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# Welcome to the UK ENIC newsletter

A round-up of the latest news, updates, training and events from the team at UK ENIC.

#### The countdown is on to UKENIC25 in London



UKENIC25 is only a few days away and excitement is building around our two-day conference at the QEII Centre in London on 1 and 2 December.

The theme for the event in the heart of Westminster is: 'Innovation and the human connection: harmonising the future of education', and continues conversations that started at ENIC NORTH earlier this year.

This year's conference will feature a packed programme of topical discussions, panels, workshops and presentations from experts across the sector. You can read a copy of the full programme <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

Dr Eleanor Drage, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge, and Co-Director of the Narratives and Justice Programme at the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, will be providing the keynote speech for our opening plenary on day one.

A host of panel sessions throughout the event will explore subjects including fraud, Transnational Education (TNE), responsible internationalisation, student voice, Al and institutions, as well as English language.

Meanwhile, breakout sessions will include a focus on topics including the agents' perspective, microcredentials, education in emergencies, automatic recognition, equity, access and higher education, as well as the Global Recognition Convention, to name only a few.

UK ENIC Country Spotlight sessions will look at the UK education system, Pakistan, Ghana and Nepal too.

### Reflections from the TAICEP conference



UK ENIC colleagues were invited to take part in the annual TAICEP conference in Croatia last month.

Held this year in Cavtat between 20 to 23 October, it is an annual gathering of credential evaluators from around the world, who meet to learn, share knowledge, network and to promote the interests of the education industry.

The TAICEP conference opened with a plenary speech from Noah Webster Sobe, Chief of Section for Higher Education at UNESCO, who will also be appearing on a Question Time panel on day two of our UKENIC25 conference in London, next week.

He explored 'UNESCO's Global and Regional Qualifications Conventions and Academic Mobility in a Changing World'.

Many of the presentations at the TAICEP conference covered global education systems, delivered by various recognition bodies.

UK ENIC was invited along to present three sessions, which were selected out of more than ninety overall submissions from stakeholders:

- Nearly there assessing incomplete degrees and its challenges for credential evaluators
- Political climate and international student mobility case studies from the US, UK and the Netherlands
- Navigating crisis and complexity digital solutions and recognition pathways for displaced learners

**Higher Secondary School Certificate from Pakistan update** 



UK ENIC will soon assess the Pakistan Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), awarded to students following the new National Curriculum of Pakistan (NCP), as comparable to GCE Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level / Scottish Higher (RQF Level 3 / SCQF Level 6 / CQFW Level 3).

The first cohort of students studying the new curriculum will complete their HSSC (also known as 'Intermediate') examinations in summer 2026.

The NCP (2022-23) is the first, core, national curriculum in Pakistan's history. It was developed through a nationwide consultative process led by the National Curriculum Council.

It aims to move classroom instruction away from rote learning to concept-based learning.

# **UK ENIC at British Council's Going Global 2025**



UK ENIC's Research, Data and Insights team were invited along to take part in the British Council's <u>Going Global 2025</u> conference in London, last month.

Going Global is an event for leaders in international education to debate the future of further and higher education.

It provides a strategic forum for sector colleagues to connect, share knowledge and to build a global network of senior leaders and policy influencers.

Research Manager Axel Dessein led a roundtable discussion, together with Dr Jacqueline Priego from the University of Portsmouth, on the topic of microcredentials and other flexible learning pathways.

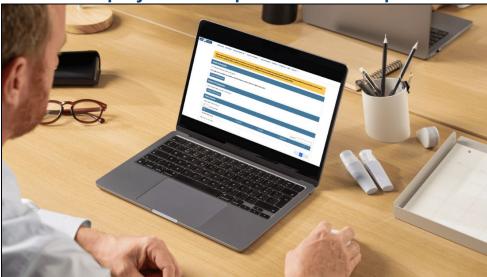
Ask the experts



In the latest edition of our 'Ask the experts' feature, our Research, Data and Insights team is answering another popular question that members ask us.

This month, UK ENIC's Research Manager Emma Kirby provides the answer to this question: *Is this UK degree programme accredited?* 

**Member Enquiry Service update for festive period** 



We wanted to let members know that our phone lines and enquiry service will be closed during the festive period - from 5pm on Tuesday 23 December 2025 until 9am on Friday 2 January 2026.

For member enquiries, the deadline for a 5-working day turnaround is Wednesday 17 December and for a 2-working day turnaround, it's Monday 22 December.

Any queries submitted after these dates will be answered when the enquiry service re-opens in the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

## Coming up: Free webinar for UK ENIC members this December

Our free webinar sessions are exclusively for UK ENIC members. Spaces are limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment. You will find more information and details of how to register below.



Wednesday 17 December, 10am-11am (UK time) Education in Iran – introductory webinar

This session will give an overview of the secondary and higher education systems of Iran, as well as the grading system, documentation and key features we need to look at or take into consideration when reviewing qualifications.

This webinar is exclusive to UK ENIC members only.

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## Follow us for social media updates

The monthly UK ENIC newsletter aims to provide you with relevant and useful news, updates and announcements.

As it is issued at the end of each month, there are inevitably times when some information included here has already been provided to followers of our social media channels.

As a reminder, here are the main UK ENIC social media channels which offer followers useful updates: **UK ENIC X (Twitter)** and **UK ENIC Facebook**.

We have also just launched our new **<u>UK ENIC Linked In</u>** channel – feel free to follow for updates.

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