

## Evaluations extending from early childhood education to higher education

The Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) is responsible for the national evaluations of education and teaching.

FINEEC's field of operations encompasses the entire education system: early childhood education; pre-primary and basic education; vocational education and training; liberal adult education; basic arts education; adult education; and higher education.

FINEEC also actively takes part in international evaluation activities as well as international cooperation.

## FINEEC's duties

FINEEC implements and develops evaluations related to education including the operations of education providers and higher education institutions (HEIs). In addition, FINEEC implements assessment of learning outcomes for basic education and upper secondary education. Moreover, FINEEC's duties also include supporting education providers and HEIs in issues related to evaluation and quality assurance, as well as to develop evaluation of education.

## Objectives of the evaluations

The aim of FINEEC's evaluations is to develop education and to support learning while ensuring the quality of education.

The evaluations also produce information for local, regional and national decision-making on education as well as development work and international comparison.



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## Use of information produced by evaluations

All evaluation reports are public and can be downloaded from FINEEC's website.

FINEEC provides the evaluation participants with their evaluation results and feedback.

FINEEC organises training and seminars related to evaluation and quality assurance as well as promotes research on evaluation.

## Operating principles

The key operating principles of FINEEC are the independence of evaluation and enhancement-led evaluation.

Independence refers to the freedom of evaluation methods, organisation and results from the influence of, for example, the Ministry of Education and Culture or other parties.

Enhancement-led evaluation emphasises participation, as well as trust between the party implementing the evaluation and evaluation participant, and the responsibility of education providers and higher education institutions in the development of the quality of their operations.

## Fee-based services

In addition to free evaluation activities, FINEEC also provides fee-based services nationally and internationally. Examples:

- external audits/ evaluations
- EUR-ACE engineering degree programme reviews
- assessment of learning outcomes for basic education providers and schools
- training related to evaluation and quality assurance

## Organisation

FINEEC started its operations in 2014. FINEEC was formed by combining the evaluation activities of the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council, the Finnish Education Evaluation Council and the Finnish National Board of Education.

The overall number of staff is approximately 50. The main office of FINEEC is located in Helsinki, and some of the operations are located in Jyväskylä.

FINEEC's operations are supported by an Evaluation Council and a Higher Education Evaluation Committee.



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