet all relevant requirements of the Threshold Standards.