About this Guide

This guide provides information on foreign qualifications and how to get recognition advice in Ireland. It will show you how to use the NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications Database.

NARIC Ireland

NARIC Ireland provides advice on the academic recognition of foreign qualification. We try to compare a foreign qualification to an Irish qualification of a similar type and level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

NARIC Foreign Qualifications Database

The NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications database provides comparability advice and information on academic qualifications. This information will help you understand you qualification in the context of the Irish education and training system.

It can also help employers, funding agencies and education and training institutions to determine if an applicant holds the academic qualifications for a particular job, funding or course.

Qualification not in the Database?

If you cannot find your qualification in the database you can contact us by email to naric@qqi.ie and we will do our best to help you. We do not have a public office and will only respond to your questions by email.
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STEP 1

Search the Database

http://qsearch.qqi.ie/WebPart/Search?searchtype=recognitions

» Click into the database and search using the drop down boxes.

» Select one of the following and press enter

- Country
- Type of Education
  (Higher Education, Further Education (VET), School Education)

FIGURE 1 - SEARCH THE DATABASE
STEP 2 | View Results

» You will now see your results in the form of a list.

» In Figure 2 below you will see the results returned for the following search:

~ Country = Poland
~ Type of Education = Higher Education
STEP 3

Select your Qualification from the list and view the Qualifications Profile

» Click on a particular qualification from the list and you will see a Qualifications Profile (see Figure 3 below).

» The Qualifications Profile contains important information about the qualification.

» It compares the foreign qualification to an award-type and level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications.

» This profile also includes a link to a Comparability Statement for this qualification.

FIGURE 3 – QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE
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STEP 4 Download and print your Comparability Statement

- This one-page Comparability Statement can be downloaded and printed. It will help you and employers or education and training institutions to understand your qualification.

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**FIGURE 4 – COMPARABILITY STATEMENT**

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**Comparability Statement**

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**NFQ LEVEL SUMMARY**

Learning outcomes at Level 10 relate to the discovery and development of new knowledge and skills and delivering findings at the frontiers of knowledge and application. Further outcomes at this level relate to specialist skills and transferable skills required for managing, such as the abilities to critique and develop organisational structures and initiate change.

The recognition advice provided above is based on current understandings of the comparability of qualifications on the basis that qualifications are awarded by nationally recognised awarding bodies in their country of origin. The advice given may need to be re-examined in the future on the basis of changes and developments in national and international education and training systems and our knowledge thereof. We welcome feedback on the information provided; feedback should be submitted through the QHelp portal at www.QQI.ie

The advice presented does not represent access to employment, a regulated profession or education and training. The information provided may assist an employer, professional recognition body or education and training provider determine if an applicant holds the qualifications deemed necessary for employment/programme entry. However, final recognition decisions for the purposes of accessing further education and/or