

NARIC and QUALIFICATIONS:

INTRODUCTION:

Most professionals in the UK need to be suitably qualified. So comparisons have to be made between the qualifications given in different countries. There is a little flexibility. And there are special provisions for inbound professionals who are EU citizens.

Many organisations use NARIC. This is the National Academic Recognition Information Centre.

In the UK it is the only official information provider on the comparability of international qualifications from over 180 countries worldwide. Nevertheless professional organisations such as the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) or the General Teaching Council (GTC) will often be able to draw on their own experience and OK a qualification as being acceptable.

The UK's NARIC service, supplemented by the National Centre for Vocational Qualifications (go to www.uknvp.org.uk) and the National Europass Centre (at www.uknec.org.uk), provide the essential assistance in skills integration and progressions towards employment and further studies in the UK.

WHAT NARIC WILL DO FOR YOU:

The NARIC Recognition and Evaluation Service is the essential first step recommended to individuals with international qualifications, and employers / organizations in the UK who receive individuals with skills and qualifications attained from outside the UK.

The service is the starting point when considering progressions towards further studies or employment in the UK. As an individual, the Evaluation Service recognizes your overseas awards and provides a clear indication of the comparable level of your qualifications from another country. The recognition of the level of education and training you received from overseas will enable you to better identify the best options when planning:

- to apply for a study programme at a UK university to gain a further qualification
- to consider employment opportunities in the UK in your chosen occupation
- to apply for a professional status to be able to work as a fully qualified professional such as a teacher, nurse or doctor
- to apply to the Highly Skilled Migrant Programme as part of work permits application process

USING NARIC OVER the INTERNET:

To apply for the Recognition and Evaluation Services, it is best to use the website at www.naric.org.uk where you'll need to choose the service you need:

- Standard Evaluation Service
- Fast Track Service
- Translation Waiver scheme
- Career Path Report