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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.

Booking now open for UKENIC25 Conference



You can now <u>book your place</u> for our UKENIC25 conference in London on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 December.

Our theme for the two-day event, at the QEII Centre in Westminster, is: "Innovation and the human connection: harmonising the future of education", and continues conversations that started at ENIC NORTH earlier this year.

After 25 years, the UK ENIC conference continues to be the biggest education and skills event in the UK. Hundreds of delegates from the international education sector attend each year including higher and further education admissions, management, marketing, recruitment, registry and compliance.

This year's event will feature a packed programme of topical discussions, panels, workshops and presentations from experts across the sector.

It will include an opening keynote speech from 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.

UKENIC25 programme continues to take shape

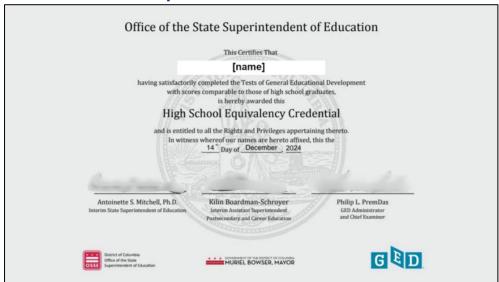


Work continues to develop another ambitious programme for UKENIC25 in London.

We would like to say a big thank you to the UK ENIC Conference Advisory Panel, who are providing sector-wide expertise and input to help direct and shape the content for our two-day event in Westminster on 1 and 2 December.

The panel includes representatives from ACCA, AOC, British Council, BUILA, Department for Education, Edinburgh University, Federation of Awarding Bodies, Imperial College London, Liverpool University, University of Salford and UKCISA, alongside the core UK ENIC staff conference team.

UK ENIC now compares US GED to GCSE



At UK ENIC, we've recently been reviewing our approach to high school equivalency certificates and university entrance exams.

This prompted the decision to assess the US <u>GED</u> – an award that is widely accepted for access to undergraduate study in the USA.

As of September 2025, UK ENIC compares the GED to GCSE A*-C / 9-4.

The GED is a high school equivalency qualification designed for those who haven't yet earned a <u>High School Graduation Diploma</u>.

The test itself comprises four compulsory assessments: mathematical reasoning, reasoning through language arts, social studies, and science. Most questions are multiple-choice.

A snapshot of recent UK ENIC meetings



It has been a busy few weeks for UK ENIC's Policy and Engagement team.

Zara Green, Deputy Head of Policy and Engagement, was recently invited to speak at the Federation of Awarding Bodies International Forum, and the NHS England Skills for Life meeting, to provide UK ENIC updates and to promote the upcoming UKENIC25 conference.

In addition, colleagues met the Scottish Refugee Council to discuss UK ENIC's ongoing work with refugees and refugee charities, as well as our previous involvement with the European Qualification Passport for Refugees.

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: *In the case of TNE, do all awarding bodies need to be accredited?*

Revised UK ENIC comparisons for Indian Bachelor degrees



As of September 2025, UK ENIC will assess most Bachelor degrees from India as follows:

- 3 years/120+ creditsⁱ: UK Bachelor degree
- 4+ years/160+ creditsⁱⁱ: UK Bachelor (Honours) degree

The durations in question relate to full-time study, or part-time equivalent. Credit refers to the <u>National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF)</u> academic credit framework, which has been implemented by some institutions.

The duration-based approach reflects the in-country benchmarking that was formalised in 2023. Specifically, three-year degrees are aligned to level 5.5 on the NHEQF, while four-year degrees are placed at level 6.

UK ENIC's revised comparisons are therefore consistent with the categories and hierarchy that have been established in India.

Upcoming UK ENIC face-to-face training session in Birmingham



Members are reminded of upcoming UK ENIC face-to-face training in Birmingham (UK) this November.

Our full day 'Introduction to international admissions' session provides a concentrated and thorough introduction to the education system and qualifications of key countries.

It explores some of the challenges associated with typical qualifications to support understanding of best practice in international admissions.

In addition, delegates will understand how to develop a systematic approach to the evaluation of overseas qualifications, identifying the most able students, and making an offer.

Read more

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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