



Welcome to the April 2018 edition of NARIC News



## UK-Chile Mutual Recognition Agreement now in operation

The UK-Chile Mutual Recognition Agreement is now in operation, having formally come into effect in Chile on 5 April.

This was confirmed in a formal letter to UK NARIC from the Chilean ambassador to the UK. UK NARIC is the designated UK contact point for the agreement.

The Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications and Degrees sets out to develop 'relations between the peoples of the two countries' and to cooperate 'in the areas of Education and Mobility, With a view to promoting bilateral mobility and the establishment of efficient mechanisms of mutual recognition of qualifications and degrees awarded in Chile and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland'.

The agreement sets out reciprocity in Chilean Licenciado/a and UK Bachelor (Honours) degrees; Magister ([more...](#))

### Leeds Admissions training, 5/6 June: book both Levels 1 and 2 for discount

Our popular Admissions Officer training is now available in the North: at [Leeds Trinity University](#). [Admissions Officer Training \(Level 1\)](#) and [Admissions Officer Training \(Level 2\)](#) are offered on 5 and 6 June, allowing delegates to attend both sessions if they wish with one overnight stay.

A special discount applies if places are booked at both events - a £50 discount (for both members and non-members): talk to your account manager or email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) for details.

You should [book](#) (member log-in needed) as ([more...](#))

### An update on UK NARIC and GDPR

UK NARIC, like our member organisations and partners, is making full preparations for the coming launch of the new GDPR data protection regulations.

We have been contacted by some members with survey-style requests for information about our data security arrangements and data policies, and we are in the process of responding to these. ([more...](#))

### Quarterly statistics series: January to March 2018

UK NARIC presents the twelfth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering January to March, 2018.



## Syrians in Jordan refugee support scheme launched: in-country meetings with key agencies, partners

The new UK NARIC support scheme in Jordan for Syrian refugees was launched in early April with an event in Amman (*pictured above*) and a series of in-country meetings with key stakeholders and relevant agencies and ministries. The 'Syrians in Jordan: Refugee Qualification Recognition Scheme' is funded by BEIS, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. The [www.naric.org.uk/SIJ](http://www.naric.org.uk/SIJ) web pages are now live.

The UK NARIC team in Jordan, led by CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, met with Jordan's Ministry of Labour, Centre for Accreditation and Quality Control (CAQA), and National Committee for Human Resources Development (NCHRD); the United Nations High

Commission for Refugees; the Norwegian and Danish Refugee Councils; FHI360; Souriyat Across Borders; the Association of Arab Universities (AARU); and the ILO, the International Labour Organisation.

It was felt that the new SIJ project would help in streamlining work permit procedures ([more...](#))

This shows movements in numbers of completed UK NARIC individual enquiries, by country. The data are shown in the tables after the link.

Notable features include: completed enquiries from Ghana rose strongly in February and rose further in March. These numbers are stronger than trend ([more...](#))



### **Bespoke training in Amman for Jordan Ministry of Higher Education**

A UK NARIC team delivered a bespoke programme of training in Amman, Jordan, in March, for the Jordanian Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research. The two days of workshops were attended by over 50 delegates (*group picture above*).

The training programme covered the structure, progression routes, and learning pathways in UK higher education, as well as qualification frameworks, credit transfer systems, and the interaction between professional bodies and higher education providers.

UK NARIC is regularly developing and delivering training of this kind ([more...](#))



### **600 expected at UKNARIC2018: pre-registration open; speaker opportunities**

After more than three years of record-breaking attendances, we are expecting over 600 delegates at the prestigious QEII Centre in Westminster on 7 and 8 November for UKNARIC2018, the 22nd UK NARIC annual conference.

Conference is now regularly over-subscribed; to guarantee your place, pre-register by emailing [conference@naric.org.uk](mailto:conference@naric.org.uk) (this also secures your Early Bird discount). Members can obtain complimentary places from their account manager.

For the first time, the networking reception on the evening of day one of the conference will ([more...](#))



### **Over 100 take part in Aus/NZ training across four cities: return visits planned**

A two-week programme of UK NARIC training sessions in Australia and New Zealand in April saw over 100 delegates take part across four cities - Auckland, Wellington, Sydney, and Adelaide (*Adelaide's South Australia Museum pictured above*).

Two senior trainers from UK NARIC delivered the programme.

Bespoke training was developed and delivered for SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) in Adelaide. SATAC processes applications for entry into courses at participating educational institutions in South Australia and the Northern Territory. ([more...](#))

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