

ACADEMIC RISK



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Risk in Higher Ed

- Effect of uncertainty on the achievement of objectives
- Regulated deregulated environment for Universities
- TEQSA
- IA role?

Risk Statements

- Causes/hazards
- Whilst doing some thing causes a risk event
- That may result in consequences/impacts
- Wet weather, poor visibility whilst driving may cause an accident that may cause death, damage or injury

Broad Categories of Academic Risk

- Engagement
- Teaching and Learning
- Research (and Creativity)
- Others (that impact upon the delivery of academic services)

Engagement

- Failure to differentiate your Uni from its competitors
- Incompatability between your engagement partners and those of your Uni
- Misjudging the HE environment and compatibility at the local, national and international level.

Teaching and Learning

- Offerings not generating appropriate employment prospects and opportunities
- Failing to deliver a supporting and stimulating learning environment
- Inappropriate teaching and or assessment methods
- Failures in academic governance
- Offshore offerings are neither comparable or equivalent with their onshore counterparts

Research

- Research lacks relevance and or impact
- Inadequate research training and supervision
- Research capability degradation

Others?

- Academic staff profile
- Reduced demand for courses and research services
- Physical and IT infrastructure not being fit-for-purpose



QUESTIONS?