

# Summit Skills

## *Mapping Qualifications in the Building Engineering Sector*

### Understanding the Client's Aims

The UK Sector Skills Council for Building Engineering Services, Summit Skills commissioned UK NARIC to undertake a large scale mapping of international qualifications in building engineering services against UK National Occupational Standards (NOS). The overall aim was to analyse the comparability of skills and competencies developed in overseas qualifications in 10 selected countries against the NOS in selected trades including electrical engineering, plumbing, refrigeration and air conditioning.

### The UK NARIC Approach

UK NARIC combined in-house data with extensive desk-based research, and employed a well-established methodology for mapping overseas qualifications, considering level of qualification and the comparability of core and associated competencies against the UK National Occupational Standards.

### Delivering Quality Results

The mapping analysis results were presented in a flexibly designed database, allowing Summit Skills staff to quickly and efficiently evaluate individuals' qualifications and to identify relevant skills gaps against recognised UK standards. The results could also be used to develop tailored bridging programmes for the up-skilling of overseas workers to be developed in line with Summit Skills objectives.

