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ANNEX

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

Proposal on an international database on recognised higher education institutions

Initiatives of listing recognised higher education institutions

National initiatives

Research on the Internet has so far identified 53 countries which have some kind of database/list of recognised higher education institutions freely available on the Internet. There are most likely several other national initiatives which have not yet been included in this overview.

The information available varies to a great extent:

1) **Coverage:**

Some bodies list exclusively 'public universities'<sup>1</sup>. Others may include private universities (including those of foreign origins<sup>2</sup>), other types of higher education, further education, vocational education and training, etc. In terms of the distance education, there may be a separate listing for such courses<sup>3</sup>. In addition, it is often the case that the listing is not only of institutions but also of programmes or courses<sup>4</sup>.

2) **Design:**

35 countries have a listing that carries the name of the institution, address/tel/fax, and email/webpage address, etc., while 17 countries have a database with search engine listing/database.

3) **Terminology:**

The terminologies differ often across countries. The terms used are 'registered', 'accredited' or state recognised institutions etc..

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<sup>1</sup> e.g. China, Bulgaria.

<sup>2</sup> e.g. Egypt, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and United States.

<sup>3</sup> e.g. India, Singapore, and Malaysia.

<sup>4</sup> e.g. Brazil, New Zealand, and Singapore.

#### **4) Responsible Body(ies):**

The body(ies) in charge of publishing such listings differ from a government, a quasi-governmental organisation, and to a non-governmental organisation. In addition, those who ‘publish’ such listing may not always be the same body(ies) that ‘recognise/accredit’ the institutions. Also, in some countries, there are more than two bodies which publish such listings<sup>5</sup>.

#### **International initiatives**

At the international level, the International Association of Universities (IAU) has established a CD-ROM with information on about 17,000 nationally “recognised” higher education institutions from about 180 countries collected from national sources. This is the most comprehensive list of higher education institutions globally. It is available for a fee in the form of a CD-ROM. It does often not include recognised “untraditional higher education institutions” such as for-profit companies, foreign providers or virtual universities.

The ENIC/NARIC Network has a web-page (<http://www.enic-naric.net/index.asp?display=About>) with information about recognition of higher education institutions in 52 countries in the enlarged Europe, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and United States. The information is classified by country with a link to national sources of “Lists of Recognised Higher Education Institutions”. Of the 52 countries listed, 36 countries have established some kind of list of “recognised higher education institutions”<sup>6</sup>.

The IAU CD-ROM and the national lists of recognised higher education institutions available at the ENIC/NARIC web-page are often not containing the same type of information. The following example illustrates this. The IAU CD-ROM lists respectively 1841, 263 and 88 recognised higher education institutions in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia while the respective national databases list 6 973, 408, and 205 higher education institutions.

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<sup>5</sup> e.g. Belarus, Norway, Estonia, Lithuania, Malaysia, and Singapore.

<sup>6</sup> These countries are Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Serbia Montenegro, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States.

**Preliminary list of existing databases/listings for the following countries**

- Argentina
- Australia
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- FROY Macedonia
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lichtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Pakistan
- The Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russian Federation
- San Marino
- Singapore
- Slovak Republic
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- UK
- US

## Argentina

**Secretaria de Políticas Universitarias, Ministerio de Education, Ciencia y Tecnologia**, has an online listing, with a search engine, of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://ses.siu.edu.ar/ulinea/universidades1.asp>

### What information?

It includes 88 higher education institutions. They are classified as:

- 11 private institutes,
- 6 university institutes,
- 2 external universities,
- 38 national universities,
- 30 private universities, and
- 1 provincial public university.

### How to search?

The search can be made by either Type of the institution (private institute, university institute, external university, etc.) or Name of the institution.

The result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address,
- Locality, Province,
- Phone/fax, email, website, followed by
- Details of the faculties of the institution.

## Australia

**Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Register** has an online database of institutions that are all registered in the AQF with a listing.

URL: <http://www.aqf.edu.au/register.htm#state>

### What information?

It lists 205 institutions. They include both public and private. They are:

- 44 universities and other self-accrediting higher education institutions, and
- 161 non self-accrediting higher education institutions that are accredited by 8 state/territory accrediting agencies – Australian Capital Territory (10), Commonwealth (currently none), New South Wales (36), Northern Territory (not uploaded online), Queensland (22), South Australia (21), Tasmania (6), Victoria (57), Western Australia (9).

Overseas higher education institutions and their AQF-comparable approved qualifications are planned to be listed online.

### How to search?

For the moment, there does not exist a collective list of all the institutions/programmes that are accredited by the different quality assurance and accreditation institutions/agencies. To find a list of institutions/programs that are accredited within a self-accrediting institution or by an accrediting agency, you must go to its website.

The website may be an online listing or search register, depending on an agency. The listing or search result shows:

- Name of the institution;
- Address, contact person, phone, fax, email, web address;
- Programme (degree, course title);
- Accreditation/Approval period.

<b>Belarus</b>
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1) **The National Institute for Higher Education**, Belarusian ENIC, has a list of recognised higher education institutions in publications.

URL: <http://www.nihe.niks.by/eng/index.shtml>

What information?

It contains 56 institutions. They are:

- 42 state universities, higher colleges, and other institutions (public),
- 14 non state higher education institutions.

