UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions

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Overview

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This portal offers access to on-line information on higher education institutions recognized or otherwise sanctioned by competent authorities in participating countries.

It provides students, employers and other interested parties with access to authoritative and up-to-date information on the status of higher education institutions and quality assurance in these countries.

The country information on this portal is managed and updated by relevant authorities in participating countries. More information on the national processes for recognizing or otherwise sanctioning institutions is available on the country pages.

Users are encouraged to consult several sources of information before making important decisions regarding matters such as the choice of an institution, course of study, or the status of qualifications. Individuals wishing to have their qualifications recognized for work or further study are advised to consult the competent authorities of the country in which they are seeking to have their qualifications recognised. It is also important to note that some institutions not on the national lists may offer quality programmes. Users are encouraged to contact the national contact points for each country, if necessary, for further information.

List of Countries

- Africa
- Arab States
- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe and North America
- Latin America and the Caribbean
The Portal is a follow up to the UNESCO/OECD Guidelines for Quality Provision in Cross-border Higher Education
Objectives

- To provide interested parties with access to authoritative and up-to-date information on the status of higher education institutions, systems and quality assurance mechanisms in participating countries.

- Target audience: students, employers, credential evaluators, HEI admissions offices and other interested parties.
Information Provided

- Recognized higher education institutions
- Recognized higher education programmes
- Information for students planning to study in the country
- The higher education system
- Foreign credential assessment and recognition
- Financial assistance opportunities
- Cross-border Higher education
- The National Information Centre
- Other information sources
- Definitions of key terms
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A National Focal Point is nominated by each participating country charged with validating all country information on the Portal.
National Focal Points

The National Focal Points:

- validate information available on the country-level template;
- represent their country on the Steering Group Meetings of the project;
- provide/update the title and short description to be attached to each listed resource;
- determine, where more than one resource is provided in a category, the order in which they are to appear; and
- carry out liaison and follow-up actions within the country with regard to the project.
Becoming a Member of the Portal

Two main documents:

- A letter confirming the interest of the Member State in joining this UNESCO Portal
- Submission of a 'Designation of a National Focal Point' form
www.unesco.org/education/portal/hed-institutions

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