

Turkey

THEQC - Turkish Higher Education Quality Council

In Turkey, around 8 million students are enrolled in a total of 207 higher education institutions as of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Unlike many other countries, a system defined as Emergency Remote Teaching that encompasses the entire country, has been established amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and teaching has been undertaken remotely and on digital platforms. HEIs employed different methods according to their infrastructure and number of students.

The total number of courses offered by universities in the spring semester of 2019-2020 academic year was 736,341 and almost 90 per cent of these courses were offered online.

With the online delivery of all programs in HEIs, ensuring the quality assurance of distance education has become the top priority on THEQC's agenda. During this process, THEQC aims to guide higher education institutions on the components, principles and quality indicators of the quality assurance system in distance education.

Currently, THEQC continues to work on organizing virtual site visits to HEIs within the institutional external evaluation and accreditation programs. In the meantime, THEQC will develop a hybrid model where remote site visits will be integrated to traditional site visits.