



Welcome to the September 2016 edition of NARIC News



UK NARIC 2016: full conference workshop programme now live – book now

UK NARIC 2016 - on 21 and 22 November - features the richest programme yet of 55 specialist workshops, and this is now [live and online](#) – view, choose and book your sessions.

If you have already booked your conference place, log-in and go to [My Training & Conferences](#) to select sessions. Otherwise, [book your place and choose your sessions now](#).

There is the widest range of topics – from practical matters of UKVI compliance; to strategic questions of preparing for a post-Brexit world, re-orienting, and building new global partnerships.

'Global connections, new directions' is the 2016 theme. Interest in the conference is at record levels: two thirds of places are already filled. To guarantee your place (paid-for or complimentary), [book now](#). Non-members can book by emailing conference@naric.org.uk stating the number of places required.



Some of the highlights include:

New research, and survey data, to inform your international strategy from the Firetail consultancy (on emerging global challenger institutions), IDP, Net Natives (on international perceptions of 'Brexit Britain'), ETS TOEFL, Aaron Porter of Hotcourses, and Christina Yan Zhang of QS on the latest rankings and perceptions

How to survive a Home Office audit, with Lee Bartlett of Fragomen, the specialist immigration lawyers

Attend training in the North: Manchester - 11-13 October

If you are based in the North, then we have UK NARIC training in Manchester, from 11 to 13 October.

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

Our new [Admissions Training](#) is delivered on 13 October, and half-day sessions are available on [evaluating qualifications](#), [detecting and combating fraud](#), [Europe and Latin America](#) – on 11 and 12 October. ([more...](#))

UK NARIC completes benchmarking of Cambridge International Examinations secondary qualifications

UK NARIC has recently completed an evaluation and benchmarking study of several Cambridge International Examinations secondary qualifications in the context of the UK education system.

The study focused on Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge International AS & A Level and the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma.

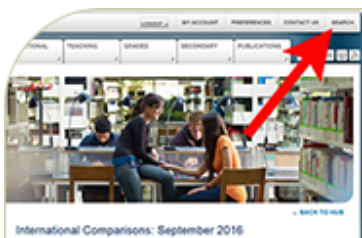
The study found them to be globally relevant and robust qualifications, closely

Developing your opportunities in Latin America with important new recognition agreements – and new support initiatives for building partnerships in China and the Middle East

Home Office and Tier 4 policy briefings and updates with Bharat Pamnani, Head of Tier 4 Sponsorship at UKVI, and also Neil Fletcher, head of the Tier 4 Premium Service team, with opportunities for Q&A

Further education – a special panel and Q&A on current issues and concerns, and case studies in FE internationalisation ([more...](#))

comparable to UK national secondary qualifications, with Cambridge IGCSE comparable to GCSE A*-G; Cambridge International AS Level comparable to GCE AS Level (A-E) and Cambridge International A Level comparable to GCE A Level (A*-E); the 6-credit ([more...](#))



Using the Search function in the UK NARIC databases

In our Member Survey, some members asked for a keyword Search function in the UK NARIC databases.

In fact, it is possible to search the text in the databases for any search term, but some members may be missing this because it does not appear on the Hub page.

To do a keyword search, enter the database and on the welcome page, Search is at the top right (the IC welcome page is pictured above – Search is arrowed). That links to a Search page with ([more...](#))



International Grade Comparisons now covers 82 countries

Seven new countries have been added to the International Grade Comparisons (IGC) data bank in the latest annual update – increasing the coverage to 82 countries and 315 database entries.

In response to member feedback, the European Baccalaureate and International Baccalaureate have also been included for the first time.

The IGC data bank includes grade distribution data, contextual information on grading systems and transcripts ([more...](#))



Help us research readiness for higher education

UK NARIC is conducting research to identify the knowledge and skills considered by higher education institutions to be most relevant for higher education readiness.

You can help the research and be part of it by filling in a short [online survey](#). Thank you!

The findings will help us to formulate a Profile of Higher Education Readiness. This will be used primarily to further inform our guidance on upper secondary, international foundation year and other higher education ([more...](#))

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