

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On Qualifications Frameworks

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND, NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Government of the United Arab Emirates, represented by the National Qualifications Authority and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hereinafter referred to as (the Participants),

Desiring to strengthen the ties of friendship between them and promote mutual understanding and knowledge through the development of skills and qualifications, in accordance to mutual respect and common interests,

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph (1)

The Participants will work together to map the UAE and UK qualifications frameworks against each other, and in the first instance will identify the relevant government bodies, quality assurance agencies, and qualifications providers to prepare plans for working towards this.

Paragraph (2)

The Participants will share and exchange appropriate documents, such as a list of recognised awarding organisations and quality assurance organisations, in order to further understanding and in pursuance of the partnership.

Paragraph (3)

The Participants will encourage and support the relevant quality assurance agencies to work together to map the broad comparability of the levels within each of the frameworks used by the relevant awarding organisations.

Paragraph (4)

The Participants will encourage the exchange of information related to qualifications awarded or authenticated by the educational institutions and awarding organisations in both countries. The Participants will work together where further contextualisation of programmes is required.

Paragraph (5)

The Participants will notify each other in a timely manner of seminars, courses and exchange visits between both countries and, where practicable, consult with the other on the development of seminars, courses and exchange visits.

Paragraph (6)

Each Participant will bear their own expenses incurred in the course of implementing this Memorandum of Understanding, in accordance with the procedures applicable in both countries. This Memorandum of Understanding does not commit the Participants to any financial expenditure.

Paragraph (7)

In addition to the mapping of qualifications frameworks, both participants commit to joint work in the sharing of policy and knowledge exchange and best practice.

Paragraph (8)

Any difference or dispute between the Participants concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultation and cooperation between the two Participants.

Paragraph (9)

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the written consent of the Participants.

Paragraph (10)

Details of any activity to be carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be arranged respectively through the National Qualifications Authority on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the British Council in the United Arab Emirates on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and, Northern Ireland.

Paragraph (11)

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature of the Participants and will continue in effect for a period of three years. It will be automatically renewed for similar period or periods, unless either Participant notifies the other, in writing, of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least six (6) months prior to its termination or expiration date decided upon through diplomatic channels.

Unless jointly decided by both Participants, the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not prejudice the completion of any existing or ongoing projects decided upon whilst it was in operation.

Signed in the city of London on Wednesday 1 May 2013, in duplicate in Arabic and English language. Both texts being equally valid, in event of inconsistencies the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the United
Arab Emirates

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