



Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA)

Identifying Overseas Grades Comparable to UK First Degree Classifications

Understanding the Client's Aims

In response to a change in policy allocating teacher training bursaries to achievement at undergraduate level, the TDA needed to identify the overseas qualifications and grades that compared to a British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard at 1st, 2.1 and 2.2.

The UK NARIC Approach

UK NARIC reviewed and analysed over 300 international higher education qualifications from around the world, taking into consideration their comparability with the requirements of British Bachelor (Honours) degree, the grading systems employed, distribution, assessment and grading standards, and associated outcomes and progression.

Delivering Quality Results

UK NARIC provided the TDA with a table of results and an accompanying brief on the methodology employed, which was then included in the publically-available guidance documentation for teacher training providers and applicants. The table included lists of qualifications from 160 countries, their comparability to the UK education system, and the grades considered by UK NARIC to compare to the TDA's specified requirements.