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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 UKENIC26 conference in London



Booking is now open for the UKENIC26 conference in London on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December.

Our theme for the two-day event, at the QEII Centre in the heart of Westminster, is: 'Navigating change: shared challenges, collective solutions', and continues conversations that started at ENIC NORTH in Glasgow earlier this year.

After more than 25 years, the UK ENIC conference continues to be one of the biggest education and skills events 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.

UKENIC26 is in partnership with TOEFL. It is supported by IELTS, Gecko, Oxford International Digital Institute, Skills for English, Cambridge, Pearson, LanguageCert, QualificationCheck, Oxford Test of English, Prospects Hedd, Enroly, Trinity College London and Acumen.

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West African Senior School Certificate now comparable to AS level



UK ENIC has conducted a review into its advice on the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE), one of the most widely recognised secondary school qualifications in West Africa, following the introduction of revised examination curricula from 2024.

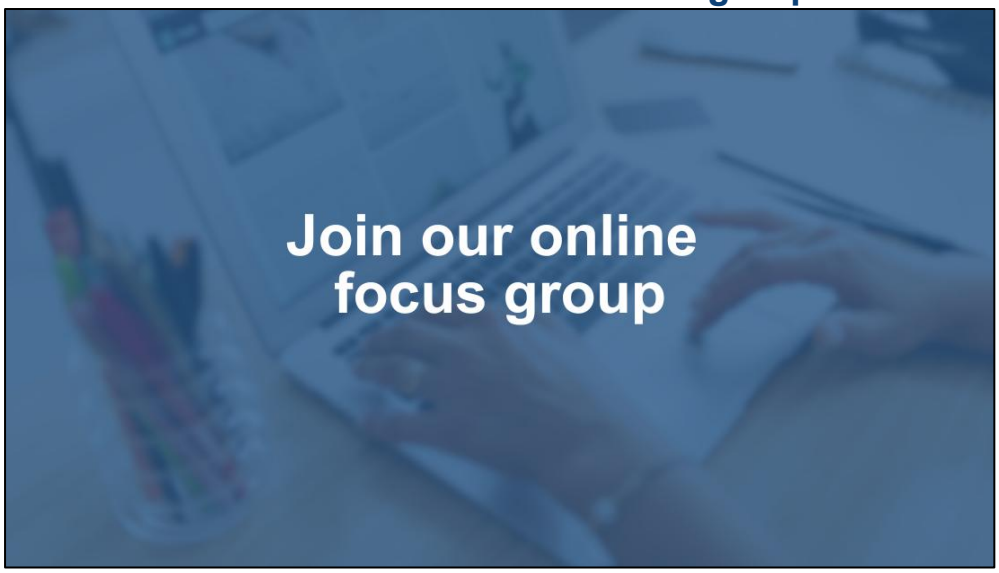
Administered by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC), the qualification serves as the principal school-leaving award in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia.

The WASSCE is now considered comparable to GCE Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level / Scottish Higher, when awarded from 2024 onwards.

This represents an upgrade from UK ENIC's previous assessment, which placed the qualification as comparable to GCSE (grades A* to C / 9 to 4) / Scottish National 5 (grades A to C) / Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate.

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ENIC members wanted for online focus group on IC database



UK ENIC's International Comparisons (IC) database includes a vast amount of information on international education systems, qualifications, and institutions. But how well does the content and format of the information serve members' needs?

We have recently been looking at how we might be able to make the IC database more accessible and user-friendly.

In particular, we've considered streamlining the text sections ('School', 'Higher Education' etc) and converting key information on those pages to a table format.

However, we would only look to implement these changes if they would improve the user experience. Which is why we need your input.

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75 qualifications reviewed, resulting in 55 database updates



As part of our ongoing database development work during recent months, UK ENIC has reviewed 75 qualifications from the following countries:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Islands, Denmark, East Timor, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Macau, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Turkey, Uruguay, Zambia, and Zimbabwe [login required for these links].

The review has resulted in 55 updates to our databases.

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Ask the experts: UK degrees – does the status of the delivery provider matter?



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: UK degrees – does the status of the delivery provider matter?

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Follow us for social media updates in 2026

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 recently launched our new **UK ENIC Linked In** channel – feel free to follow for updates.

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