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UK signs UNESCO Global Convention on Recognition of Qualifications



The UK has ratified the [UNESCO Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education](#). Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary at the UK Department for Education, was in Paris [pictured above, right] to deposit the UK's ratification with UNESCO.

Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, Chief Executive of Ecctis, said: 'I am proud that UK ENIC played a leading role in the process that resulted in ratification, along with the UK Department for Education, the Devolved Administrations and the UK National Commission for UNESCO. The Global Convention will have significant impact on the future landscape of world qualifications.'

The [Global Convention](#) will create a framework for fair, transparent and non-discriminatory recognition of higher education qualifications, putting in place universal principles for improving recognition practices.

Paul Norris, Head of UK ENIC, says: 'The UK's ratification of the Global Convention is an important illustration of the UK's commitment to best practice in global mobility, and to improving international cooperation on recognition. The UK is one of the first 20 signees of the Convention, so will be one of the originating members of the Convention once it enters into force. In doing so, the UK is sending a strong message to the world, that we believe in transparent and fair recognition of international qualifications within the UK.'

The Convention will also help promote the value of UK qualifications across the world. UK ENIC has played an active role in consultations leading to the UK's ratification of the Convention. These consultations involved the UK Devolved Administrations, the British Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories during the course of 2020-21.

Professor Emerita Anne Anderson, Higher Education Commissioner from the UK National Commission for UNESCO, said: 'Achieving UK ratification of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications was a great example of partnership working to achieve an important goal. The expertise and advice of Dr Bai-Yun was invaluable as we in the UK National Commission for UNESCO garnered support

ENIC NORTH Conference, Glasgow, 19 May: Full programme now available



We are now less than one month away from our ENIC NORTH face-to-face conference, on Thursday 19 May at The Technology and Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, in the centre of Glasgow. The [full programme](#) is now available.

Our keynote speaker will be Professor James Miller, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University, who will be speaking on the topic: *How the past two years could have shaped the next twenty*. He will consider how providers can continue to deliver the excellence that the UK sector is renowned for now that learners are bringing with them different experiences and expectations as a result of online learning. This plenary session will be followed by 15 breakout sessions in 4 workstreams.

To secure your place now, email your account manager or complete the [conference booking form](#).

ENIC NORTH is supported by [Cambridge Assessment International Education](#), [Cambridge Assessment English](#), [GECKO](#), [Skills for English](#), [Dialexy](#), and [Stuart Rennie Consulting](#). [READ MORE](#)

New blog posts focus on factors UK HE institutions should consider to shape sustainable recruitment



The latest articles in a major blog series, *Strategies for sustainability: diversifying international student recruitment*, are now available.

The articles come as UK universities and higher education institutions are re-examining their recruitment strategies and models, with a focus on long-term sustainability and the need to diversify international student recruitment. You can now read:

for ratification from colleagues across Whitehall and in the Devolved Administrations. I look forward to collaborating with UK ENIC as we build on this achievement.' [READ MORE](#)

25 years on: our focus is now the next 25 years



It is 25 years this month since our work began as the national agency performing the official qualification recognition function for the UK.

As we note this landmark, we are proud that the global influence of UK ENIC continues to expand, reflecting the growth in our research, data, knowledge base, and expertise. Our global membership now spans over 60 countries, and we have dealt with well over one million enquiries.

So, with 25 years' experience as an internationally trusted and respected reference point for qualifications and skills standards, our focus is the **next 25 years**.

Over 4,000 qualifications from secondary to postgraduate level are detailed in our databases, spanning 200 countries, former countries and territories, with comprehensive information on education systems and qualification frameworks, as well as professional and vocational frameworks. Our expert staff continually review and update this data and knowledge base, ensuring its ongoing reliability.

And our training and events provision continues to grow, with both face-to-face and online workshops, seminars, forums and conferences, all designed to support international admissions, recruitment, marketing, TNE, partnerships and development teams.

Our resilience and stability as an organisation, and the value we place in our talented staff, are key to our future plans. We are now looking to extend our reach, with new services in response to what our members need. Our ambition is build further on what we have achieved so far: to be the foremost global supplier of solutions and services in international education, training, and skills, and in the development and recognition of globally portable qualifications.

In these endeavours we appreciate our members' support, and their challenge, and as always we welcome thoughts, suggestions and views to members@ecctis.com [READ MORE](#)

Vietnam's focus on education priorities highlighted at lunch event

- Engaging with a broader range of students' prior learning experiences and pathways, and
- Sustainable values and societal impact

Further blogs in the series will follow in due course, and earlier articles remain available. [READ MORE](#)

35 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 17 database updates

In recent weeks, UK ENIC has reviewed 35 qualifications, from Albania, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, and United States of America. *[Login required for these links.]*

The review has resulted in 17 updates to our databases. [READ MORE](#)

New: FAQs for enquiries about membership services now available

FAQs

Managing your account

1. How can I add, delete and / or edit users? [▶](#)
2. What are the different user types? [▶](#)
3. Where can I find the suspended user list and users? [▶](#)
4. How can I change or reset my user's password? [▶](#)
5. Where can I find information about what is included in my membership and the expiry date? [▶](#)
6. How can I change the Primary Contact of my organisation? [▶](#)
7. How can I remove my organisation's membership? [▶](#)

Member Enquiry Support

1. If I cannot find the relevant information on the Ecctis databases, what can I do? [▶](#)
2. How can the member enquiry service help me? [▶](#)

A wide-ranging set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is now available to address many common queries regarding your membership account and our services.

This time-saving resource contains 33 FAQs in total. They cover topics including: managing my account; member enquiry support; finding information within our databases; qualifications and comparisons, and data updates.

Our aim in providing these FAQs is to give our members more practical support to help make the most of their membership. You can see the new resource using the [FAQ web page](#) *[Login required for this link.]* [READ MORE](#)

'Leading the way in international admissions and recruitment: a new dawn' - 13 May event



Education and infrastructure priorities, and opportunities for UK trade with Vietnam, were on the menu at a lunch with Vietnam's Ambassador to the UK: His Excellency Mr Hoang Long Nguyen [pictured above, fifth from right].

At the London event, hosted by British Expertise International, the Ambassador highlighted growing ties between Vietnam and the UK in the HE sector, and outlined thoughts about how more might be done in relation to TVET and secondary education.

Pete Wood, Head of the UK ENIC Operational Division, who attended, said: 'I had an interesting conversation with the Ambassador, in which it became clear that high quality international education delivered in Vietnamese schools is on the list of the country's top priorities.'

'UK ENIC will be updating our Vietnam country file, specifically the sections relating to HE and TNE, in the coming months, in response to ...' [READ MORE](#)



UK ENIC is delighted to be associated with, and supporting, Cambridge Assessment International Education in its latest international admissions and recruitment seminar on Friday 13 May.

The event sees a welcome return to face-to-face interaction in the impressive surroundings of the Royal Society of Chemistry, in Piccadilly, London.

Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement at UK ENIC will oversee the event once again, chairing proceedings.

This annual seminar has focussed on the challenges posed to international admissions and recruitment staff across the UK, in the face of social, political and global developments of recent years.

For more information, and to register, visit [International Admissions Seminar 2022](#). [READ MORE](#)

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