



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**NATIONAL RECOGNITION INFORMATION CENTRE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM**

and

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY  
EDUCATION LIMITED**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between:

**The National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom**, located at Suffolk House,  
Suffolk Road, Cheltenham GL50 2ED, United Kingdom (hereafter "UK NARIC")

and

**International Centre of Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Education Limited**, having its  
registered office at 49 Clover Street, Enoggera QLD 4051, AUSTRALIA, (hereafter, "THE-ICE")

Whereas

UK NARIC is the UK's National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) responsible for providing information and opinion on academic, vocational and professional qualifications from across the world. As the National Agency, managed on behalf of the UK Government, UK NARIC provides the only official source of information on international education and training systems and qualifications and skills attained outside the UK. The organisation offers products and services in three main areas, namely individual qualifications evaluation, information provision services to member organisations and qualifications benchmarking and accreditation internationally.

THE-ICE is an international accreditation agency established in 2004. Its focus is on international accreditation, quality assurance and quality enhancement organisation for tourism, hospitality, events and culinary arts (TH&E) education, with a global network of institutions. THE-ICE is a not-for-profit organisation governed by an elected Board of Directors, that supports its member institutions through a range of strategic initiatives.

#### **UK NARIC and THE-ICE**

In a spirit of amicable cooperation, UK NARIC and THE-ICE hereby agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). Both parties are committed to working towards building a strategic partnership that provides platforms and opportunities for cooperation in accreditation and benchmarking activity of education providers.

To these ends, UK NARIC and THE-ICE will pursue the following objectives for their mutual benefit:

**a) Mutual understanding**

Work to enhance their understanding of each other's processes for accrediting education providers and benchmarking qualifications.

**b) Information exchange**

Exchange information and offer professional advice about each other's activities and processes, higher education providers, relevant national and international developments, and possible opportunities for either collaboration or business.

**c) Use of each other's expertise**

Where appropriate and possible, taking account of operational constraints, draw on each other's expertise to strengthen each other processes.

**d) Collaboration**

Where appropriate and possible, collaborate in relation to mutually agreed projects and activities for the benefit of both parties, considering in particular offering joint accreditation services.

**e) Dissemination**

Where appropriate and possible, each party will use its respective channels to disseminate each other relevant activities, including the outcome of quality assurance, accreditation and/or quality benchmarking exercises.

**Duration of Memorandum**

This MoU will take effect from the date of its signature and shall continue for three years unless it is terminated by the giving of three months' notice by either party. It may be extended on mutual agreement of both parties.

**Alteration of Memorandum**

This MoU is signed by the parties in a spirit of amicable cooperation. The terms of this MoU may be altered with the consent of both parties in writing.

**Management and liaison arrangements for the Memorandum**

The Chief Executive of UK NARIC (at the time of signing Dr. Cloud Bai-Yun) and the Chief Executive of THE-ICE (at the time of signing Dr. Craig Thompson) will have responsibility for managing the implementation of the terms of this MoU. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant members of either party's staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

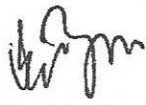
Resources

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, each party will normally cover their own costs of implementing the terms of this MoU.

Signed on 01-09-2020

by the representatives of the parties.

For the  
NATIONAL RECOGNITION INFORMATION CENTRE  
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM



.....  
CLOUD BAI-YUN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For  
International Centre of Excellence in Tourism and  
Hospitality Education



.....  
CRAIG THOMPSON  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

07-09-2020