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The Spanish NARIC Centre, belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network of information centres, offers information about the processes of academic recognition (“homologación”) and professional recognition of qualifications in Spain as well as in other countries. This centre informs about the existing recognition processes and above all about the way to start them, but it is not responsible for dealing with or resolving the applications.

The Spanish NARIC Centre is part of the department *Subdirección General de Títulos y Reconocimiento de Cualificaciones*, within the Spanish Ministry of Education.

You can obtain information about the state of a recognition process (“homologación” or “reconocimiento profesional”) from the *information* service of the Ministry of Education (telephone numbers: +34 913277681 / +34 902218500 ), or from any other service available on this [link](#).
In order to obtain information about the legalisation process of academic documents, please visit the following link or send a message to the following email address: legalizacion@educacion.es.

What is the ENIC-NARIC network?

The NARIC network

The NARIC network (National Academic Recognition Information Centres) was created in 1984 by initiative of the European Commission. It is formed by the national centres of the Member States of the EU, the EEA countries and the associated countries.

The centres of the NARIC network, designated by the Ministries of Education of the respective countries, aim at improving academic recognition of diplomas and study periods undertaken in other countries.

The ENIC network

The ENIC network (European Network of Information) was established by the Council of Europe and UNESCO in 1994. It comprises the national information centres of the States party to the European Cultural Convention or the UNESCO Europe Region.

Its main goal is to favour the implementation of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon Recognition Convention, 1997).

Website of the ENIC and NARIC networks: www.enic-naric.net.

Types of recognition

Academic recognition

- This procedure is recommended when the applicant’s main interest is to continue their studies in another country (if the institution where they wish to study requests this recognition previously).

- It is also recommended when it is not possible to apply for professional recognition, i.e., when the profession is not regulated in the host country or the applicant or their qualifications are from outside the EU, EEA or Switzerland.

- In Spain this procedure is known as “homologación”.

  - I would like to have a foreign qualification recognised in Spain (homologación)

  - I would like to obtain academic recognition of a Spanish qualification in other countries
Professional recognition

- Both the applicant and their qualification are from the EU / EEA / Switzerland.
- The profession must be regulated under Directive 2005/36/EC, at least in the host country.
  - I am a EU / EEA / Swiss citizen, my qualifications are not Spanish (but from another EU / EEA country or Switzerland) and I would like to practise a regulated profession in Spain
  - I am a Spanish citizen (or from another EU / EEA country or Switzerland), my qualifications are Spanish and I would like to practise a regulated profession in another EU / EEA country or Switzerland

I would like to have a foreign qualification recognised in Spain (homologación)

Academic recognition of foreign studies and qualifications in Spain ("convalidación" and “homologación”)

Non-University studies and qualifications

- You can apply for recognition ("homologación" / “convalidación”) of your qualifications as equivalent to the following official Spanish qualifications: Compulsory Secondary Education (“ESO”), Post-Compulsory Secondary Education (“Bachillerato”), Vocational Training Studies (“F.P.”), Professional Arts Education (“Enseñanzas Artísticas Profesionales”), Higher Arts Education (“Enseñanzas Artísticas Superiores”) and Sports Education (“Enseñanzas Deportivas”).
- Further information.

University studies and qualifications

- Recognition of foreign HE qualifications as equivalent to Spanish University Diplomas (Títulos Universitarios): a foreign diploma that has obtained this type of recognition has the same effects as the Spanish diploma to which it has been compared (academic and professional validity). Application process: Spanish Ministry of Education. Further information.
- Recognition of foreign HE qualifications as equivalent to the Spanish academic levels (“grados académicos”) of “Diplomado” or “Licenciado”: a foreign diploma that has obtained this type of recognition has the same effects as the Spanish level to which it has been compared (academic and work validity, but not professional validity). Application process: Spanish Ministry of Education. [Further information.]

- Recognition of foreign HE qualifications as equivalent to the Spanish degrees of “Máster Universitario” and “Doctor”. Application process: [Universities.]

