International qualification equivalencies

International students from a variety of educational backgrounds apply for jobs and graduate schemes across the UK, and many of these employers use standard application forms, which often do not cater for the variety of qualifications that international students apply with.

UCAS Tariff points and secondary school qualifications

Standard conversions for a number of non-A level qualifications are offered on the UCAS website: www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/tarifftables

These include the International Baccalaureate, Scottish qualifications, Irish leaving certificate, and a number of UK-based qualifications. Unfortunately, there are no official equivalencies offered for most international secondary school qualifications.

Although the International Office advises colleagues across the University regarding international qualifications equivalencies, this is for internal use only (for example admissions) and they are not able to offer conversions/equivalencies to students for external use.

Often it is impossible to ‘equate’ international qualifications due to the different nature of the examinations. When you are completing a form, we recommend you choose one of the following options.

1 Leave the qualifications blank and clarify this with an employer at a later stage.
2 Fill in a value that you believe to be largely equivalent and clarify this with an employer at a later stage.
3 Contact UK NARIC and ask for a Statement of Comparability or Career Path Report (see opposite). These services, however, do incur a charge.

Higher education qualifications

The International Office is able to advise on and equate the level of an international qualification with the help of NARIC. However, they are unable to give students an official certificate, and they recommended students who are required to submit a certificate by an employer to contact NARIC (see below). The International Office is able to give individual and informal advice on international grading and classification systems.

However, this cannot be used for official purposes outside the University. Students wishing to use this advice during an application should be aware that this advice is not based on any research, and that it is used for internal University admissions purposes only.

For more information, please contact the International Office international-office@nottingham.ac.uk

Student enquiries regarding qualifications equivalencies

UK NARIC has introduced a service designed to assist non-UK students in assessing the equivalency of their qualifications. Information on the services UK NARIC offer can be found on the their website www.ecctis.co.uk/NARIC/individuals/Default.aspx

This service is designed to assist students when applying for jobs or courses in the UK. The Statement of Comparability or Career Path Report can be presented to employers or institutions as supporting information, together with a CV or application form, as confirmation of recognition of the overseas qualification in the UK.

We’re here to help, get in touch:

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