



Recognition of joint programmes

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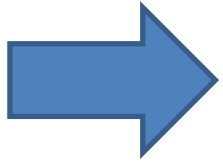
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What is recognition?

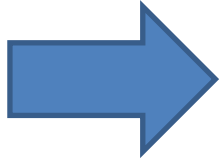
Recognition of the diploma to obtain access to higher education or to the labour market.

You need to think about recognition issues at the start of the JP development process in order to facilitate future recognition of the diploma.

Advice



Check national requirements (e.g. for the curriculum) in all partner countries for access to education and work at an early stage.
Contact national ministries for education & ENIC-NARIC centres.



Check the European Area of Recognition [EAR manual](#)

It explains the principles for recognition of international joint diplomas, as agreed in the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC). The LRC is a binding treaty for the signatory countries.

Fundamental principle: foreign and international joint qualifications shall be recognised unless specific obstacles are evident.

Experiences with (awarding)
joint degrees and diplomas?

Format, languages, logos,
signatures?

Many challenges left, all national

Many national requirements
make the award of joint
degrees difficult

■ Examples:

- Joint degrees are still not legally allowed in all countries in all cases;
- Not all HE institutions are allowed to sign their own degrees;
- National degree designs/templates don't accommodate international joint degrees;
- National implementation of the Diploma Supplement: not the original template, mandatory content (without international perspective);
- Language requirements

Use international agreed good practice to facilitate recognition of your JP

Guidelines for
Good Practice for
Awarding Joint Degrees



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Framework for
Fair Recognition
of Joint Degrees



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Guidelines to facilitate recognition

For the consortium:

1. All institutions in the consortium are recognised and/or accredited as HEIs in their (sub)national HE systems
2. All HEIs in the consortium fully recognise the JP as a programme offered by their institution
3. Each HEI in the consortium is entitled to legally offer this type of programme (level, discipline) as a JP, even if that institution is not involved in the awarding of the joint degree (that this programme leads to).

For the joint programme:

1. The JP is offered in accordance with all (sub)national legal frameworks
2. The JP is quality assured and/or accredited as a joint programme

Joint diploma - issues to consider

1. The degree is awarded within the legal framework of all relevant HE systems
2. The diploma refers to all relevant (sub)national legal frameworks
3. HEI references & signatures must be limited to the degree-awarding institutions
4. The diploma includes the full name of the degree as recognised within all legal frameworks



DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

This Diploma Supplement follows the model developed by the European Commission, Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES. The purpose of the supplement is to provide sufficient recognition of qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). It is designed to provide a description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies that were pursued and successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. It should be free from any value judgements, equivalence statements or suggestions about recognition.

<p>1 INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION</p> <p>1.1 Surname: McNulty</p> <p>1.2 First Name (s): Joseph Peter</p> <p>1.3 Date of birth (day/month/year): 22 / 09 / 1976</p> <p>1.4 Student identification number or code (if available): L00996543; 8326432 H</p>	<p>3.3 Access requirement(s): Leaving Certificate (or equivalent); further details www.lyit.ie</p>										
<p>2 INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION</p> <p>2.1 Name of qualification and (if applicable) title conferred Bachelor of Business Studies</p> <p>2.2 Main field(s) of study for the qualification: Accounting Finance</p> <p>2.3 Name and status of awarding institution (in original language): The Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC; www.hetac.ie), a state body established by the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act, 1999. Successor to the National Council for Educational Awards.</p> <p>2.4 Name and status of institution (if different from 2.3) administering studies (in original language): Letterkenny Institute of Technology, an autonomous state institution, established in 1971 (www.lyit.ie); formerly known as Letterkenny Regional Technical College; Regional Technical Colleges Act 1992 refers; higher education and training programmes accredited by HETAC.</p> <p>2.5 Language(s) of instruction/examination: English</p>	<p>4 INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS AND RESULTS GAINED</p> <p>4.1 Mode of study: Full-time</p> <p>4.2 Programme requirements: Learner must satisfy programme requirements as prescribed in the Approved Course Schedule and the Marks and Standards of the Institute; subject pass mark is generally 40%; further details www.lyit.ie</p> <p>4.3 Please see overleaf</p> <p>4.4 Grading scheme and, if available, grade distribution guidance:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>OVERALL AVERAGE</th> <th>CLASSIFICATION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>at least 70%</td> <td>1st Class Honours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>at least 63%</td> <td>2nd Class Honours, Grade 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>at least 55%</td> <td>2nd Class Honours, Grade 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>at least 40%</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Marks out of 100% ; Pass mark 40% Award grading based on final stage average</p> <p>4.5 Overall classification of the qualification (in original language): Pass with 2nd Class Honours, Grade 2</p>	OVERALL AVERAGE	CLASSIFICATION	at least 70%	1st Class Honours	at least 63%	2nd Class Honours, Grade 1	at least 55%	2nd Class Honours, Grade 2	at least 40%	Pass
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<p>3 INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF THE QUALIFICATION</p> <p>3.1 Level of qualification: Bachelor Degree (Honours). In full-time mode four years post Leaving Certificate;</p> <p>3.2 Official length of programme: In full-time mode 4 years (240 ECTS Credits) In part-time mode, 240 credits may be accumulated over several years.</p>	<p>5 INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION</p> <p>5.1 Access to further study: Degree programmes may entitle access to postgraduate study.</p> <p>5.2 Professional status (if applicable): This award entitles the learner, on application, to Associate Membership of the Institute of Professional Front Row Forwards.</p> <p>6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>6.1 Additional information: Not applicable</p> <p>6.2 Further information sources: www.lyit.ie</p>										
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