



Institutional Standards Assessment (ISA) Call for Public Submissions Information Page

External Quality Assurance (EQA) Review Details			
Name of HEI	Sohar University	Type of EQA	ISA
Notice Publication Date	12/11/2025	Public Submission Link	OAAAQA - Public Submission
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What is a Public Submission?

The Oman Authority for Academic Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Education (OAAAQA) undertakes reviews of the activities of higher education institutions (HEIs), for all External Quality Assurance (EQA) activities under its remit. These include General Foundation Programme Quality Audit (GFPQA), Institutional Standards Assessment (ISA) and Programme Standards Assessment (PSA). As part of their deliberations, the Panels undertaking these reviews invite submissions from interested parties.

Who may make a Public Submission?

Anyone with direct knowledge of the HEI under review may make a comment.

What should be commented on in a Public Submission?

Submissions may cover any issue relevant to the HEI's ongoing review by OAAAQA. The submission should address, however, aspects of activities or systems that may assist the Panel in forming conclusions about the HEI's performance. It must contain specific evidence for any claims being made as a Panel is not able to pursue vague statements or allegations.

What is the deadline for making a Public Submission?

Submissions must be received by 12/12/2025.

How is a Public Submission lodged with OAAAQA?

Submissions should be sent via the link given at the top of this notice.

What information must be provided with a Public Submission?

- **Identification:** Submissions must include the name, position, organisation or workplace (if any) and the contact details of the person or group making the submission.
- **Contact:** The person or group making the submission must be willing to participate in a telephone interview with the Panel if deemed necessary.
- **Evidence:** The submission should address aspects of the **Sohar University** activities that can assist the Panel in forming conclusions about whether Standards have been met. It should contain specific evidence for any claims being made. Vague statements or allegations are not pursued by the Panel.
- The submission should not refer to personal grievances or single out individual members of staff within the HEI under review as the Panel has no mandate to address grievances.
- The submission (excluding corroborating evidence) should be no more than 1,000 words.

Will the HEI know the identity of those making a Public Submission?

All submissions are confidential. This means that while Panels may use the information provided in a submission, they are not permitted to reveal the source of the comments. As information is only used in the formation of general comments on an HEI's performance, and not for the purpose of pursuing specific grievance, the Panel will not make any response or report back to those making the submission.



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Public Submission Form

This form should be used for responding to the call for public submission regarding the Institutional Standards Assessment (ISA) being undertaken by OAAAQA within a Higher Education Institution (HEI). The completed form should be sent to OAAAQA by the published deadline.

Public Submission Details			
Title and Name		HEI Name	Sohar University
Place of Study/Employment		Public Submission Closing Date	12 December, 2025
Designation		Date of this Submission	
Email Address		EQA Activity Type	ISA
Telephone Number		Length of this Submission	Maximum words 1000

Declaration			
	Please tick (✓) the appropriate column for each of the following statements:	Agree	Disagree ¹
1	I have read and understood the ISA Call for Public Submissions information sheet.		
2	I am submitting this form as a result of my own knowledge and/or experience and not on behalf of a third party.		
3	I am willing to participate in a telephone interview should the Panel consider such a discussion to be necessary.		
4	I have supplied evidence for each of the claim I have made in this public submission.		
5	I have no personal grievance with this HEI and understand that the call for public submission does not represent an opportunity to take up personal issues against the HEI.		
6	I understand that the information I provide may be used by the ISA Panel in their Report but that I will not be identified through any use of this information.		
Signature		Date	
Print Name			
Please send the completed form to the Technical Support Section (TSS) at OAAAQA before the public submission deadline.			

¹ If you indicate disagreement with any of the statements in the declaration above, a member of OAAAQA may contact you to discuss the matter further.

Public Submission			
#	Claim	Suggestion	Evidence
	<i>[State the issue or claim you wish to make and add rows as necessary]</i>	<i>[Suggest what the HEI may do to resolve the issue]</i>	<i>[List the evidence you have supplied for each claim you wish to make.]</i>