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International Degree Comparability List

For UKVRN Applications

Introduction

Individuals submitting applications for UKVRN registration may wish to submit degrees completed at non-UK universities as evidence they meet the registration competencies. There can be significant differences in the education systems and provisions between institutes, even within the same country. Therefore guidance must be provided to the assessor on the comparability of the qualification to one completed at a UK institute.

The AfN International Degree Comparability List was compiled using a variety of sources including UK ENIC, the Graduate Recruitment Bureau, UK Government and University websites to determine where there was consensus on comparability. The list is intended for guidance and is not meant to be (nor can it be) 100% comprehensive. Exact parallels cannot be drawn between all education systems, and significant variation can occur between institutes even within the same country. Where evidence of consensus was not available, a statement of comparability will be required.

Do I need to provide a Statement of Comparability?

Comparability can be provided to the assessor either by confirming the qualification achieved is listed on the AfN International Degree Comparability List or through the provision of a Statement of Comparability obtained by the applicant from UK ENIC.

Is your qualification listed in the table on pages 2 - 17?

NO

You **WILL** require a Statement of Comparability from the UK ENIC to accompany your application for registration.

YES

You will **NOT** require a Statement of Comparability to accompany your application for registration.

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COUNTRY	QUALIFICATION	MINIMUM GRADE EQUIVALENT REQUIRED	NOTES
Afghanistan	Masters	85% from a well ranked public institution	Master's degree is considered comparable to British Bachelor (BSc) degree standard
Albania	Diplomë e Nivelit të Pare (First Level (University) Diploma).	9/10 when awarded after at least 5 years study	Nëntë = 9, Dhjetë = 10 Diplomë universitare is insufficient
	Master i Nivelit të Parë (First Level Master's degree) or Master i Nivelit t Dytë (Second Level Master's degree)	8/10	Tetë = 8, Nëntë = 9, Dhjetë = 10
Algeria	Licence, Diplome de (subject area), Diplome d'Etude Superieures	15/20 from a well ranked public institution	
Argentina	Licenciado /Grado de Licenciado	6 when awarded after at least 4 years study	Bueno = 6, Distinguido = 7.5, Sobresaliente = 9
	Título de [subject area]	6 when awarded after at least 4 years study	Bueno = 6, Distinguido = 7.5, Sobresaliente = 9

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Armenia	Bakalavri Astichan or Bakalavri Kochum	80% or 18/20 from a well ranked public institution	Only when studied after 2005 (not comparable pre-2005)
	Bakalavri Kochum when completed at the American University of Armenia	GPA 3.5/4	
	Magistrosi Kochum or Magistrosi Astichan	70%, GPA 3.00, Grading 4/5, 7/10 or 13/20 from a well ranked public institution	
	Specialist Diploma	GPA 3.00, Grading 4/5, 7/10 or 13/20 from a well ranked public institution	
Australia	Bachelor	Credit	
	Bachelor Honours (4y)	Second Class Division (Lower / B / 2) / H2B	
Austria	Diplomstudium / Magister	Genuegend	Only when awarded in or pre-2002
	Bachelor degree	3.9	The overall weighted grade average, if not specified on the degree transcript, should be calculated from the numerical grades achieved for each module. Modules or assessments marked as pass/fail should not be counted when calculating the average.
	Fachhochschuldiplom / Diplom (FH)	3.9	

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Azerbaijan	Specialist Diploma (Diplomu)	4.0/5.0 or 81/100	
	Bakalavr diplomu	4.5/5.0	Only when awarded after 2005
	Magistr	4.0	Only when awarded before 2005
Bangladesh	Bachelor's degree	GPA of 2.5/4.0 from a listed Bangladeshi university	Only when awarded after at least four years study, completed at: • Asian University for Women • BUET - Bangladeshi University of Engineering and Technology
	Master's degree	GPA of 2.8/4.0 from a listed Bangladeshi university	Only when following a three or four year Bachelor degree. Completed at: • Bangladesh University of Professionals • BRAC University Dhaka • BUET - Bangladeshi University of Engineering and Technology • CUET - Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology • Daffodil International University • East West University • Independent University Dhaka • Khulna University of Engineering and Technology • North South University Dhaka • RUET - Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology • University of Chittagong • University of Dhaka • United International University

