

INSTITUTIONAL SELF-EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

**South Africa - Higher
Education**

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Understanding Institutional Audits

The Manual for Institutional Audits (2021) provides a comprehensive framework for self-evaluation by higher education institutions in South Africa. This evidence-based approach enables institutions to systematically assess their governance, quality management systems, and academic programs against national standards. Institutional mapping serves as a critical tool for identifying strengths, addressing gaps, and demonstrating compliance with quality assurance requirements. Through this structured evaluation process, institutions can align their strategic objectives with national priorities including the National Development Plan, Sustainable Development Goals, and Africa Vision 2063.





Governance & Strategic Leadership

Effective governance ensures institutional vision and mission align with national and global priorities including the National Development Plan (NDP), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Africa Vision 2063. Strong leadership drives strategic implementation and accountability.



Vision & Mission Alignment

Formulate and approve institutional vision and mission statements through proper governance channels. Ensure alignment with institutional values and stakeholder expectations for long-term strategic direction.



National Priority Integration

Align institutional strategies with NDP, SDGs, and Africa Vision 2063. Demonstrate commitment to national development through measurable contributions to education, research, and community engagement.



Strategic Implementation

Develop comprehensive strategic plans with clear objectives, timelines, and performance indicators. Monitor progress through regular reviews and adjust strategies to achieve institutional goals effectively.



Accountability Framework

Establish clear governance roles with defined responsibilities and reporting structures. Implement oversight mechanisms that ensure transparency, ethical conduct, and evidence-based decision-making at all levels.

Quality Management

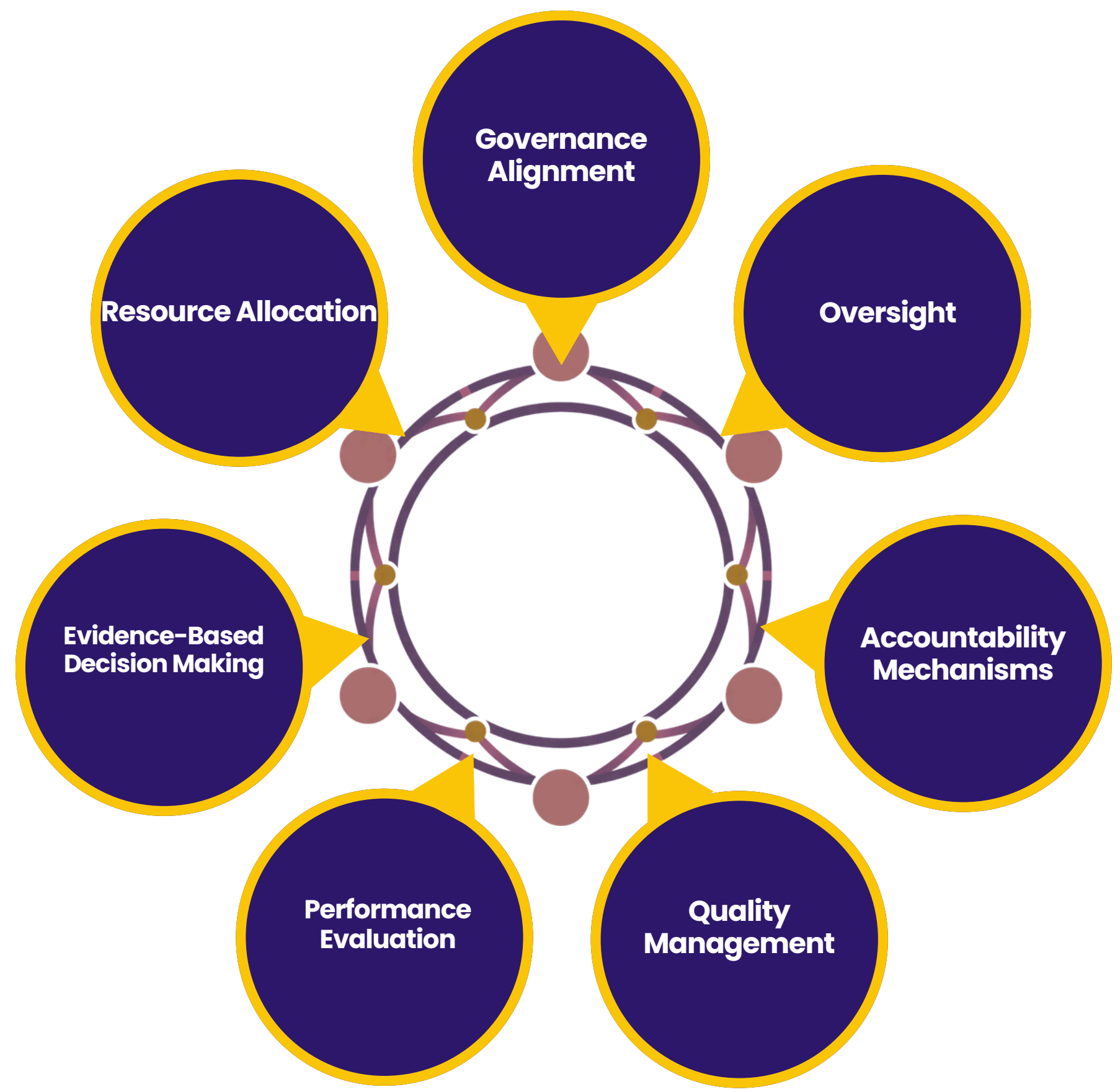
The Institutional Quality Management System (QMS) provides a comprehensive framework for excellence in teaching, learning, research, and community engagement. Through systematic processes and continuous improvement, we ensure alignment with institutional goals and stakeholder expectations.

