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Welcome to the July 2015 edition of NARIC News



## Home Office announces complex Tier 4 changes: our webinars, training steer you through

On 13 July the Home Office announced a major Statement of Changes to the Immigration Rules which will directly affect universities, colleges and all Tier 4 sponsors.

Together, the changes are a complex package of tighter restrictions which will affect FE and HE providers in different ways. FE maximum study periods are shortened; extension rights are reduced; some students' right to work is removed. Maintenance requirements are up, and the 'London area' for purposes of maintenance is increased in size. There is a tightening on Tier 4 Child visas which will affect schools.

UK NARIC can help steer you through these changes and help you maintain Tier 4 compliance. **In partnership with Fragomen, the immigration law firm, we present a free webinar on 31 July, featuring expert Lee Bartlett of Fragomen (below).** Email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) to register – UK NARIC subscriber members get priority, so please state if you are a member.

**Our next Seminar Event on Tier 4 is in London on 23 September – book early to secure your place. ([more...](#))**

## UK NARIC 2015: deadline 31 July to book at Early Bird prices

UK NARIC 2015 will be the biggest NARIC annual conference ever – the deadline for Early Bird bookings and special discounted rates is 31 July, so [book now](#).

Conference places are already filling up – over a third of places have been booked – so if you have complimentary places, [book now](#) to secure your attendance.



## Members: find all your country updates from the Hub

Thank you to those who have completed our 2015 Member Survey – we are reviewing your feedback carefully.

Some members say they find it difficult to find out about updates and additions to our data banks.

You can access information on the latest updates from the Hub page (above). Latest updates are shown on the panel to the right of the main picture. Clicking through the update links takes you to the page below, which is ([more...](#))



## Hong Kong's new curriculum reaches maturity - over a million scripts marked in 2015

15 July was results day for over 74,000 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination students – with over a million scripts marked this year.

This is the fourth HKDSE cohort. The exam forms part of Hong Kong's New Academic Structure – a far-reaching and widely praised curriculum reform.

UK NARIC played a key role in the development of the HKDSE in the lead-up to implementation and launch.

UK NARIC conducted a series of major studies over 3 years for the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority – including a comprehensive analysis of the HKDSE design ([more...](#))

### Excellent feedback for on-site support

Universities have been taking up our new on-site support days – user feedback has been excellent.

The new service gives customised training and support on your premises for groups and teams. You decide on topics and focus.

Our [eTraining](#) also has been taken up increasingly by members. One said: 'The eTraining showed me where I [had been] struggling... it also showed perhaps less used areas of the database.' ([more...](#))



### Spot trends: Quarterly statistics series update

UK NARIC presents the second edition of our new quarterly statistics series to help you spot trends and identify emerging markets. The second quarter of 2015 saw a rise in applications for education purposes as the June UCAS deadline approached, and a slight fall in applications for UK visa purposes.

The top 5 countries have remained stable.

We have re-classified our purposes of application ([more...](#))



### SOLVIT highlights its role in professional qualifications

SOLVIT has highlighted its participation in UK NARIC's [seminars](#) on the EU professional qualifications directive (Zara Green, UK NCP Coordinator, above, presenting at the Edinburgh seminar in June).

SOLVIT is a free advice and help service for citizens and businesses whose EU rights have been breached.

Qualification recognition and professional migration are areas in which SOLVIT is active ([more...](#))



### New stage launched in UK/UAE collaboration

On 30 June, the UK Ambassador to UAE, Philip Parham, and the Director General of the UAE's National Qualifications Authority, Dr Thani Al-Meheiri, signed (above) and published a referencing document that completes Phase 1 of a recognition programme for the UAE and its national qualifications framework. This marks a new stage in educational and economic collaboration between the UK and the ([more...](#))

## Consultant Opportunities

Have expertise in education? UK NARIC regularly has opportunities for experienced consultants to provide input to our project work. ([more...](#))

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