



Welcome to the November 2017 edition of NARIC News



UKNARIC17: Charting the course ahead; achieve growth, control risk

Next week over 500 delegates will be joining us for the biggest ever UK NARIC annual conference. UKNARIC17, at London's Park Plaza Victoria, will be an exciting opportunity for delegates to get the latest information and ideas, network and build future partnerships.

Developing working relationships and promoting growth is an important theme of this year's conference, and a number of key international speakers will be running [workshops \[pdf\]](#) and networking with delegates.

Notably, we will be welcoming Dr Mohd Nor Azman Hassan, Deputy Director General of Malaysia's Ministry of Higher Education. Recent changes to Malaysian educational frameworks to aid international partnerships create a favourable environment for collaborations, and UK NARIC's Global Connect team will be on site to make introductions and facilitate conversations.

We will also be joined by Guangcai Dong, of Liaoning Normal University, leader of the Expert Advisory Group of the [UK-China AIR programme](#) to foster teamwork between UK and Chinese universities in vocational education, who will be leading a workshop for institutions interested in developing partnerships and courses.

Given UK NARIC's depth of knowledge and understanding of the data involved in comparing and benchmarking qualifications we are now moving forward to offer more specific and targeted uses of our information.

By developing more interpretive indicators such as IEQ and PHER we are offering much richer and more nuanced insights into student behaviours and outcomes, enabling admissions teams and strategists to recruit students who are more suitable and able for their specific courses. This 'third generation' recognition goes beyond qualification-to-qualification and framework-to-framework comparison, and is strategically valuable to course developers and marketing teams to guide their planning. [\(more...\)](#)

Upcoming training in London, Cheltenham, and Sheffield

London is the venue for most of our training in the final month of 2017, with our popular [Admissions Officer \(Level 1\)](#) training in Bloomsbury on 5 December.

Packed with practical, hands-on techniques and tips, this session will develop delegates' skill at evaluating and researching international qualifications.

There is also an emphasis on building a deeper understanding of education systems, with an overview of Chinese and Indian education and qualifications.

Also on 5 December, we are hosting a half-day session on [Education in China](#) at our Cheltenham HQ, with one of our China research specialists. This seminar introduces the Chinese education system and covers the changes to the Chinese [\(more...\)](#)

Prepare for audit: Advanced Immigration Compliance

On 8 December we are running our workshop on [Advanced Compliance](#) for Universities in partnership with Fragomen, the specialist immigration law firm, at their Sheffield offices. Places are still available. Email luke.gallagher@naric.org.uk for information or to book.



UK NARIC signs Memorandum of Collaboration with China Hi-Tech Group

UK NARIC and the China Hi-Tech Group are strengthening their relationship with the signing of a Memorandum of Collaboration. The document was signed by Tao Yin, CEO of China Hi-Tech Group and Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, CEO of UK NARIC on 24 October in Beijing (*pictured above*).

The signing of the agreement represents a new phase of cooperation between the two organisations, to facilitate international education partnership opportunities across the region for UK NARIC members, to benchmark qualifications, and to raise standards in key sectors including Nursing, Early Education and Teaching.

China Hi-Tech Group is an education investment and development group, initiated by the Chinese Ministry of Education and established in June 1992 by more than 60 major universities in China. Now a public company, the China Hi-Tech Group has 19 shareholders, almost all of which are highly selective and respected universities in China, with the Chinese Ministry of Education as the controlling shareholder.

China Hi-Tech Group plays a key role in the development of degree-granting vocational education and career training programs in the education and skills sector. UK NARIC's expertise in international qualifications will provide the critical support ([more...](#))

Aimed at senior staff concerned with Tier 4 Sponsor licences and immigration compliance, this is an opportunity for high-level training that demonstrates institutional diligence in maintaining compliance and preparing for audit.

Bringing the training to Fragomen's Sheffield offices enables us to call upon their various specialists. One-to-one sessions with Fragomen's Immigration Law team are built in to the day's programme, ([more...](#))

Mapped statements for CSCS card applicants

In response to the ongoing process of changing registration requirements for the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS), UK NARIC is introducing a new, mapped statement from 1 December. CSCS will require this new mapped statement from 1 January 2018 for applications for Skilled Worker, Advanced Craft and Supervisory Manager CSCS cards. ([more...](#))



100 million Europass CVs created

Between its 2005 launch and this year, 100 million Europass CVs have been created online, with 1.5 million CVs now being



Successful training in Dubai; plans for 2018

Our training schedule for the first 6 months of 2018 is currently being finalised and will be online before the



IEQ 2017 study preliminary findings

The preliminary results of this year's UK NARIC International Entry Qualifications (IEQ) study will be released at the

generated each month using the online editor.

While the Europass interface and editing software have been constantly updated, plans are in hand to improve the service using technology which was not available at its inception.

In order to be relevant to future users it is essential for the service to remain open to developments in formats and requirements over the coming decade.

Harnessing cloud technology and digital certification, and offering a more flexible approach to recording skills and experience, reflects the changing needs of the workforce and employers.

These future plans were under discussion at last month's Joint European Europass Network Meeting in Brussels, ([more...](#))

UKNARIC17 conference in London on 20 and 21 November.

The training team will be visiting Australia, New Zealand, and Malaysia in the first half of the year to deliver sessions on a range of topics. This is an excellent opportunity for our members in those regions to request additional training or bespoke sessions while the team is in-country.

Equally, if there is a specific session you would like the team to include in the schedule, please [email us](#).

In October we had a very well-attended and successful training visit to Dubai, in partnership with IELTS and hosted by Heriot-Watt University (*picture above*). With delegates from a number of sectors including higher education, Government and NGOs ([more...](#))

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The study examines the progression and performance of international students entering UK undergraduate programmes with qualifications that have not traditionally allowed automatic entry to Bachelor courses.

This year's report has been compiled with the help of 15 UK institutions, looking at students from 8 countries, a significant increase from last year.

All data that institutions share is completely confidential, and any information published is anonymised.

Only UK NARIC and the participating institutions will have full access to all the data that has been produced, however ([more...](#))

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