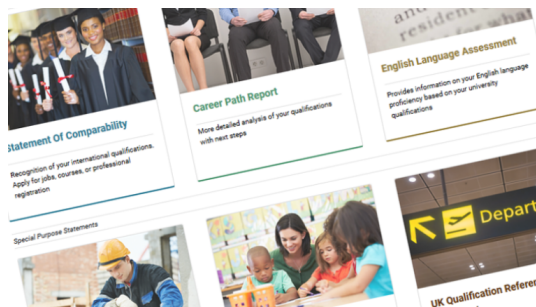


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## UK NARIC website switchover this weekend



A completely redesigned and recoded UK NARIC website will launch this weekend, on 30 August.

The public-facing web pages, the application portal for individuals, the Members' Hub and member areas, and all our online databases have been overhauled and improved.

All registered users have been emailed with a reminder of the coming change, including some points to watch out for in the revised Hub and member navigation.

For members and database users, benefits include: faster-loading pages; an enhanced search function; 3-click navigation for a more efficient user experience; adaptive display for mobiles and tablets; and refined, condensed content to support a cleaner design and site structure. [READ MORE](#)

## Charting the impact of COVID-19 on education



The UK NARIC research team continues to track announcements on school closures and exam arrangements worldwide, and to publish these as announcements are made on the [UK NARIC blog](#). At the time of writing this news story - 24 August - the latest figures from UNESCO indicated that 103 countries have closed schools and universities at a national level. At the peak in April, 193 countries were affected by closures.

## Autumn Series of online training starts 9 September

UK NARIC's new Autumn Series of online training sessions launches on 9 September. Zoom-based sessions will take place at the same time each week through to December (10:00am UK time on Wednesdays). These training sessions will cover a wide range of topics including education in specific countries, transnational education (TNE) and how to make the most of UK NARIC resources.

All of these sessions can be booked through the [training schedule web page](#).

Members may use their pre-paid places for this online training; contact your account manager for details. Non-members can email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) to book places. [READ MORE](#)



## More recorded webinars now available for viewing

Recordings of training webinars held in August have been added to the list of webinars available for viewing any time.

These recordings are - *Clearing special: how to get the most out of UK NARIC's services* and *Pakistan: when is a Bachelor a Bachelor, and when is a Master's a Master's?*

The list of all of our recorded webinars from 2020 can be viewed online.

Simply select and register for any of the [free](#) or [paid](#)-for webinars you want to see.

Over 1,200 people from more than 37 countries have registered for our training webinars so far in 2020, with excellent feedback from attendees. [READ MORE](#)

## No face-to-face UK NARIC conference in 2020;

Our latest update shows that the start of the academic year in the Philippines has now been pushed back until October; representing the second postponement in just two months. Schools were originally meant to reopen in June before that was delayed until August.

In India, it has been announced that [READ MORE](#)

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## New MoUs to strengthen TNE efforts



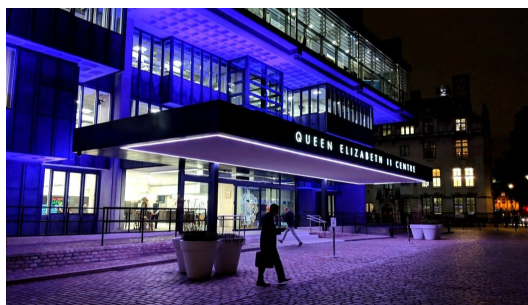
中国教育国际交流协会  
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UK NARIC has signed two new Memoranda of Understanding with the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) and the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) this month.

These latest agreements provide further platforms to support the growth of quality transnational education, in both Asia-Pacific region and China. This includes where possible cooperation in implementing the UK NARIC TNE Quality Benchmark (TNE QB) scheme. [READ MORE](#)

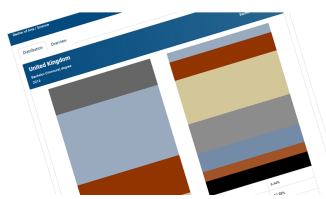
## webinar places in exchange



There will be no physical, face-to-face UK NARIC conference this year. Social distancing requirements would have made it impossible to run the event at the usual size and scale, even in the large QEII Centre venue *[pictured above]*.

Our conference, which had been scheduled for 3 and 4 November, will instead return to the QEII in Westminster, London in Autumn 2021.

Members will be able to exchange any pre-paid 2020 conference place they have for two places at any chargeable live webinars or recorded webinars in 2020. [READ MORE](#)



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## Estimated grades and international grade comparisons

As our latest COVID-19 update and our special report *The Effects of COVID-19 on International Secondary Assessment* [PDF] show, different countries and examination organisations have adopted different approaches to final grade determination in light of exam cancellations. Admissions teams are likely to be [READ MORE](#)



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