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Belarus	Specialist Diploma	2:2 with 7/10 when awarded after five years of study	Completed post 2003
	Specialist Diploma	4/5 when awarded after five years of study	Completed 1991-2003
	Master's degree	4/5 or 7/10	Completed after 1991
Belgium	Bachelor's Degree/Bachelier (post 2003)	60%, met onderscheiding / avec distinction 12/20	1st = Avec grande distinction/ met grootste onderscheiding 2.1= Avec distinction/ met onderscheiding/ Summa Cum Laude 2.2= Avec satisfaction/ met voldoening/ Magna Cum Laude
	Licentiaat / Licencié		
Benin	Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA) / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures (DAS)/ Master	12/20 or Assez Bien	1st = 18/20 2.1 = 15/20 or Bien 2.2 = 12/20 or Assez Bien
Bolivia	Licenciado / Título de [subject area]	7.5/10 or 64/100 when awarded after five years of study	
	Título de Especialista Médico, Título de Maestría (Académica) / Magister Scientiarum	7.5/10 or 64/100	

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Bosnia & Herzegovina	Diploma Visokog Obrazovanja / (Advanced Diploma of Higher Education)	8/10 or 4/5 completed at a Public University and awarded after 4-6 years of study	Completed post 2008
	Diplomirani (Bachelor degree)		
Botswana	Masters from University of Botswana	C/Good	Master's degree is considered comparable to British Bachelor (BSc) degree standard
Brazil	Bacharel/ Licenciado/ Licenciatura	6.5 or 65 when awarded after 4 years of study	
	Título de Mestre	minimum overall grade of pass	
Brunei	Bachelor (Honours)	2:2 or C from a Government Higher Institution after 4 years of study	1st = 18/20 2.1 = 15/20 or Bien 2.2 = 12/20 or Assez Bien
Bulgaria	**Бакалавър** (Bachelor degree) / **Професионален бакалавър** (Professional Bachelor degree)	4 or Dobur	Awarded from 2003
	Магистър (Master's degree)	4/6 or Dobur	When awarded up to and including 2003

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Burkina Faso	Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA) / Diplôme d'Études Supérieures (DAS)/ Master	12/20 or Assez Bien	
Burundi	Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA)	60	
Cambodia	Maîtrise / Masters	C+ / 11 (French system) / CGPA 2.7 / 65%	Master's degree is considered comparable to British Bachelor (BSc) degree standard
Cameroon	Diplôme d'études supérieures en commerce	Pass awarded after 5 years of study minimum overall grade of pass	
	Diplôme d'Ingénieur		
	Maîtrise / Master's degree (without thesis)	12/20 or Assez Bien	
Canada	Bachelor Honours degree (4 years) / Baccalauréat / Professional Bachelor degree	C+, GPA 2.5/4.0, 62% or 6/12	
	Bachelor degree (3 years)	B, GPA 3.1/4.0, 73% or 8/12	
Chile	Grado de Licenciado en [subject area]	5 awarded after 4 years of study	

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China	学士学位 (Bachelor degree)	2.9/4.0 or 75%	
Colombia	Licenciado en / Professional en [subject area] with Acreditación de alta calidad	3.2 awarded after 4 years of study	
Congo	Maîtrise or the Diplome des Etudes Superieures	12/20 or Assez Bien	
Costa Rica	Licenciado	7.5 awarded after 4 years of study from either a public higher education institution or from a private higher education institution that is approved by the Consejo National de Enseñanza Superior Universitaria Privada (CONSESUP)	
Croatia	Baccalaureus/Baccalaurea	3/5, dobar (good)	Awarded post-2005
	Diploma Visoko Obrazovanje	4/5 awarded after 4-6 years of full time	Awarded pre-2005
Cuba	Bachelor Honours degree (4 years) / Baccalauréat / Professional Bachelor degree	C+, GPA 2.5/4.0, 62% or 6/12	