- ✓ **Quality assurance frameworks and policies**
- ✓ **Data-driven decision-making processes**
- ✓ **Human and infrastructural resource alignment**
- ✓ **Research ethics and integrity standards**
- ✓ **Integrated student support services**



Coherence and Integration of QMS

Ensuring all quality systems work together effectively is essential for institutional excellence. This focus area addresses the integration between governance, management, and quality systems, establishing clear oversight and accountability mechanisms. Effective resource allocation supports quality management initiatives, while continuous evaluation of system effectiveness drives performance improvement across all institutional functions.





Programme Design

Develop and approve programmes aligned with institutional mission, national priorities, and industry needs through rigorous quality processes.



Transform

Integrate curriculum transformation with technology-enhanced learning to create innovative, responsive educational experiences.



Student Experience

Prioritize student feedback, support services, and work-integrated learning to enhance engagement and employability.



Graduate Outcomes

Measure success through graduate employment rates, alumni networking, and meaningful industry partnerships.

Curriculum Development & Learning: The Journey to Student Success

Focus Area 4 emphasizes enhancing student success through curriculum innovation and teaching excellence. This encompasses programme design, approval, and review processes alongside curriculum transformation and technology integration.

Central to this focus is the student experience, incorporating feedback mechanisms and employability preparation. The ultimate measure of success lies in graduate outcomes and meaningful industry engagement. Through evidence-based approaches and continuous improvement, institutions ensure their curricula remain relevant, responsive, and aligned with both national development goals and global workforce demands.

Cross-Cutting Themes in Quality Assurance



Evidence-Based Decisions

All institutional decisions are grounded in comprehensive data analysis, performance metrics, and systematic evaluation processes that ensure transparency and informed strategic planning across all focus areas.



Continuous Improvement

Institutions commit to ongoing evaluation, feedback integration, and accountability mechanisms that drive excellence. Regular reviews ensure systems evolve to meet changing educational standards.



Student-Centered QA

Quality assurance frameworks prioritize student success, engagement, and outcomes. Every policy and process is designed to enhance the student experience and support graduate employability.



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