



Welcome to the October 2016 edition of NARIC News



Don't miss out: book your place for UK NARIC 2016

Plenary speakers at [UK NARIC 2016](#) (21 and 22 November) include the director for education at the Government's new [Department for International Trade](#), Geoff Gladding, who will discuss how the DIT sees the prospects for the UK's 'education exports', and the support that the DIT can offer.

This and many of the 55 specialist workshops at UK NARIC 2016 key into the main conference theme – 'Global connections, New directions' – re-orienting our international strategies in light of a changing landscape post-referendum – and looking at how UK NARIC can facilitate and support you in your efforts.



There are now limited spaces left at conference, so to guarantee your place (complimentary or paid-for), you should [book now](#).

If you are a member and unsure if you have complimentary places, talk to your account manager or [email the conference team](#).

You can combine complimentary and paid-for places. The [rich conference programme](#) represents excellent concentrated staff development in one place over two days – so why not bring a colleague? Key compliance, marketing, policy and strategy topics are addressed, and attending UK NARIC 2016 can be counted as 12 CPD development hours.

Non-members can book by emailing conference@naric.org.uk stating the number of places required.

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International Entry

Training in London: key topics, regions; and professional recognition

You can use your complimentary training places for the half-day training workshops in London on key topics and regions on 6 & 7 December.

Our [training schedule](#) has all the details and links to book your places.

Also in London, on 29 & 30 November, there is [training on professional recognition](#). The first day is introductory level, including principles of EU/EEA professional recognition. The second day is more advanced, including policy considerations. [\(more...\)](#)

The new Araratian Baccalaureate (AB): benchmarking confirms A Level and AP comparability

UK NARIC has recently completed an independent benchmarking study of the new Araratian Baccalaureate (AB). Comparability has been evaluated in relation to UK and US education systems.

The AB has been designed for the National Program for Educational Excellence (NPEE) in Armenia by the Ayb Educational Foundation and the Ministry of Education and Science, in collaboration with Cambridge and University College London (UCL). It is currently being

Qualifications research pilot study: report published

The final summary report of UK NARIC's International Entry Qualifications pilot study is now published and available online in the [Publications](#) tab, accessible from the Hub page (member log-in required).

The full report and dataset is being shared with the institutions who participated in the study. To share and benefit from the full range of the valuable data arising out of this research, do join the project and take part in the first full-scale study this academic year.

Contact research@naric.org.uk for information on how to participate.

The study analysed the progression and performance of international students who had entered UK undergraduate programmes with upper secondary qualifications which have not traditionally allowed automatic entry ([more...](#))

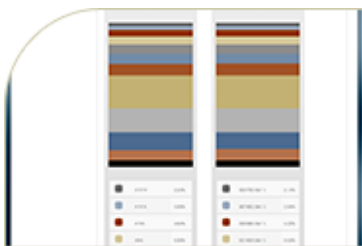
piloted at the Ayb School in Yerevan, with a planned roll-out to schools across Armenia in the near future.

Designed to be offered to high-performing ([more...](#))

2017 training calendar now online

The 2017 training calendar and schedule is now published and [available on our website](#) for browsing and booking your places.

There are Tier 4 Compliance seminar events in London on 22 February, 24 May and 18 October, and Leeds on 28 June. ([more...](#))



Obtaining grading data from UK NARIC online

In our Member Survey, some members asked for more comprehensive grades information in the UK NARIC databases.

The IGC International Grade Comparisons data bank now covers 82 countries, but not all members have access to this.

IGC includes grade distribution data and grade comparison recommendations and members may find it answers their need for grading data to inform admissions decisions and entry threshold discussions.

If you do not currently have IGC access, but would ([more...](#))



Enquiries statistics show no post-referendum shifts

UK NARIC presents the sixth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering July to September 2016.

There are no noticeable shifts in the individual enquiries data 'post-referendum'. There is no discernible evidence in this third quarter of any dramatic drops (for example, in enquiries from EU countries), nor of falls in individual enquiries overall.

The top 6 countries this quarter remained consistent, with no change in ranking through the quarter, and this top 6 is the same as in quarter 2.

The falls we noted in quarter 2 for Ghana and ([more...](#))



UK NARIC leads on two Erasmus+ VET projects

UK NARIC is leading on two Erasmus+ projects under key action 2 (strategic partnerships) to explore topics in vocational education.

A new project, ED2VET (Employer Engagement in the Design and Development of VET), was launched at the beginning of October. And at the same time, the mid-point partner meeting for the VARE (Vocational Assessor Requirements in Europe) project was held, at Austrian partner 3s research laboratory's offices in Vienna (*pictured: the 'Musikverein'*).

The ED2VET project, in partnership with Pisces Learning in the UK ([more...](#))

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