



Welcome to the May 2016 edition of NARIC News



UK NARIC 2016: conference themes revealed; pre-register now

UK NARIC 2016 will be our 20th annual conference and we are returning to the 2015 venue that was hugely popular with delegates - the [Park Plaza Victoria](#) in central London. We expect an even bigger conference than 2015 with over 400 delegates anticipated, so [pre-register now](#) now to secure places for yourself and colleagues.

We can now announce our conference themes for 2016:

- The future: international education, trends, opportunities
- Qualification recognition: current issues, new developments
- Immigration compliance: managing risk
- English language: relevance, security, standards
- Getting the most out of Europe
- Marketing internationally: intelligence, strategies, techniques

There will be over 50 workshops ranging over the themes, to make for a rich and varied conference programme. ([more...](#))



Above: scenes from UK NARIC 2015 - excellent networking and big plenary sessions. Do you have expertise or knowledge you would like to share with colleagues? Perhaps you would like to present a workshop? [Submit a workshop proposal](#) and help enrich the 2016 conference programme.

UK NARIC goes north: seminar dates Leeds and Edinburgh

In response to demand for training dates in Scotland and the North, we have workshops and seminars in Leeds and Edinburgh (*pictured*) through June and July.

Our popular one day seminar event on [Tier 4 Compliance](#) is running on [8 June](#) at the University of Leeds. On [9 June](#) at the same venue, we run our [Combating Fraud in Education](#) one day seminar.



There is a focus on recruitment from the EU at the moment, so we are running our [Education in Europe](#) half day specialist workshop in Edinburgh, at [Queen Margaret University](#), on [28 July](#) ([more...](#))

UK NARIC establishes new Centre for Professional Qualifications

UK NARIC has recently established a new Centre for Professional Qualifications to provide advice and guidance on the recognition of professional qualifications, both within the EU and internationally.

This takes account of the new EU Directive on professional qualifications. We are reshaping our professional

New Admissions Officer training launched

UK NARIC is launching an important new training initiative – a programme of training and development specially tailored to the Admissions Officer job role.

The first of these new training days is on Monday 11 July at the University of London Senate House, in central London. This is the [Admissions Officer Training – Level 1](#) event, ideal for new admissions officers or those in the first 18 months of the job. Dates will be announced for the Level 2 follow-up training day.

This is a new approach to UK NARIC training for admissions ([more...](#))

qualifications support ([more...](#))

Visas and Nationality: free webinar, 13 May

A final reminder that we are running a free 30-minute live webinar on the new Visas and Nationality service on Friday 13 May at 3pm. You can [register online](#), or if you need information or help, email events@naric.org.uk. After the live event, the webinar will also be available as a recording.



UK NARIC comparative analysis of IB published

UK NARIC's analysis of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes, comparing them to the Indian education system, has been published. The study was commissioned by IB.

UK NARIC found similarities in philosophy and aims, broad principles and curriculum components. Differences, where identified, were largely structural or contextual in nature. ([more...](#))



Improving FE quality: lessons from Europe - free seminar

Lessons learned and best practice from a trans-European FE quality project will be shared at a free one-day seminar in Birmingham on 10 June. You can book your free place through [Eventbrite](#).

This seminar is one of the outcomes of the [ESQA project](#) (European Solutions in Quality Assurance) in which UK NARIC / [ReferNet UK](#) is a partner, alongside colleagues from Poland, Estonia and Slovenia. ([more...](#))



New country added to International Comparisons

East Timor (flag above) is the latest country to be added to our International Comparisons data bank. A full country file is now live.

In addition, a number of updates to country files have gone live in early May.

The Russian Federation file has been comprehensively updated to reflect the findings from our recent study visit there. Details of the new draft National ([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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