



Welcome to the August 2016 edition of NARIC News



## Post-study work visa pilot in new T4 guidance: watch your compliance KPIs

The Home Office published its new Tier 4 policy guidance document at the end of July. It sees the re-introduction of post-study work visas – on a pilot basis only, working with 4 universities - Bath, Cambridge, Imperial College and Oxford.

The Home Office says these institutions have been chosen because of their very low visa refusal rates.

The new work visas are limited to 6 months duration and if the visa holder finds a long term job and wishes to stay longer, they will have to go through Tier 2 entry processes.

Although only a pilot scheme, which the Home Office says will be closely monitored, this policy move may signal a more differentiated and targeted approach to student visas, with extra 'privileges' being granted to certain institutions, but with concomitant extra compliance responsibilities.

The importance of maintaining robust Tier 4 processes is underlined. Compliance KPIs such as ([more...](#))

## UK NARIC in Mexico and Colombia for mutual recognition talks



A UK NARIC team has just returned from Mexico and Colombia where they held a series of talks on mutual recognition agreements. (*Photo above: UK NARIC representatives (back row,*

Next Tier 4  
Compliance event:  
28 September,  
central London

Our [Tier 4 Compliance seminars](#) are our most popular training events – reflecting the issues and potential changes covered in our main story.

Our next T4 seminar features a Home Office/UKVI speaker; Lee Bartlett of Fragomen, the specialist immigration solicitors; Ian Westwood (ex-Home Office); and other Tier 4 experts.

[Book early](#) to secure your place. ([more...](#))

### UK NARIC 2016 Early Bird rates: deadline extended

The booking deadline has been extended for [discounted Early Bird prices](#) for paid-for places at [UK NARIC 2016](#) annual conference. The deadline is now 22 August so [book](#) before then to secure these special rates. Conference dates are 21 and 22 November.

If you qualify for free conference places, then you should [book as soon as possible](#) to guarantee your attendance, as conference is filling up fast. It is possible to combine free and paid-for places, if you wish to attend conference with colleagues. ([more...](#))

### Philippines study

2nd and 3rd from left) pose in the courtyard of the Mexico Ministry of Education with the Mexico delegates.)

The Mexico meetings were follow-ups to the 2015 signing of the main Mexico-UK mutual recognition agreement. The focus was on the various annexes to the main agreement and on technical issues relating to particular qualification comparabilities.

In addition to work on Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral degrees, agreement was reached on recognition of certain Mexican tertiary sub-degree qualifications and, at postgrad level, a sub-Masters level qualification that is commonly offered. This will be very useful for Mexican students seeking study opportunities in the UK, as the credit transfer position will be much clearer for entry into UK Bachelor and Masters programmes respectively. ([more...](#))

## visit report now online

The report on the recent UK NARIC study visit to the Philippines is now published and [available on our website](#) (member log-in required).

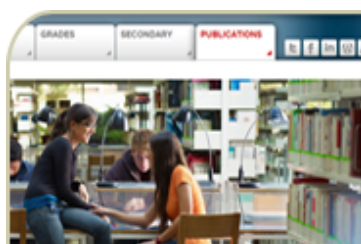
This was an important study visit which has resulted in some changes to qualification comparisons - these are now fully reflected in our databases and the International Comparisons country file. ([more...](#))



### UK NARIC at EAIE: recognition conventions; Syria; and admissions

UK NARIC are involved with three workshops at the [EAIE 2016 conference](#) in Liverpool in September. UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun chairs a session on recognition conventions and mobility, with contributions from UNESCO and NOKUT, the Norwegian ENIC-NARIC. We also chair the session on the current challenges in Syria, with again contributions from NOKUT. And we present alongside NOKUT in an interactive workshop on international undergraduate admissions.

This joint session with NOKUT on admissions will feature findings from UK NARIC's recent research ([more...](#))



### New publications resource added to members' Hub

A new publications section has been added to our online member zone, where you can access summary reports of study visits to countries and regions, outcomes of research projects, and other useful UK NARIC publications and resources.

The new section is accessible from the Hub page. A Publications navigation tab has been added at the right hand side of the existing tabs which are used to access the different databases - International Grade Comparisons, Secondary Comparisons etc (*shown on the screen grab image above*).

To launch the new ([more...](#))



### Brexit webinar with Fragomen: listen again online

Our webinar, in partnership with Fragomen – The Visa and Immigration Implications of Brexit – is [now available in recorded form online](#) – so you can listen again, or catch up if you missed the live webcast on 5 August.

If you attended the live webinar then you should be registered, so log in using your email address on the left hand side. If you did not attend the live event and did not register, then click on 'register now' and enter your details.

Running time is one hour. Email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) if you have any problems or queries. ([more...](#))

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