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Syrians in Jordan: Refugee Qualification Recognition Scheme launched by UK NARIC

A new support scheme in Jordan for Syrian refugees has been launched by UK NARIC. The 'Syrians in Jordan: Refugee Qualification Recognition Scheme' is funded by BEIS, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

Over 600,000 Syrian refugees are currently in camps on the Jordan side of the border, and over 2 million in Jordan as a whole. The new scheme will assist economic inclusion and refugees' placement into further study in Jordan, and give guidance on the progression or completion of studies.

The scheme provides UK NARIC comparabilities of qualifications tailored to Jordan standards, for use by employers or educational institutions in Jordan. Part-completed studies will be allocated credits to align with Jordan credit systems. Applicants receive next steps guidance. All statements, explanatory notes and advice are in English and Arabic.

In cases of missing documentation, UK NARIC can ([more...](#))

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European Qualifications Passport for Refugees: project phase 2 begins

Admissions Officer training: Leeds, 5/6 June

Our popular Admissions Officer training goes North in June, to [Leeds Trinity University](#). Admissions Officer Training (Level 1) and Admissions Officer Training (Level 2) are offered on 5 and 6 June, allowing delegates to attend both events if they wish with one overnight stay.

If places are booked at both events, a special £50 discount applies (for both members and non-members): talk to your account manager or email events@naric.org.uk for details.

These events are filling up and you should [book](#) (member log-in needed) as soon as you can ([more...](#))

Last call for Australia/NZ training; upcoming dates in Cheltenham, Edinburgh

There are still a few places left on our training sessions in [Wellington](#) on 12/13 April and [Sydney](#) on 16/17 April. If you wish to book places, contact events@naric.org.uk as soon as possible. If you are a member, you can obtain information on complimentary training places from your account manager or from the events email.

A range of popular topics will be covered ([more...](#))

Following the successful one-year pilot of the [European Qualifications Passport for Refugees](#), a new phase (2018-2020) of this trans-European project is being commenced by the Council of Europe.

UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun attended the official launch of this new phase in Athens on 28 March.

The qualification passport concept was co-devised by UK NARIC and NOKUT, the Norwegian NARIC. UK NARIC has taken part in the pilot in Greece during 2017, in which refugees were interviewed by panels of credential evaluators, permitting qualifications and skills to be assessed even in cases of partial or missing documentation.

Now, additional country partners are set to take part in this new phase. New refugee groups will be assessed and there will be increased use of online interviews. ([more...](#))

Japan recognition moves: UK NARIC role

UK NARIC played host to a delegation from Japan on 5 March as part of ongoing Japanese development of recognition processes for international qualifications. Japan is conducting a two year study of international recognition practice.

This follows up previous UK NARIC advisory visits. These internationalisation ([more...](#))



UK NARIC in TVET trade mission to Singapore

UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun took part in the UK trade mission to Singapore 27 and 28 February to help promote UK skills training and vocational education.

Opportunities are opening up in Singapore with an important new government-backed Skillsfuture Initiative there. This is a source of potential new projects and collaborations.

UK training and vocational education providers across a number of sectors were in attendance, to promote UK TVET expertise and to explore partnerships and collaborations ([more...](#))



Kazakh NIS Grade 12 Cert comparable to A Level

UK NARIC's International Projects Group has completed its benchmarking study of Kazakhstan's Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools' (NIS) Grade 12 Certificate, and has evaluated it as comparable to the overall GCE A Level standard.

The NIS was established by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev to create and pilot a new educational programme for high schools and now has a network of 20 purpose-built schools, 19 of which are offering the 'NIS-Program'.

The executive summary of the benchmarking report will be published ([more...](#))



New VET data online: give your views, express your wishes

European vocational training development centre [Cedefop](#) is designing a new online tool to present information about national VET systems in a more interactive way.

Currently, the 50-60 page [VET in Europe reports](#) present a description of VET in each country as downloadable PDF-files

To inform the building of the new tool and ensure it meets user needs, there is an [online user survey](#) – open until 20 April – so you can contribute your views about the information you will find most useful in the new databases and resources. ([more...](#))

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