



Welcome to the January 2016 edition of NARIC News



Philippines – extensive education system change: schools go K-12; knock-on effect on tertiary courses

UK NARIC's December study visit to the Philippines gave us a first-hand look at extensive education system change which is now under way and which will affect the admissions and recruitment picture there:

- All school students now undertake an extra 2 years of senior high school, so a full K-12 system is now in operation – HE enrolments will drop for the next 2 years
- Changes are planned to all HE programmes and qualifications to mesh with the new higher level intake
- A new national qualifications framework is now being implemented with ladderised programmes
- Meetings with universities and colleges in Manila (pictured below) indicated significant interest in working with UK institutions on TNE projects. ([more...](#))



FE seminar event confirmed: London, April; next Tier 4 event is February

The next of our popular one-day Seminar Events on Tier 4 compliance is [scheduled for Tuesday 16 February](#) in London, at the Paddington campus of City of Westminster College.

Recognising the need for an event specifically tailored for further education, we are running a one-day Seminar Event – [International Opportunities in Further Education](#) – on 6 April at the London School of Commerce, near London Bridge and the Shard building. ([more...](#))

362 qualifications reviewed and evaluated by UK NARIC in 2015

UK NARIC's Research & Data group reviewed, researched and evaluated a total of 362 qualifications from 107 countries in 2015. Outcomes of 220 reviews were published on our data banks in 2015.

Latin America, Asia Pacific and the Pacific Islands regions were prioritised, recognising the importance of these regions and markets. ([more...](#))

Armenia: new Araratian Baccalaureate - first cohort sits finals in June

A new upper secondary qualification from Armenia will appear this year, with the first cohort now in the concluding phase of their studies and set to take their final exams in June.

The Araratian Baccalaureate (AB) is not yet available at all Armenian schools as it is still in pilot phase, but it is planned to be launched nationally as an academically rigorous programme to high-performing school students, to be undertaken in the last 3 years of the 12-year Armenian public school system.

The AB is taught in Armenian but is designed to be international in outlook, with all students exposed to at least 3 languages.

The Ayb Foundation, an Armenian not-for-profit organisation working towards education innovation, is in partnership with Armenia's Ministry of Education and Science to design the new qualification, as part of the National Program for Educational Excellence (NPEE). ([more...](#))

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Brazil sustains high enquiry levels: quarterly statistics

UK NARIC presents the fourth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering October to December 2015. Brazil (pictured above), which entered the top 20 countries for individual enquiries in September, from some way outside the table, sustained a top 20 position in November and December (with a 21st position in October). This does represent a sustained increase compared to earlier in 2015. ([more...](#))



Mutual recognition benefits all parties: UK NARIC at SIEM

The concept of mutual recognition is increasingly being embraced by the UK and other countries/regions. Mutual recognition agreements can deliver competitive advantages for all parties. At December's SIEM international education marketing conference (at Edinburgh International Conference Centre, pictured), UK NARIC's Tim Buttress contributed to a session discussing mutual recognition, in conjunction with ([more...](#))



ETS TOEFL's online score verification service

This complimentary service allows you to go online and verify all TOEFL iBT scores presented by candidates to ensure they match the official scores at ETS. Institutions wishing to use this service must have a TOEFL Designated Institution (DI) code. If you do not have a TOEFL DI code, you may apply for one when registering for the verification service. Registration is required in order to begin using ([more...](#))

Consultant Opportunities

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