



Welcome to the September 2015 edition of NARIC News



Full programme for annual conference now available: book now

The full programme for our annual conference, UK NARIC 2015, with details and times for over 50 workshops, is now published on the UK NARIC website [conference pages](#). Conference dates are 23 and 24 November.

Over a third of our conference spaces are already filled, so to guarantee a place (a members' complimentary place or a paid-for place), you should [book now](#).

There are links to [accommodation](#) on our conference pages, and the full programme will enable you to make your detailed travel arrangements. The central London Victoria venue has excellent [travel connections](#).

Popular expert speakers from ([more...](#))



Pictured: UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun delivering the keynote address in Chiang Mai, Thailand, at the High Officials Meeting on Technical and Vocational Education and Training in South East Asia.

Dr Bai-Yun discussed how UK and EU experience in TVET, skills and harmonisation could be drawn upon to support integration and internationalisation of TVET in the ASEAN region. ([more...](#))

GCSE funding rules: our new support packages for

Our Tier 4 compliance seminars now CPD and OISC accredited

UK NARIC's most popular seminar event, on Tier 4 compliance, is now CPD-accredited and OISC-accredited for immigration training, following a successful application by UK NARIC to the [CPD Standards Office](#).

Our next scheduled Tier 4 compliance event is at the University of the West of Scotland Paisley campus on 28 October.

UK NARIC is now a [registered provider](#) of training for immigration advisers. The CPD Standards Office is [working in partnership](#) with the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) to regulate immigration training.

Tier 4 Seminar delegates will receive an official CPD certificate of completion that they can include in their CPD record. ([more...](#))

Latin America focus for Cambridge English recruitment event

UK NARIC is in the chair and contributing to the Cambridge English [international recruitment seminar](#) in central London on 15 October, featuring case studies from Latin America. The event is free to attend. ([more...](#))

Jordan delegation

16-19 sector

Increasing numbers of enquiries are coming in to UK NARIC from schools and colleges about international GCSE equivalencies, as they attempt to satisfy new 16-19 funding rules requiring students to hold GCSEs in maths and English at grade C or better - or overseas equivalent.

UK NARIC advice on overseas qualifications is incorporated into new [DfE funding arrangements](#) for 16-19 education and we are named as the official information point.

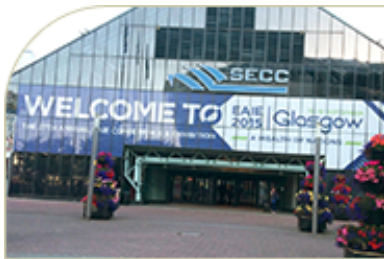
UK NARIC has a number of services which can help the sector meet the new requirements.

To help support schools and colleges with the new regulations, UK NARIC is offering special sector discounts and special arrangements on these key services. For further information, contact members@naric.org.uk and quote reference '16-19'.

The deadline for 16-19 census returns to the DfE is 28 October. The supporting services are: ([more...](#))

visits UK to support national VET review

UK NARIC welcomed a delegation from Jordan to the UK in late September to take forward a joint project with the British Council to support Jordan's review of their national vocational education and training system and their establishment of a Higher Vocational Technical Institution in the country. UK NARIC facilitated meetings in London and Derby with key stakeholders representing the governance and structure of VET and HE in the UK, including the International Knowledge and Innovation Unit ([more...](#))



Successful sessions on ENIC-NARIC networks, Libya, at EAIE

UK NARIC contributed two successful sessions to the EAIE Conference in Glasgow (15-18 September), co-presenting with NOKUT, the Norwegian QA and ENIC-NARIC agency.

The Changing Role of NARICs gave an update on the CHARONA and CHARONA II research projects, which are examining the evolution of the ENIC-NARIC national information centres and the ([more...](#))



Comparative report published on European VET quality assurance

A new comparative report on quality assurance systems in vocational education and training is now available online. The report covers VET QA in Poland, Estonia, Slovenia and the UK, and represents the first stage output of the ESQA project: European Solutions in Quality Assurance.

UK NARIC, through its UK ReferNet agency, is a partner in the project, alongside the ReferNet agencies in Poland, Estonia and Slovenia. ([more...](#))



Update: research into entry qualifications and first year performance

Thank you to those institutions who responded to our call to take part in our new research project, focusing on selected international entry qualifications and students' first year performance in Bachelor level programmes. There is still time to join the project, so if you would like to, email communications@naric.org.uk or telephone the UK NARIC research and data team on 01242 258619. ([more...](#))

Consultant Opportunities

Have expertise in education? UK NARIC regularly has opportunities for experienced consultants to provide input to our project work. ([more...](#))

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