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Cyprus	Ptychio (Bachelor degree)	6.5/10 or 2.85/4 awarded after 4 years of full time study	From a public university. If from a private institute, the institution must be accredited by the Ministry of Education and Culture)
Czech Republic	Bakalář (Bachelor degree)	C / dobre or 2.0 (3.0 if awarded before 2004)	Issued post 2002
	Magister	2.0 / dobre	Awarded up to and including 2002 (1 is highest, 5 lowest)
Denmark	Bachelor degree or Professions bachelor (Professional Bachelor Degree)	7	When awarded post 2007
Dominican Republic	Licenciado/Titulo de (subject area)	3.2, 82% or Cum Laude awarded after a minimum of 4 years full time study	
	Maestría	80%	
Ecuador	Título de Licenciado / Título de [subject area]	75% or 7.5	
	Magister/ Maestría		
Egypt	Bachelor from American University of Cairo	GPA 3.2/4 awarded after a minimum of 4 years full time study	
	Bachelor degree from Public or Private university	65% in science subject awarded after a minimum of 4 years full time study	

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El Salvador	Maestría is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	6	From a public university. If from a private institute, the institution must be accredited by the Ministry of Education & Culture
	Licenciado / Título de [subject area]	6.5/Bueno awarded after a minimum of 5 years full time study	Maestría is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard
Estonia	Bakalaurusekraad / Diploma (Bachelor degree)	2.5 or C	
	Rakenduskõrgharidusõppe Diplom / Professional Higher Education Diploma		
Ethiopia	Masters	3.5/4 or B when awarded by a public university or private university where programme is approved by HERQA	
Fiji	Bachelor degree from the University of the South Pacific	80% or B	
Finland	Kandidaatti/Kandidat	2/3 or 3.5/5 awarded after a minimum of 6 years full time study	Awarded post 2007 *Please note that the overall weighted grade average, if not specified on the degree transcript, should be calculated from the numerical grades achieved for each module. Modules or assessments marked as pass/fail should not be counted when calculating the average.
	Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto (AMK) / Yrkeshögskoleexamen (YHS)	2.5	

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France	Maîtrise	11	pre-2009
	Licence/Grade de Licence from a Grande École	12/20 after a minimum of 3 years full time study	(post-2009)
Georgia	Bakalavris Khariskhi (Bachelor's degree)	4/5 or Good awarded after a minimum of 4 years full time study	
	Diplomirebuli Spezialisti (certified Specialist)		
	Umaghlesi Ganatlebis Diplomi (Specialist Diploma)		
Germany	Bachelor degree	3	
	Fachhochschuldiplom/ Diplom (FH)	3	
	Magister Artium / Diplom/ Erstes Staatsexamen	3 / Befriedigend after a minimum of 5 years study	When studied pre-2002 equivalent to a BSc(Hons). Post-2002 Magister is equivalent to a MSc
Ghana	Bachelor degree (from a Public University)	2.5/4 or 2:2	
Greece	ΠΤΥΧΙΟ / ΔΙΠΛΩΜΑ ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟΥ (University Degree / Diploma)	6/10 or Good after a minimum of 5 years study	When awarded by the university sector or by institutions that are legally equivalent to universities (i.e. not a Technikon)

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Greece	**ΠΤΥΧΙΟ** ΑΕΑ (Diploma / Degree from AEA)	6/10 or Good after a minimum of 5 years study	When awarded by a Higher Ecclesiastical Academy (AEA) established in 2006
	ΠΤΥΧΙΟ / Diploma from TEI (professional degree)		When entered after 2003 and graduated from a university
Guatemala	Licenciado / Título de [subject area]	60% after a minimum of 4 years study	Only if from Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (USAC)
Honduras	Licenciado / Título de [subject area]	3.5/5 or 70% after a minimum of 4 years study from a recognised university	
Hong Kong	Bachelor (Hons) degree **學士學位 (榮譽)**	2:2, C or a GPA 2.4/4	From a public university, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology or The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU)
Hungary	Egytemi Oklevel (University Diploma)	3/5 or Közepes	
	Alapfokozat (Bachelor's)		If studied from 2004
Iceland	Baccalaurreatus	6.5	
	Kandidatsprf / Candidatus Mag.	6	
India	Bachelor of Arts/Science/Commerce	50%, 6/10 or 4/7	
	Professional Bachelor degree		

