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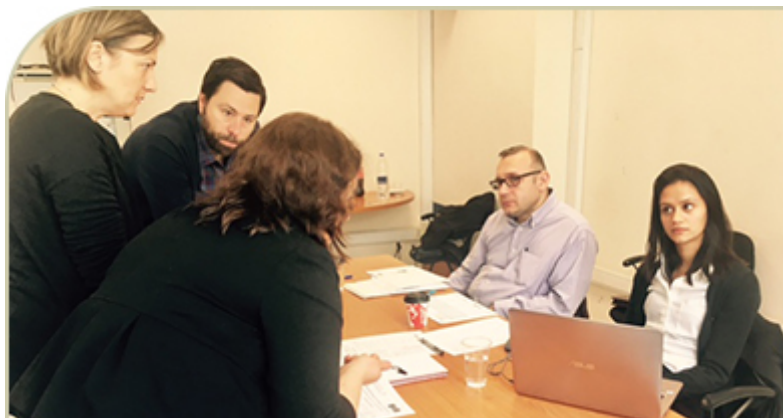
UK NARIC in pilot of European Qualifications Passport for Refugees

The first European Qualifications Passports for Refugees have been issued in a pilot of the Passport scheme in Greece.

The concept and process for a Qualifications Passport for Refugees was devised by UK NARIC in collaboration with our Norwegian counterpart NOKUT. The Council of Europe's Education Department is running a pilot of the idea in Greece, with UK NARIC taking part, alongside NOKUT, CIMEA (the Italian NARIC), DOATEP (the Hellenic NARIC) and the Greek Ministry of Education.

(Pictured below in Athens preparing for the first interviews of refugees: anti-clockwise from right - Rose Chacko of UK NARIC, Kosmas Papavlasopoulos (DOATEP), Konstantinos Kasara (DOATEP), Maria Fassari (Greek Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs), Marina Malgina (NOKUT).)

The scheme is designed to address the issue of refugees and displaced persons with partial or missing documentation for their qualifications. Refugees undergo structured interviews with experienced credential evaluators to ascertain and confirm qualifications and skills. This aids rapid integration of displaced persons into host nations and the harnessing of skills for the benefit of the community. ([more...](#))



New Admissions Level 2 training day: first date,

**Next Tier 4 event:
London 11 May;
Admissions 1,
Manchester 7 June**

The next of our popular [Tier 4 compliance](#) one-day Seminar Events is in central London on 11 May. This event will cover changes in the new just-published update of the Home Office Immigration Rules (see *story below*) and any upcoming changes in the new T4 Guidance due in April. We expect this will be an especially busy event and you should book early. Credibility interviews (a key reason for visa refusal) will also be covered in detail.

We had excellent feedback from our [Admissions Officer Training \(Level 1\)](#) on 1 March and we go north for our [next Admissions 1 day](#): the venue is [Manchester](#) on 7 June.

You can [book](#) online (member log-in needed) and non-members can book using the [form \[PDF\]](#) which ([more...](#))

New Immigration Rules: UK NARIC can certify A1, A2, B1, B2 English

The latest Home Office [update to the Immigration Rules](#) has been laid before Parliament and is expected to be approved, to take effect in April.

There has been a widening of the English proficiency levels which can be certified using

London 10 May

Our new [Admissions Level 2 training day](#) for admissions officers launches with its first date on 10 May in central London.

This is a development of our successful [Admissions Level 1 training days](#) which were launched in 2016. Content has been formulated in response to feedback from these Level 1 events.

The team of trainers includes at least one senior credential evaluator from UK NARIC, who works every day with qualifications from around the world; and, with the institutional perspective, experienced head of admissions and compliance Simon Maller (Leeds Trinity University, and formerly of the Universities of Salford, Hull, and Leeds). Simon is secretary of the Academic Registrars' Council UKVI Practitioners' Group.

Course content covers 4 important admissions themes: an in-depth look at understanding qualifications and evaluating applications, and deciding on suitability and ability; understanding accreditation; a focus on refusal rates - an increasingly important KPI; and how you can use official sources to inform decisions and reduce risk. ([more...](#))

an international degree and a UK NARIC statement.

CEFR Levels A1, ([more...](#))

China, Brazil data files set for update; Grades expands to 110 countries

The 2017 UK NARIC [Information Development Plan](#) is now live.

46 countries set for full update on International Comparisons include the substantial country profiles for Australia, Brazil, China and South Africa.

[International Grade Comparisons](#) will expand from 82 to 110 countries ([more...](#))



International Entry Qualifications: researching student performance

UK NARIC's International Entry Qualifications research focuses on the progression and performance of international students entering UK undergraduate programmes with upper secondary qualifications which have not traditionally allowed automatic entry to Bachelor courses.

Contact research@naric.org.uk to find out more and for information on how to participate in this next phase of the research.

A summary report of UK NARIC's IEQ pilot study from 2015-16 can be viewed and downloaded on the ([more...](#))



Our conference workshop themes for UKNARIC17, London, November

Our 5 themes for our workshops at UKNARIC17, our annual conference in London on 20/21 November, will be: Understanding demand; Control your risks; "What is English language proficiency?"; Nations, qualifications, institutions: standards and cross-comparisons; and Resources to help you build, develop, and grow.

Our over-arching conference theme is: 'Charting the course ahead'. Secure your place by pre-registering: email events@naric.org.uk.

There will be over 50 workshops and they ([more...](#))



Promoting ReferNet resources: Thessaloniki action plan

ReferNet agencies across Europe will commence a promotional push online and on social media, following a February communications workshop in Thessaloniki, Greece.

[ReferNet](#) is the European information network for Vocational Education and Training. ReferNet is a valuable knowledge base and resource for all those involved in VET.

Torjus Abusland, ReferNet Coordinator for the UK, attended the workshop and will be developing the online presence for ([more...](#))

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