



Welcome to the April 2016 edition of NARIC News



## New Visas and Nationality service launched

The new UK NARIC Visas and Nationality service launched on 6 April. The UK NARIC website home page now has a new look, with blue and red coloured gateways to the separate online application portals for individuals, one for the familiar UK NARIC statements (blue) and the other for the new Visas and Nationality statements (red) for immigration purposes.

The new Visas and Nationality statements are not replacements for the current UK NARIC Statement of Comparability and English Language Assessment services. The blue and red services will run alongside one another.

For applications for educational courses, or applications for employment, it may be more appropriate to continue to use the current blue UK NARIC statements when proof of qualification comparability or proof of English language level is required.

The new service replaces the Home Office online Points-Based Calculator, which can no longer be used to support immigration and visa applications.

Tier 4 sponsors are largely unaffected by these changes. ([more...](#))

### Webinars: online briefings on the Points-Based System changes

Reserve your online place now.

Email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) to pre-register and reserve your online place on our free webinar briefings on the changes to the Points-Based immigration system and the calculator switch-off.

We will then contact you by email with dates and times for the webinars. ([more...](#))

### Certified immigration adviser training: 17 May, London

The next OISC immigration adviser training day is on **17 May** in central London at the Radisson Blu in Tottenham Court Road. Booking is **live** on our website, so reserve early to secure your place.

This is certified training towards immigration adviser status – approved by OISC (the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner) and officially CPD-accredited.

This new training initiative has developed from our established and very popular **Tier 4 Compliance** training for universities ([more...](#))

### Ghana, Russia feature in quarterly statistics



## UK NARIC contributes to Asia-Europe interregional recognition

UK NARIC attended the 1st ASEM expert working group on interregional credit transfer mechanisms and learning outcomes systems, which met in Beijing, China, on 24-25 March.

The working group was established following the 5th Asia-Europe meeting of the ministers for education (ASEME5) in April 2015.

The multi-country group is pictured above, with UK NARIC's CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun third from left at front, and UK NARIC's Charles Deliu third from left in the back row.

The working group is tasked to develop further criteria for interregional recognition of credits and learning outcomes. The working group comprises nominated experts from Belgium (Fl.), Brunei, China, Germany, Estonia, Indonesia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Thailand and the UK. ([more...](#))

UK NARIC presents the fifth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering January to March 2016.

This was the busiest quarter ever for UK NARIC, with record numbers of individual applications completed in February and March. Completed individual applications in March 2016 were up nearly 78% on March 2015. ([more...](#))



### Participation in UK-China Skills Mission to strengthen links

UK NARIC took part in the UK-China Skills Mission in March. (UK NARIC's Charles Deliu pictured above in Beijing presenting the UK Skills Team case study to the UK-China Education Policy Week final session. Photo: British Council.)

The mission ran from 7 to 17 March with the goal of strengthening UK-China skills partnerships.

The UK Skills team comprised CEOs from qualification awarding bodies, colleges, and UK NARIC.

This mission was ([more...](#))



### In Armenia for observation of new AB qualification

UK NARIC is in Armenia in early April, undertaking classroom observations and reviewing the teaching and delivery of the new Araratian Baccalaureate (*pictures above*).

The main venue is the country's Ayb School. The Ayb Foundation is in partnership with Armenia's Ministry of Education and Science to design the new qualification.

The visit is part of UK NARIC's evaluation and benchmarking of the new qualification, which is in pilot phase. The first cohort is set to take final exams in June. ([more...](#))



### UK NARIC in Sri Lanka for launch of ICBT HND

Lisa Collett, head of Global Division at UK NARIC, delivered a speech explaining our work at the launch event for the new HND of Sri Lanka's International College of Business and Technology.

The event was attended by many deans and heads of school from UK universities and there was strong interest in the validation methods used for the new HND.

The new Diploma is validated by Cardiff Met university, and UK NARIC is benchmarking the HND against the English Regulated Qualifications Framework. ([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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