

## About this Guide

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This guide provides information on foreign qualifications and how to get recognition advice in Ireland. It will show you how to use the NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications Database.

## NARIC Ireland

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NARIC Ireland provides advice on the academic recognition of foreign qualification. We try to compare a foreign qualification to an Irish qualification of a similar type and level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

## NARIC Foreign Qualifications Database

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The NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications database provides comparability advice and information on academic qualifications. This information will help you understand your qualification in the context of the Irish education and training system.

It can also help employers, funding agencies and education and training institutions to determine if an applicant holds the academic qualifications for a particular job, funding or course.

## Qualification not in the Database?

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If you cannot find your qualification in the database you can contact us by email to [naric@qqi.ie](mailto:naric@qqi.ie) and we will do our best to help you. We do not have a public office and will only respond to your questions by email.

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## STEP 1

### Search the Database

<http://qsearch.qqi.ie/WebPart/Search?searchtype=recognitions>

- » Click into the database and search using the drop down boxes.
- » Select one of the following and press enter

Country

Type of Education

(Higher Education, Further Education (VET), School Education)

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications search page. The browser's address bar shows 'qsearch.qqi.ie'. The page header includes the QFI logo and the text 'Quality and Qualifications Ireland'. Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail 'Home &gt; NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications' and a main heading 'NARIC Ireland Foreign Qualifications'. A paragraph of text explains the service: 'NARIC Ireland provides advice on the academic recognition of a foreign qualification by comparing it, where possible, to a major award type and level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). A comparability statement for each qualification listed is available for download. If your qualification is NOT listed in the database you can apply for advice on the general academic recognition of your qualification here.' Below this text is a link to a 'Guide to using the NARIC database' and a language selection dropdown menu. On the left side, there is a 'Search' section with two dropdown menus: 'Country' (set to '--All--') and 'Type of Education' (set to '--All--'). Below these are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. On the right side, there is a section titled '1529 Qualifications' which lists two results. The first result is 'Diplôme de Licence / ليسانس / Licence الإجازة' (Bachelor's Degree / Bachelor) from Algeria, with an Irish Award Class of 'Honours Bachelor Degree' and an NFQ Level of 8. The second result is 'Diplôme d'Études Supérieures / دبلوم في الدراسات العليا' (Diploma of Higher Studies) from Algeria, also with an Irish Award Class of 'Honours Bachelor Degree' and an NFQ Level of 8. Blue lines with arrows point from the text above to the 'Country' and 'Type of Education' dropdown menus in the search section.

FIGURE 1 - SEARCH THE DATABASE

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## STEP 2 | View Results

- » You will now see your results in the form of a list.
- » In Figure 2 below you will see the results returned for the following search:

~ Country = Poland

~Type of Education = Higher Education

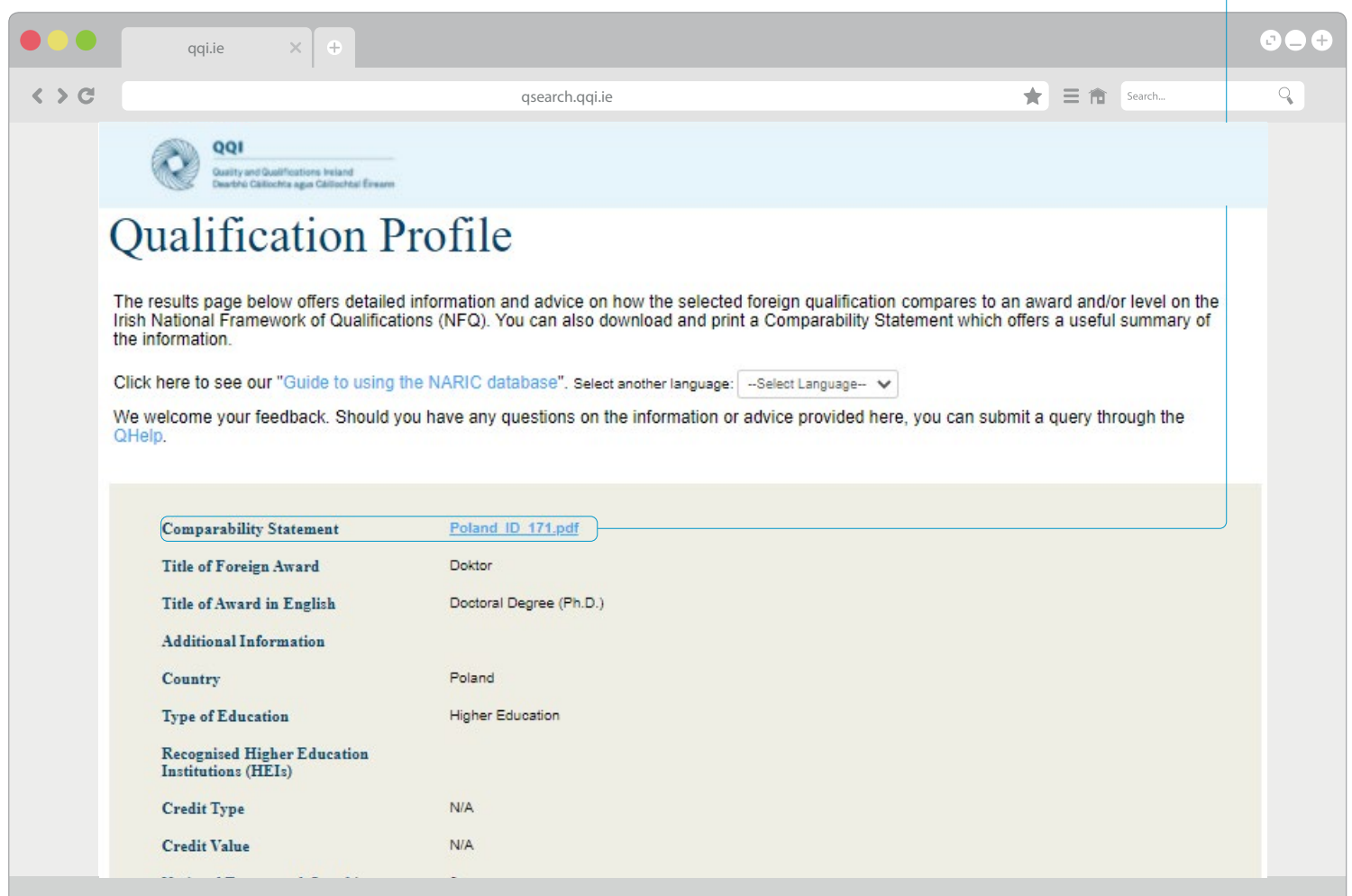
A screenshot of a web browser displaying the search results on the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) website. The browser's address bar shows 'qsearch.qqi.ie'. The page header includes the QQI logo and the text 'Quality and Qualifications Ireland' and 'Diartha Cáilochta agus Cáilochtaí Éireann'. Below the header, there is introductory text about NARIC Ireland's services and a language selection dropdown menu. On the left side, there is a search filter section with 'Country' set to 'Poland' and 'Type of Education' set to 'Higher Education'. The main content area is titled '10 Qualifications from Poland of Higher Education' and lists three qualifications with their respective details and Polish flags. The first qualification is 'Magister / Magistra / Magister Inżynier' (Masters Degree, NFQ Level: 9). The second is 'Licencjat/Inżynier' (Honours Bachelor Degree, NFQ Level: 8). The third is 'Dyplom - Lekarz Medycyny / Dentysta / Stomatology / Weterynarii' (Doctor of Medicine / Dentist / Veterinary, NFQ Level: 9).

