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## Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications benchmarked to UK, Australian and South African frameworks

UK NARIC was commissioned by Cambridge Assessment International Education to undertake an independent benchmarking of the Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (PDQs) certificate and diploma to the UK, Australian and South African education systems.

The Cambridge PDQ Certificate was found to be comparable to: [READ MORE](#)



## Over 100 set to attend Naric North: special deal for team development

Places are filling up for our Naric North event in Glasgow on 21 May. You can still take advantage of our team development deal on delegate places: **buy three, get one free** [[email link – ask for a special discount code for the free place](#)]. The delegate rates have been kept down to a very reasonable £135 per person and you can [book now](#).

Our keynote speaker is [Professor James Miller](#), Deputy Vice Chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University.

This is the first UK NARIC conference outside of London, allowing for more [READ MORE](#)

## Updated languages for Translation Waiver Service

We have updated our languages for the [Translation Waiver Service \(TWS\)](#). The service is now available for: Arabic, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese, Danish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish.



## Successful international higher education training days in Dubai

In Dubai, UK NARIC has just completed two successful training days on international higher education, run in partnership with [British Council IELTS](#) [some of those taking part are pictured above].

An international higher education briefing for school counsellors was delivered on 27 March. On 28 March, there was a training day on international admissions. The venue was kindly provided by [Middlesex University Dubai](#) in the city's Knowledge Park.

Feedback on the events was very positive and UK NARIC expects to be further developing its collaborations in the MENA [READ MORE](#)

## Syrians in Jordan project connects with 1,000 refugees

UK NARIC's one-year [Syrians in Jordan project](#) is now in its final wind-down phase. Since the project's March 2018 launch, over 1,000 refugees have applied for the scheme.

The project has provided refugees with UK NARIC recognition statements which give information about the levels of qualifications and skills of Syrian refugees, and give guidance on work and study opportunities available.

In cases of refugees having partial or missing qualification documentation, UK NARIC personnel in Jordan have interviewed [READ MORE](#)

This service means we work with applicants' qualification documents in their original language. This avoids the need for [READ MORE](#)

## Is recognition affected by Brexit?

Amidst continuing Brexit uncertainty, we have received enquiries about how qualifications and skills recognition, or how UK NARIC services, might be affected by different potential Brexit situations.

The key document governing recognition is the [Lisbon Recognition Convention](#). The UK is a signatory to the Convention, and remains a signatory, post-Brexit. [READ MORE](#)



## UK NARIC attends Train to Teach events to support aspiring teachers

[Train to Teach events](#) [pictured above], along with events such as the Hertfordshire Teacher Recruitment Fairs ([Teach in Herts](#)), have enabled UK NARIC representatives to meet aspiring teachers with qualifications from all over the world.

These events are attended by the DfE, teacher training advisers and teaching advocates. They have enabled UK NARIC to give face-to-face advice to those with international [READ MORE](#)



## Last call for Sydney training; upcoming dates in Cheltenham

The UK NARIC training team is in [Sydney](#) on 11 and 12 April. There are still a few training places left: the full line-up of workshops is on our [training schedule](#). We return to the UK in Cheltenham for training workshops on 14 May and 15 May. [READ MORE](#)



## e-VALUATE: recognition of MOOCs and SPOCs

UK NARIC attended a conference [panel discussion pictured left] in The Hague, Netherlands on 28 March, as part of the e-VALUATE project, which addresses the recognition of new forms of online learning such as MOOCs and SPOCs. [READ MORE](#)



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