



Welcome to the December 2016 edition of NARIC News



Biggest ever UK NARIC conference: DIT, MillionPlus, AoC discuss post-Brexit prospects

Over 450 delegates attended UK NARIC 2016 in London 21/22 November, our 20th and biggest ever annual conference (*picture below: our CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun welcomes delegates*).

'Global connections, new directions' was the conference theme, and a new UK NARIC service, [Global Connect](#), was launched to facilitate new collaborations, particularly in China and the MENA region.

A 15-strong delegation from China attended conference, including representatives from the China national agency for education development (CSDP) and several leading Chinese universities. The delegation met with UK universities and colleges while at conference to discuss capacity building projects and collaborations, and UK NARIC facilitated a week of meetings and campus visits with UK institutions.

Also underlining the global partnerships theme, conference was attended by the secretary general of the Association of Arab Universities, (AARU), Dr Sultan Abu-Orabi, who spoke on the day 2 plenary panel and who presented alongside UK NARIC a workshop on opportunities in the MENA region.

The head of education at the Government's new Department for International Trade, Geoff Gladding, addressed conference and emphasised the support available for 'education exports'. ([more...](#))



Tightening of English

UK NARIC moves to new offices: change of postal address

UK NARIC has moved to new offices in Cheltenham.

There is a new postal address for correspondence: UK NARIC, Suffolk House, 68-70 Suffolk Road, Cheltenham GL50 2ED.

Mail redirection is in place, so any items ([more...](#))

New Egypt qual: first Grade 12 cohort sit finals in 2017

The first full Grade 12 cohort of the new Certificate of Nile International Secondary Education (CNISE) in Egypt will sit their final exams in 2017, ready for tertiary entry in 2017/18.

Individual subjects are awarded a letter grade, A*-E, where E represents the lowest passing grade.

The CNISE is a 3-year bilingual English-Arabic ([more...](#))

IB/CEFR benchmarking: key B2 comparabilities

UK NARIC has completed its benchmarking study of the International Baccalaureate (IB) IB Diploma Programme (DP) English language courses to the CEFR framework.

evidence requirement in latest Tier 4 rules

Recent changes in Home Office Tier 4 rules and new T4 guidance have prompted a number of enquiries to us about exactly when UK NARIC documentation is needed as supporting evidence of English language proficiency. This was also the subject of questions to Bharat Pamnani of UKVI at UK NARIC conference.

To clarify matters, our headline advice is that the revised rules seem to represent no change in scope to what went before: there are *no additional applicant circumstances* in which UK NARIC statements are required.

However, the wording of the rules has been tightened so that previous references to 'UK NARIC evidence' being required are now more explicit, with the requirement now being specifically a 'UK NARIC statement'.

This means that, for example, print-outs from the UK NARIC databases ([more...](#))

Seven English language courses were reviewed and all the courses were found to have at least one grade that can be considered comparable to CEFR B2, the most ([more...](#))

2017 training calendar now online. Next T4 compliance: London, 22 February

The 2017 training calendar is now published and available on our website for browsing and booking your places.

Book now for the Tier 4 compliance seminar event in London on 22 February. There are further T4 seminar events in London ([more...](#))



Global Connect: new service helping you build international partnerships

Global Connect is UK NARIC's new service for universities, colleges, employers and professional bodies that enables you to explore and forge new partnership opportunities in strategic regions around the world.

We not only advise and guide – we use our experience, expertise and unique contacts ([more...](#))



Take part in our International Entry Qualifications research

Contact research@naric.org.uk for information on how to participate in the next phase of our International Entry Qualifications (IEQ) research studies.

This research analyses the progression and performance of international students entering UK undergraduate programmes with upper secondary ([more...](#))



IELTS can help you remain Tier 4 compliant

An encounter between IELTS and Plymouth University admissions staff (*pictured above*) highlighted a good example of Tier 4 compliance best practice.

As well as running IELTS Stakeholder Information Seminars every month, which cover aspects of test security, the IELTS ([more...](#))

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