FIGURE 2 – SEARCH RESULTS FOR POLAND + HIGHER EDUCATION

## STEP 3

### Select your Qualification from the list and view the Qualifications Profile

- » Click on a particular qualification from the list and you will see a Qualifications Profile (see Figure 3 below).
- » The Qualifications Profile contains important information about the qualification.
- » It compares the foreign qualification to an award-type and level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications.
- » This profile also includes a link to a [Comparability Statement](#) for this qualification.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Qualification Profile' page on the QFI website. The browser's address bar shows 'qsearch.qfi.ie'. The page header includes the QFI logo and the text 'Quality and Qualifications Ireland'. The main heading is 'Qualification Profile'. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that the page offers detailed information and advice on how the selected foreign qualification compares to an award and/or level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). A link is provided to see the 'Guide to using the NARIC database', and a language selection dropdown is visible. A feedback section invites users to submit queries. The main content area is a table with the following data:

<a href="#">Comparability Statement</a>	<a href="#">Poland_ID_171.pdf</a>
<b>Title of Foreign Award</b>	Doktor
<b>Title of Award in English</b>	Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.)
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Country</b>	Poland
<b>Type of Education</b>	Higher Education
<b>Recognised Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)</b>	
<b>Credit Type</b>	N/A
<b>Credit Value</b>	N/A

FIGURE 3 – QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

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## STEP 4

### Download and print your Comparability Statement

- » This one-page Comparability Statement can be downloaded and printed. It will help you and employers or education and training institutions to understand your qualification.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Advice on Academic Recognition of a Foreign Qualification Comparability Statement' page. The page includes logos for naric IRELAND and QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland). The main content is a table with the following information:

Foreign Qualification:	Doktor Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.)
Country:	Poland
NFQ Award-Type / Level:	Doctoral Degree at NFQ Level 10

**NFQ LEVEL SUMMARY**  
Learning outcomes at Level 10 relate to the discovery and development of new knowledge and skills and delivering findings at the frontiers of knowledge and application. Further outcomes at this level relate to specialist skills and transferable skills required for managing, such as the abilities to critique and develop organisational structures and initiate change.

The recognition **advice provided above** is based on current understandings of the comparability of qualifications on the basis that qualifications are awarded by nationally recognised awarding bodies in their country of origin. The advice given may need to be re-examined in the future on the basis of changes and developments in national and international education and training systems and our knowledge thereof. We welcome feedback on the information provided; feedback should be submitted through the QHelp portal at [www.QQI.ie](http://www.QQI.ie)

The advice presented does not represent access to employment, a regulated profession or education and training. The information provided may assist an employer, professional recognition body or education and training provider determine if an applicant holds the qualifications deemed

FIGURE 4 – COMPARABILITY STATEMENT

## FURTHER INFORMATION ON NARIC

More information on the work of  
NARIC can be found [here](#)

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