

MicroCreds — Ireland's National Quality-Assured Micro-Credential Framework for Digital & AI Skills

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Ireland's HEA/IUA national micro-credential framework has developed ~300 accredited credentials since 2020. A May 2026 HEA round funds 179 credentials, 80% fee subsidy, 3,881 learner places across 26 institutions — over half in digital/AI skills.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	1/3
Equity & inclusion	2/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	2/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[Higher Education Authority \(HEA\) / Irish Universities Association \(IUA\) MicroCreds Initiative](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[HEA MicroCreds project](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[HEA 2026 fee-subsidy announcement](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[IUA MicroCreds overview](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

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