- Partial recognition (“convalidación parcial”) of foreign HE studies. Application process: [Universities.]

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**I would like to obtain academic recognition of a Spanish qualification in other countries**

**ACADEMIC RECOGNITION of Spanish qualifications in other countries**

- This type of recognition can help applicants continue their studies in the host country, or practise their profession in countries outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland.

- Information about the application process: NARIC or ENIC Centre of the host country ([further information]).

- If the applicant wishes to practise their profession in another EU/EEA country or Switzerland where this profession is regulated, professional recognition under Directive 2005/36/EC is recommended.

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**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION UNDER [DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC]**

- This procedure is recommended in the case of the [professions regulated in Spain.](#)
Goal: access to a regulated profession in Spain.

Application process: you must contact the corresponding Spanish competent authority (depending on the profession). Further information.

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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION UNDER DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC

- This procedure is recommended in the case of the professions regulated in other EU / EEA countries or Switzerland.
- Goal: access to a regulated profession in the host country.
- Application process: you must contact the corresponding competent authority in the host country (depending on the profession). These competent authorities appear in the online database of the European Commission.
- If no competent authority is mentioned, further assistance can be obtained from the Contact Point of the host country designated under Directive 2005/36/EC.
- If a regulated profession under Directive 2005/36/EC in the host country were also regulated in Spain, one of the usual requirements for obtaining professional recognition is an official declaration (“acreditación”) stating that a qualification obtained or recognised (“homologado”) in Spain is regulated under Directive 2005/36/EC. Application process:
  - University degrees: Ministry of Education (further information).
  - Non-university qualifications: autonomous regions (“comunidades autónomas”).

Information on the Spanish Education System

- Diagram of the Spanish Education System
- Spanish Education System
- Spanish Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (MECES)
- University education in Spain
- Structure of Spanish University education
- Spanish Registry of Non-University Centres
- Spanish Registry of Universities, Centres and Degrees (RUCT)
Access to Spanish University studies without any prior recognition of previous qualifications

• Access to “Grado” study programmes:
  • Only EU students or students coming from countries with specific bilateral agreements with Spain.
  • Direct access to Spanish University studies if the applicant has access to this level of studies in their home country.
  • Applicants have the option to sit for the specific part of the University Entry Exams (“PAU”) in order to get a higher grade.
  • Further information: www.uned.es/accesoUE

• Access to Postgraduate studies (“Máster Universitario” / “Doctorado”):
  • You can contact any Spanish University to obtain all the information related to access to postgraduate studies and their admission criteria.
  • Official recognition of previous qualifications may not be necessary.

Useful Information

• Interesting links:
  - Professional recognition under Directive 2005/36/EC:
    • Regulated professions database of the European Commission
    • Directive 2005/36/EC (European Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications)
    • Real Decreto 1837/2008 (Transposition of Directive 2005/36/EC into Spanish law)
  - Academic recognition of foreign studies and qualifications in Spain (“convalidación” and “homologación”)
  - European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
  - Spanish Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (MECES):
    • Real Decreto 1027/2011, de 15 de julio, por el que se establece el Marco Español de Cualificaciones para la Educación Superior
  - List of Universities of the world
  - Erasmus Mundus Programme
  - ENIC-NARIC network
- **Ministry of Education**: [www.educacion.gob.es](http://www.educacion.gob.es)
  Phone numbers: +34 913277681 / 902218500

- **Other networks/points of information**:
  - [EURES](https://eures.eu) (The European Job Mobility Portal)
  - [EUROPASS](https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu) (Documents promoting student and worker mobility)
  - [EUROPE DIRECT](https://ec.europa.eu/eurodac) (Information service about the EU)
  - [RUNAE](http://rutasa.es) (University Network of Student Affairs)
  - [SOLVIT](https://ec.europa.eu/solvit) (On-line problem solving network dealing with problems caused by the misapplication of Internal Market law by public authorities).
  - [YOUR EUROPE](https://ec.europa.eu/your-europe) (Service providing information and advice on EU citizens’ rights)

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