

Technical and Vocational Education and Training Quality Review and Accreditation



About TVET-QRA



Technical and Vocational Education and Training Quality Review (TVET-QRA) offers vocational education and training providers operating in any national jurisdiction an independent peer review assessment that can lead to UK NARIC accreditation.

TVET-QRA assesses whether a TVET provider meets a set of 16 descriptors developed in alignment with the European Quality Assurance Reference Frameworks for Vocational Education and Training (EQAVET).

TVET-QRA also assesses a TVET provider's capacity to develop and deliver qualifications at the appropriate level of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).



What are the benefits of the TVET-QRA scheme?

TVET-QRA will contribute to providers' efforts to:

- raise standards and quality;
- facilitate the development of international partnerships;
- support the international portability of their qualifications;
- strengthen their international reputation;
- increase student recruitment.

TVET-QRA accredited providers will be able to:

- use the TVET-QRA Quality Mark, e.g. on their website or marketing material;
- be listed on the TVET-QRA section of the UK NARIC International Comparisons database, consulted worldwide to inform qualification recognition decisions;
- disseminate their successful accreditation through UK NARIC global channels.



How does TVET-QRA work?

TVET-QRA is designed to support the development of and at the same time signpost international stakeholders to TVET providers' capacity to:

- deliver education and training of international standards;
- ensure the relevance of their education provision to local and global skills needs;
- secure a quality student experience;

TVET-QRA achieves this by reviewing and benchmarking providers' institutional processes against standards aligned with EQAVET, grouped under 6 overarching thematic areas:

- **Institutional strategy;**
- **Policies for Quality Assurance;**
- **Resource planning;**
- **Programme development and review;**
- **Institutional review;**
- **Information.**

Providers' capacity to develop and deliver qualifications at the appropriate level of EQF will be assessed using the UK NARIC Band Framework[©] as a universal translation mechanism.



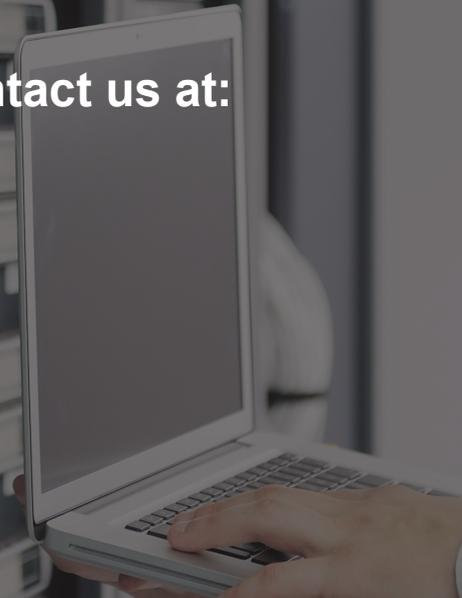
Who can apply to the TVET-QRA scheme?



Any Technical and Vocational Education and Training provider in good standing with the relevant home country's authorities can apply to the TVET-QRA scheme.

Providers will need to have been operational for a minimum of two years at the time of application; and have graduated at least one cohort of students. They will also need to be able to conduct the TVET-QRA exercise in English. This can be supported by independent translation and interpretation.

For enquiries and more information contact us at:
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The TVET-QRA process



Application

If you are thinking of applying please contact the TVET-QRA team directly at tvetqra@naric.org.uk.

This will start a process of initial engagement through which the eligibility to proceed with TVET-QRA will be assessed, and a service agreement signed.

Initial briefing

Once eligibility is confirmed, UK NARIC will brief providers about each stage of the TVET-QRA process. A timeline will be agreed starting with a date for the

submission of a self-evaluation document (SED).

Information submission

Providers will submit their SED in electronic form, following specific guidelines. The SED is intended to be a reflective document showing how a provider meets each of the TVET-QRA standards, supported by relevant documentary evidence.

Desk-based analysis

The TVET-QRA peer review team, composed of quality assurance experts, senior staff from TVET

providers, and practitioners with extensive TVET experience, will undertake a desk-based analysis of the SED and the supporting evidence. The analysis will serve to identify key lines of inquiry to pursue during the review visits.

The review visit

Review visits serve to explore issues and lines of inquiry highlighted by the desk-based analysis and triangulate evidence to support sound benchmarking against the EQAVET standards. They normally last one whole day and involve a series of meetings with key stakeholders.

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Findings report

The outcome of the TVET-QRA is a report outlining the key findings of the review exercise, including areas of good practice and recommendations for improvement. It also provides an overall judgement on whether the reviewed provider meets the TVET-QRA standards and should be conferred the TVET-QRA Quality Mark.

Accreditation decision

The TVET-QRA Accreditation Board will consider the recommendations of the review team and their rationale, reaching an independent final decision on the outcome of the review exercise. Successful providers will have use of the TVET-QRA Quality Mark, and will be listed on the UK NARIC TVET-QRA database. Their successful accreditation will be disseminated through the UK NARIC global community of practice.

The TVET-QRA Accreditation is for 5 years, pending successful engagement with a mid-cycle review.

Mid-term review

A desk-based mid-term review will take place in year 3 to ensure no substantive changes have taken place that might affect confidence in the standards and quality of the provider's provision.

About UK NARIC



UK NARIC is the UK's National Agency responsible for providing informed advice and guidance on vocational, academic and professional qualifications from over 200 countries, former countries, and territories worldwide. UK NARIC manages a number of programmes and agencies on behalf of British and European Governments. These include:

- The Centre for Professional Qualifications (CPQ), which covers all aspects of professional qualifications in an international context;
- The National Contact Point (NCP) for the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) for England, offering expertise to help awarding bodies understand how the ECVET can work with existing vocational qualifications;
- We are the coordinator of UK ReferNet, the European network of reference and expertise in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

UK NARIC also supports VETASSESS, Australia's leading vocational education and training (VET) skills assessment provider, in the assessment of skills of residents of the UK and Europe who want to migrate to Australia.

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