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New UK NARIC website launches 30 August



A completely redesigned and recoded UK NARIC website will launch on 30 August.

The public-facing web pages, the application portal for individuals, the Members' Hub and member areas, and all our online databases have all been overhauled and improved.

For members and database users, benefits include: faster-loading pages; an advanced, predictive, multilingual search function; an enhanced design with 3-click navigation for a more efficient user experience; adaptive display for mobiles and tablets; and refined, condensed content to support a cleaner design and site structure. [READ MORE](#)

Charting the impact of COVID-19 on education



The UK NARIC research team continues to track announcements on school closures and exam arrangements worldwide, and to publish these as announcements are made on the [UK NARIC blog](#).

At the time of writing this news story - 28 July - the latest figures from UNESCO indicated that 107 countries have closed schools and universities at a national level. At the peak in April, 193 countries were affected by closures. [READ MORE](#)

New Europass launched with e-portfolio functions

'Clearing special' among upcoming webinars



There is still time to book onto our upcoming 'Clearing special' training webinar on 5 August on the [training schedule web page](#).

The session will feature advice on how to make the most of UK NARIC resources including the International Comparisons database, the online Certificate Bank, and the Member Enquiry Service.

Members may use their pre-paid places for this online training; contact your account manager for details. Non-members can email events@naric.org.uk to book places. [READ MORE](#)

Bespoke training online: 15% off usual rates

UK NARIC is able to offer bespoke, tailored training online for members and organisations. This allows team development to continue despite COVID-19 restrictions. It also means we can offer bespoke training to you, wherever you are in the world. Recently, we delivered online training for Australian members at times suitable for their time zone.

For bespoke training bookings made in August, we are able to offer 15% off normal rates. To discuss possible training content and formats, and options for delivery dates and times, then contact events@naric.org.uk

Potentially, any subject relating to international education can be covered. Bespoke training means that your own particular [READ MORE](#)

UK NARIC to lead three sessions at TAICEP virtual conference



The new [Europass](#) website was launched on 1 July. The free online CV resource now offers much more functionality, including the ability to create your own online portfolio to show your education, employment history and achievements in a format which will be widely accepted across Europe.

The e-portfolio system represents a move from static, physical CVs to a more dynamic online representation of an individual's academic and work background. [READ MORE](#)

USA exam issues discussed at BUILA North America webinar

UK NARIC took part in the [BUILA](#) North America Regional Interest Group online meeting/webinar, held via Zoom on 15 July.

Around 100 attended the event and the discussion focused mainly on the USA, on market sentiment, admissions, and recruitment issues.

Questions for UK NARIC were about our [International Grade Comparisons](#) database; accessing our [training webinars](#); and updates about the Advanced Placement examinations, which have been affected by COVID-19 restrictions. [READ MORE](#)

UK NARIC will lead three workshop sessions at the [TAICEP](#) virtual conference in October ([TAICEP](#) is The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals). These sessions will focus on transnational education (TNE), international grade comparison and evaluating the skills of refugees. [READ MORE](#)

Comparability now available on IC for SAT Subject Tests

[Comparability for SAT Subject Tests \[log-in required\]](#) is now available on our International Comparisons database.

SAT Subject Tests may be taken in any one of 20 subjects and are used to indicate college readiness in the USA.

The tests are distinct from the main SAT, which is specific to English and mathematics. [READ MORE](#)

UK NARIC signs MoU with ANQAHE

A Memorandum of Understanding has been created between UK NARIC and the ANQAHE (Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) with a view to providing platforms and opportunities for cooperation in supporting the growth of quality transnational education (TNE) in the Arab region. [READ MORE](#)



The quarterly statistics series: April to June 2020

UK NARIC presents the latest, 21st edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering April to June 2020. This shows movements in numbers of completed UK NARIC individual enquiries, by country. The most dramatic feature is a sharp rise in enquiries from Hong Kong in June - up 19 places in the overall country rankings. [READ MORE](#)

