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## New verification requirement for construction industry CSCS cards

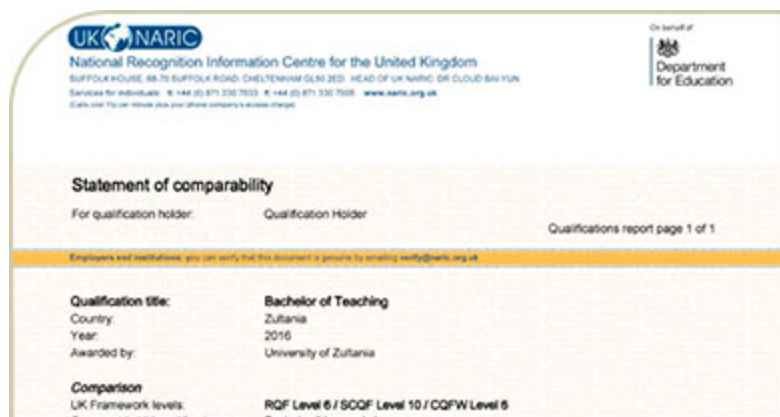
The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) is changing its card registration requirements for applicants with non-UK qualifications, partly due to a rise in fraudulent claims for these cards.

Primary Source Verification (PSV) checks will be required from 1 October on every qualification submitted as part of a UK NARIC Statement of Comparability intended for a CSCS card application. UK NARIC is working with the [DataFlow Group](#) to verify qualifications with the institution that issued them, to authenticate them and prove they are genuine. However, until the end of the year, CSCS will accept UK NARIC Statements of Comparability dated up to 29 September 2017 without PSV documentation.

The changes may have implications for users of the UK NARIC corporate bundles service who are requesting UK NARIC statements intended for CSCS purposes. If you need information or advice, you should contact your account manager.

A new specialised UK NARIC Statement of Comparability for the construction industry is being developed with CSCS for launch at a later stage. This will provide an in-depth record ([more...](#))

## Individual services evolve: new statement design; Visas and Nationality Fast Track



From 25 September, a new design of UK NARIC Statement of Comparability will launch (*pictured above*). Users of our statements should note the change.

### Training events September, October: Auckland, Sydney, Perth, Toronto, Vancouver

There are places still available at September and October UK NARIC training events in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. This is an excellent opportunity to take part in face-to-face UK NARIC training in these countries. Members can [book online](#) (member log-in needed). Non-members can book using [this form](#) [PDF]. For details of these and all our training events, see our online [training schedule](#).

Members can use their complimentary ([more...](#))

### UKNARIC17 over 60% full; workshop programme set to go live

Over 60% of delegate places for the [UKNARIC17](#) conference on 20 and 21 November in [London](#) are now filled, so book now to guarantee your place. You can [book online](#) – complimentary and/or paid-for places.

The full workshop programme - there are over 50 specialist workshops - will go online in early September. If you have already booked your delegate place, you will be emailed with a link so that you can choose and book your workshops, and personalise your UK NARIC conference to suit your interests.

Confirmed speakers so far include: David Miller (former head of marketing University of Exeter, former Saatchi & Saatchi) ([more...](#))

The new design, with background printing to enhance security and a more certificate-like appearance, will be used on Statements of Comparability only - other UK NARIC statements, such as English Language Assessments and the specialist Statement of Comparability for Early Years - will continue to be issued on plain background UK NARIC headed paper. This headed paper will, however, also feature a new, simpler, and more modern look, to match the heading on the new Statement of Comparability. The UK NARIC globe logo will still feature, and the usual UK NARIC corporate dark blue colour. Visas and Nationality 'red route' statements are all unchanged in design.

The new design format for the SoC, our most popular statement service, is a response to feedback from customers and stakeholders. The new design enhances the security features of the printed statements and increases protection against fraud and tampering. The new SoCs will be delivered with a covering letter to introduce the statement and give further insight into the comparison and evaluation process.

The reverse of the new SoC will feature ([more...](#))

## New, with Fragomen: Advanced Tier 4 Compliance, Sheffield, 10 October

Booking is now open ([online](#) for members; [PDF form](#) for non-members) for the first of our new one-day advanced workshops in Immigration Compliance for Universities – in partnership with [Fragomen](#), the specialist immigration law firm, and hosted by Fragomen at their offices in [Sheffield](#) on 10 October.

The content and approach in these Advanced Compliance days goes beyond our Tier 4 Seminar Events. One-to-one sessions with ([more...](#))



### New IC database sections on cross-border qualifications and TNE

In further enhancements and developments of the UK NARIC International Comparisons database (IC), new sections will be added at the end of August, covering International and Cross-Border Qualifications (ie, non-country-specific awards) and Transnational Education (TNE).

The new International and Cross-Border section replaces what was 'Other Qualifications' and adds infographics, updates information, and extends the content. TNE information is also ([more...](#))



### Still time to register: China partnership briefing, London, 12 September

There is still time to [register your interest](#) in the [China partnership project](#) for development of vocational and industrially-relevant courses in China - the AIR programme (for Applied and Industry-Relevant education development), before the first UK project briefing meeting in [London](#) on 12 September.

The briefing gives an opportunity to meet with, and put your questions and views to, the project leaders from China who will be in attendance, and to go through the specifics of ([more...](#))



### International alumni relations survey: take part – results at UKNARIC17

Look out for our email in early September inviting you to take part in a new survey of international alumni relations activities in the UK. The findings of the survey will be shared in an alumni relations workshop at our [UKNARIC17](#) conference in November.

The survey and research is being organised by Australia-based alumni relations expert and author Gretchen Dobson (*pictured above*) of international education consultants [Academic Assembly](#). The UK survey will provide data that ([more...](#))

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