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- Quality assurance of higher education and research (Universities/Högskolor), degree-awarding powers of public-sector higher education institutions – *Department of Quality Assurance*
- Legal supervision of higher education – *Legal department*
- Monitoring efficiency, follow-up and horizon scanning, responsibility for statistics in the higher education sector – *Department of Higher Education Analysis*

Status report Sweden

- General Elections on September 13 – higher education issues are basically absent
- Autonomy for HEI – ongoing work, Swedish Government Official Report
- The authority's finances: still challenging but more stable

ENQA review

- Decision by the ENQA board in October 2025 –UKÄ's membership in ENQA was reconfirmed
- Endorsement at GA in October
- By ENQA, the agency was found to be compliant with all ESG standards

The quality assurance system – activities and developments

- In the middle of our second cycle of institutional reviews
- Government assignment, European Approach, reported in June 2026
- Assignment to the department of Quality Assurance 2025-2026: one quality assurance system
- Assignment to the the department of Quality Assurance, autumn 2026: definition om academic environment
- Preparation of Quality Assurance Policy
- Developments: follow up of Institutional reviews

New rating scale – HEI reviews from 2026

Change of the rating scale:

- Today: **approve** the quality assurance processes, to **approve the quality assurance processes with reservations** or to decide that the quality assurance processes at **the HEI will be under review**.
- From 2026 “approve the quality assurance processes with reservations” will be removed and a “special mention” when good examples are recognized will be added