



Equivalence of Foreign Qualifications & MRQ between India and UK

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Association of Indian Universities

- ✓ Sadder Commission in 1919, Government of India convened for the first time a “Conference of Indian Universities” at Shimla in May 1924
- ✓ Inter University Board 1925 was established which was renamed as AIU in 1967 with representative of Govt of India as Witness
- ✓ Largest Association of the Universities in the world with membership of 963 Indian and Foreign Universities
- ✓ Research, Youth Affairs & Sports

Mandate

Foreign Qualifications

- ❑ AIU has been according equivalence to degrees awarded by the Foreign accredited School/Universities since 1925 for higher education purpose.
- ❑ GoI (MHRD) vide their O.M. No. F.15-17/94-TS.IV dated 13th March, 1995 has decided to valid the equivalence given by AIU for purpose of employment in GoI.

Indian Qualifications

- ❑ Equivalence of Indian School Boards as per Gazette Notification No. F.11-3/2016-Sch.3 dated 15.11.2021.
- ❑ Equivalence of Post Grade Diploma Program with an MBA degree of Indian Universities vid MHRD No.12-56/2014-U1 dated 29th September 2014.

Institutional Support on Academic Equivalence

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Facilitate MoE, GoI in signing of MoU/Agreement for Mutual Recognition and Equivalence of Qualification with various countries.

Advise AIU Member Universities & Banks for Education Loan for studies in foreign universities.

Input to various Ministries, UPSC, ICCR, Embassies, Central/State Government Agencies on academic equivalence matters.

Coordination with foreign HEIs, educational bodies for recognition of Indian qualifications

Scope of AIU Equivalence

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AIU gives equivalence to only Foreign academic School and Universities level qualifications

Not to foreign professional degrees for which the profession councils exists e.g. Law, Medical, Dental, Pharmacy etc.

Not involved in the Equivalence of Degrees awarded by Indian Universities

Not involved in determining the disciplinary parity between various qualifications

Mapping of Foreign School Qualifications

- ❑ Mapping of all Major School Education system viz International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination, USA High School Diploma, UK Examination Boards, European/Spanish /French Baccalaureate Examination, Australian School Boards with Indian Education System.
- ❑ 12 years School Examination approved by Ministry of Education of various Countries.

Broad Parameters for Equivalence

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Equivalence of foreign degrees is established on the basis of the following parameters

- are awarded by the foreign universities which are approved/recognized/accredited in its own country:

(References: IAU, UNESCO, ERIC-NARIC Network/ High Commission/Embassy/AIU database)

- The minimum eligibility requirements for admission in the programme of studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian Universities;

Broad Parameters for Equivalence

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- ▶ The minimum prescribed duration of the programme of the studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian universities OR has obtained minimum number of academic credit as required in the corresponding degree of Indian Universities
- are pursued by a student as a full time/part time on the campus of the university of its Origin/recognized TNE arrangement
- **Exceptions : Bilateral Agreements/ MoUs**



Process for Mapping New Education System

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- Equivalence is established on course to course basis
- Proposal for equivalence of foreign qualification is received through Indian Mission abroad or through the University concerned
- For this purpose the information on the following points is obtained

Information Obtained before Considering the Proposal

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Structure of education system from Primary to University Level

Entry requirements

System of Evaluation/Assessment

Requirement for passing percentage

Nomenclature of the course certificate/degree

Accreditation status of the University /Institution in the home country

Parity of the degree outside the country – documentation there of

Sample copy of the degree and academic transcript

Syllabus/course curriculum and regulation of the course

Mode of Delivery of the course

Concerned Authorized Agency for Equivalence like WES, UK ENIC, MQA

Any other relevant information

Approval process

Expert Committee –
Comprise of the Experts from International Education and Higher Education Institutes

Equivalence Committee –
AIU, GC Members, Vice Chancellors and Experts

Governing Council of AIU –
Vice Chancellors of Indian Universities

Mutual Recognition of Qualification(MRQ) between India & UK

Salient Features of MRQ between India & UK

- ❑ MRQ between India and UK came into effect on 21 Jul 2022
- ❑ **The qualifications covered by this MoU are**
 - ❑ Formal upper secondary qualifications that are typically used to access higher education in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 - ❑ Indian Senior Secondary/Pre University Qualifications of Indian School Boards
 - ❑ Bachelors, Master and PhD degree of recognized institutions of both countries
- ❑ Partial/incomplete/Credit Transfer from recognized institutions shall be considered by institution of each other countries and shall be facilitated by the implementation agencies in both the countries

Scope and Mode of Delivery

- ❑ Professional degrees in the fields of **Engineering Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, and Architecture** are out of scope of this MoU
- ❑ Qualifications that are **delivered partially online** and those delivered online due to force majeure will be recognized under the MoU provided the awarding institution has the right to operate in the country where it is based
- ❑ The qualification intended to be **delivered fully online** will be evaluated on a **case-by-case basis**

Way Ahead

- ❑ AIU, British Council and ENIC formed a **Technical working group** to exchange information and work towards smooth implementation of MRQ
- ❑ The recognition and establishment of equivalence of the **partially completed qualifications. National credit frameworks and NHEQF** in place so mapping exercise of the various levels and associated academic credit would be undertaken jointly by AIU and UKENIC.
- ❑ AIU and ENIC will create a **joint document** such as a handbook or standard FAQ document for reference by Indian and UK Universities to engage in **TNE arrangement**

Way Ahead

- ❑ The **engineering academic qualifications** are presently not covered in the MoU. However, further study shall be carried out to understand the nature of qualifications for mutual recognition
- ❑ For recognition of online and distance education courses, AIU and UKENIC would develop a mechanism through stakeholders' consultation to ensure **quality assurance around the online degrees for recognition**



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