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Indonesia	Sarjana (S1) course accredited with A	2.5	
Iran	Professional Doctorate	12/20	
Iraq	Master of Technology (from a Technical College)	70%	
	Master's degree		
Ireland	Bachelor (Hons) degree (BSc Hons)	2:2	
Italy	Laurea (laurea triennale)	84	
	Licenza di Accademia di Belle Arti		
	Laurea Ingegneria		
	Diploma di Mediatore Linguistico		
	Diploma Accademico di Primo Livello		
	Laurea v.o	88	
Ivory Coast	Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures spécialisées (DESS) / (DES)	12	When approved by the Ministere de l'Enseignement Superieur et de la Recherche Scientifique
	Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)		

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Jamaica	Bachelor's degree	Class 2 lower division (60%)	University of West Indies GPA, 2.00–2.99
Jordan	Bachelor's degree	2.5	
Kazakhstan	Bachelor's degree Bakalavr or Specialist Diploma	*3.6 – 3.79 *4.5 – 4.69 = 2:1	
Kenya	Bachelor's degree	B or 60–69% *Second Class (Upper) *Good = 2:1	When awarded from public universities
Kuwait	Bachelor's degree	9 or Very good = 2:1	Master's degree is considered comparable to British Master's degree standard when awarded as advanced specialisation on the basis of a Bachelor's degree.
Kyrgyzstan	Master's degree	4 out of 5 or 3 out of 4	Master's degree is considered comparable to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard.
Latvia	Magistra Diploms (Master's degree)	6	Is considered comparable to British Bachelor's degree standard when studied before 2000. After 2000 comparable to a British Masters
Lebanon	Maîtrise (Master's degree)	*16 – 17.99 *80% - 89.99% *3.2 – 3.59 = 2:1	Is considered comparable to British Bachelor's degree
Lesotho	Master's degree	C=2.2	Is considered comparable to British Bachelor's (Honours) degree
Liberia	Master's degree	3.5	Is considered comparable to British Bachelor's (Honours) degree

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Libya	Master's degree	3.2 – 3.99 *75-84.99% = 2:1	Is considered comparable to British Bachelor's (Honours) degree
Macao	Master's degree	3.0	
Macedonia	Master's degree	Magistar 9 = 2:1	
Madagascar	Diplome d'Etudes Approfondie	12	
Malawi	Master's degree	3.2 or 74%	
Malaysia	Bachelor's degree	Class 2 division ii	
Malta	Bachelor's degree	Second class honours, Lower division with overall average of 60%	
Mauritius	Bachelor's degree	2.2	
Myanmar	Master's degree	60%	
Namibia	Master's degree	C 60%	
Niger	Diplome d'Etudes Approfondie	12	
Philippines	Master's degree	'Good'	Must be awarded from a 'Centre of Excellence' or prestigious institution

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Samoa	Bachelor's degree	B, 70%	
Senegal	Diplome d'Etudes Approfondie	12	
Solomon Islands	Bachelor's degree	B, 70%	
Spain	Titulo Universitario Oficial de Graduado en [subject] (Grado)	6	
	Titulo Universitario Oficial de Licenciado (Licenciatura)	6	
Sri Lanka	Bachelor's degree	2:2	
Sweden	Bachelor degree	100 out of 120 AF Grade scale: C(Bra) 5U Grade scale: 4/BA UM Grade scale: BA UB Grade Scale: VG	
Switzerland	Bachelor degree	4	
Tajikistan	Diploma Magister	4	
Tanzania	Bachelor's degree	2:2	
Thailand	Bachelor's degree	Good/ 3	

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Togo	Diplome d'Etudes Approfondie/Superieures	12	
Tonga	Bachelor's degree	B, 70%	Only degrees from the University of South Pacific are recognised
Uganda	Bachelor's degree	Class IIii Lower/ 3	
Ukraine	Specialist Diploma (5 point scale)	4	Only applies to Diplomas awarded since 1991
	Specialist Diploma (12 point scale)	7	
USA	Bachelor degree (4pt GPA Scale)	2.6	
	First Professional Degree (4pt GPA Scale)	2.5	
Uzbekistan	Specialist diploma	4 / 71%	Only applies to Diplomas awarded since 1991
Vanuatu	Bachelor's degree	B, 70%	Only awarded from the University of South Pacific
Vietnam	Master's degree	5	
Yemen	Master's degree	63%	
Zambia	Master's degree	3.5 / B+	
Zimbabwe	Bachelor's and Specialist Diploma	2.2 / Credit	Only degrees from the University of Zimbabwe are recognised

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