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## UK ENIC 21: recordings available until 31 December

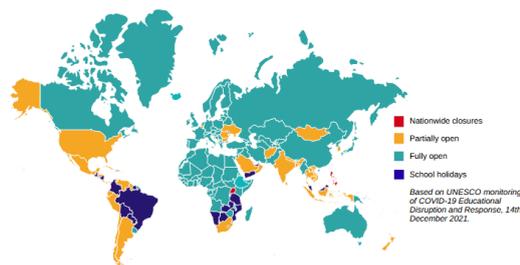


If you have registered for our UK ENIC 21 Online Conference that took place on 4 November, then you can still view recordings of the live sessions, and the pre-recorded 'ENIC Bites', on the Whova platform and app until **Friday 31 December 2021**.

The sessions featured a wide range of international speakers who shared their knowledge and expertise on current and relevant topics under the main conference theme – The changing face of international education.

The workshops provide the opportunity for you to learn from more than 44 speakers from all over the world – including Australia, China, Egypt, Nigeria, Singapore, the USA and other countries. [READ MORE](#)

## Charting the impact of COVID-19 on education: latest updates



The UK ENIC research team continues to track announcements on school closures and exam arrangements worldwide, on our [Charting the impact of COVID-19 blog](#).

The latest figures from UNESCO reveal that schools are closed nationwide in 6 countries. This figure has fallen and is the lowest number since March 2020.

However, there are many countries in which schools are now closed for the holidays. Notably in Southern Africa, where cases have increased recently due to the Omicron variant.

Measures that are in place for South African schools remain unchanged and schools opening is dependent on number of cases locally. Students in some schools attend in shifts or on rotation.

## Festive period: end-of-year service closing dates



**Season's greetings to all our members, colleagues, and readers.**

As we approach the festive period, please note our end-of-year service closing dates.

The closing date for 48-hour member enquiries is Monday 20 December. Enquiries submitted after this date may not be answered until 2022.

Our phone lines for members will close at 5pm (UK time) on 20 December for the holiday season.

Our offices will be closed for the festive period, from 24 December 2021, and will re-open on 4 January 2022. [READ MORE](#)

## Head of UK ENIC speaks on offshore medical schools in the West Indies

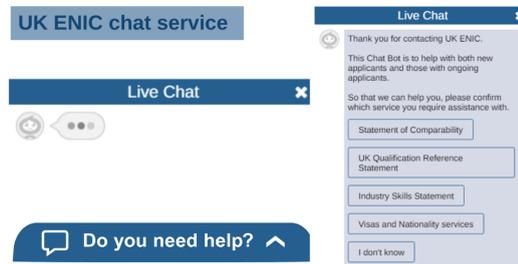


As part of the [ENIC-NARIC Networks 2021](#) series of webinars, Paul Norris, Head of UK ENIC chaired their 7th webinar alongside David Pauwels, University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies (UofTSCS) and Susanne Bornhöft, ENIC-NARIC Germany. The topic of the session was 'Offshore Medical Schools in the West Indies: Typical Structure and Assessment'.

This session was a great introduction and enhancement of knowledge for organisations worldwide on how the structure and assessments are conducted within offshore medical schools in the West Indies.

The session was attended by 37 participants from around the world, including Austria, Belgium - French community, Canada, China, Estonia, Germany, Greece,

## For individual applicants: new improved chat service with ChatBot is now available



For individual applicants: We have launched our new improved online chat service with ChatBot for individuals that are applying for qualification statements. The service is available 24 hours a day and will help individuals with key questions or information.

During the festive holiday period, ChatBot access for general information and guidance for individuals on application processes, including delivery options, timescales and document requirements will continue to be available.

For individual applicants, access to send messages to the online support team via the live chat service will not be available from Thursday 23 December 2021 at 5pm (UK time); this will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 9am (UK time). [READ MORE](#)

## FAQs are now available for 32 country and territory files



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are now available for 32 country and territory files.**

This month we have added FAQ sections to the following 12 country and territory files: Afghanistan, Benin, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Iraq, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates. [READ MORE](#)

## The next steps for the UK's TNE provision



Dr Fabrizio Trifirò, Head of Quality Benchmark Services at Ecctis and UK ENIC, recently spoke alongside other industry experts on the topic 'Quality and best practice - recognition, country visits, working with local regulators, and the future for metrics' at the [Westminster Higher Education Forum Policy Conference on TNE](#).

The conference examined the priorities and next steps for the UK's Transnational Education (TNE) provision and exports in light of COVID-19 and the UK leaving the EU.

The first part of the conference focused on quality assurance, regulation and recognition. Delegates heard from the Office for Students about their plans to strengthen their international engagement with counterpart bodies to support the quality assurance of English TNE, and developments regarding the voluntary Quality Enhancement scheme for UK TNE run by the Quality Assurance Agency. [READ MORE](#)

## Partnership opportunity with Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance



Are you interested in an international partnership with the Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance's (BIBF) International Foundation Program?

This partnership can allow you to receive more students from the Kingdom of Bahrain after they complete their Foundation Year at BIBF (benchmarked by Ecctis). [READ MORE](#)

## 21 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 7 updates



During November, UK ENIC has reviewed 21 qualifications from [Australia](#), [Canada](#), [Greece](#), [Hong Kong](#), [India](#), [Ireland](#), [Italy](#), [Japan](#), [Nigeria](#), [Qatar](#), [South Africa](#), [Tanzania](#), [Uganda](#), [United States of America](#) and [Vietnam](#). [*Login required for these links.*]

Qualifications reviewed included Bachelor (Honours) degrees as well as Master's degrees. [READ MORE](#)

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