2) **Міністэрства адукацыі РБ** has an online listing of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www1.minedu.unibel.by:8080/uz/uz-index.htm>

What information?

It lists 165 institutions. They are:

- 44 state, 12 non-state in Vuz, and
- 36 ministerial colleges, 17 pedagogical, 95 other ministerial colleges, 5 training complexes, 5 highest colleges, 7 non-governmental in Ssuzy.

How to search?

There's no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address,
- Name of the rector,
- Webpage address,
- and email address.

## Belgium

1) **Ministry of Flemish Community, Department of Education**, publishes a listing of higher education institutions in Flanders.

URL:

<http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hoger Onderwijs/higher education/Higher ed in Flanders.pdf>

What information?

It lists 33 institutions in Flanders (PDF). They are:

- 24 hogescholen,
- 6 universities, and
- 3 post graduate training institutions.

How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing is available on PDF and shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address, tel/fax,
- Email address and webpage address.

2) **La Communauté française de Belgique** has an online listing of higher education institutions in the Francophone Belgium.

URL: <http://www.cfwb.be/infosup/>

It lists 56 institutions in Francophone (online). They are:

- 10 institutions universitaires,
- 30 hautes ecoles,
- 16 établissements d'enseignement artistique, and
- 4 instituts d'architecture.

How to search?

The listing shows :

- Name of the institution, linked to detailed information (e.g. faculties and duration of studies, etc.),
- Address, and tel/fax.

## Brazil

**The Ministry of Education** has an online database of recognised higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.educacaosuperior.inep.gov.br/>

### What information?

It lists 2070 institutions. They are:

- 211 Public (federal, state, municipal), and
- 1861 Private institutions.

It includes private for-profit providers<sup>7</sup>.

### How to search?

The search can be made by Courses or Institutions. In both cases, the different searches forms are available by City, Federal, or Region. On the search form by City, the search can be made by:

- City;
- Category (Public, Federal, State, Municipal, or Private),
- Academic organization (University, University centre, Integrated faculty, College, Superior institute, or Centre of technological education), and/or
- Name of the institution.

If you search by Institution on the City query form, the result shows:

- Name of the institution;
- Academic organization;
- Category;
- Rector;
- Address, telephone/fax, email, website,
- Date of establishment and related documents, and
- Legal situation (credentials).

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<sup>7</sup> E.g. Faculdade Pitágoras (a Brazilian enterprise which recently signed a partnership with the University of Phoenix.)

It is also linked to the evaluation of the institution, if applicable, and the list of courses offered by the institution.

## Bulgaria

**The Ministry of Education and Science** has an online listing of recognized higher education institutions.

URL: [http://www.minedu.government.bg/english/high/recogn\\_high\\_edu\\_instit.html](http://www.minedu.government.bg/english/high/recogn_high_edu_instit.html)

### What information?

It lists 47 state recognised institutions.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution, linked to its official website, and
- Webpage address.

<b>Canada</b>
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**The Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC)** has an online database, with a search engine, of all postsecondary institutions that are recognized by the competent jurisdictional authorities, in cooperation with **the provincial/territorial ministries and departments** responsible for education.

URL: <http://www.cicic.ca/postsec/>

What information?

The database includes 402 institutions. They are categorised into:

- 341 public and 61 private; or
- 129 graduate (including post- and undergraduate), 235 college diploma and associate degrees, and 38 religious studies.

How to search?

The search can be done by:

- The name of the institutions,
- Type (All types, Graduate, College diplomas or associate degrees, or Religious studies),
- Province/Territory, and/or
- All, Public or Private.

The result shows:

- The name of the institution,
- Status (public or private)
- Affiliation (The Association of Canadian Community Colleges - ACCC or The Association of Canadian Community Colleges - ACCC)
- Address, Tel, Fax, and
- Email and Webpage address.

## China

**China Education Research Network, CERNET**, managed by **the Ministry of Education**, has an online listing of colleges and universities.

URL: <http://www.edu.cn/HomePage/english/resources/universities/index.shtml>

### What information?

It lists 437 institutions. They are categorized by regions rather than types of institutions:

23 (Liaoning), 50 (Beijing), 18 (Tianjin), 4 (Inner Mongolia), 8 (Guangxi), 5 (Hainan), 23 (Hubei), 22 (Hunan), 14 (Heilongjiang), 8 (Gansu), 3 (Ningxia), 52 (Jiangsu), 12 (Anhui), 24 (Shanghai), 7 (Jiangxi), 23 (Sichuan), 14 (Chongqing), 8 (Yunnan), 1 (Tibet), 2 (Taiwan), 7 (Hong Kong), 23 (Shandong), 1 (Macau), 17 (Shaanxi), 36 (Guangdong), 7 (Xinjiang), 11 (Jilin), and 14 (Hebei).

The list includes provincial colleges, provincial universities and national universities.

The list is last updated in 2001, therefore, the figures are most likely inaccurate.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. It lists regions, each of which is linked to show:

- Regions,
- City,
- Name of the institution,
- Administrative body (Ministry of Education or a provincial authority),
- Name of the institution, with which it may be merged, and
- Remark (any additional information).

As for the private universities, out of a total of 100 private universities established, 37 have been recognised to offer degree courses<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup> h OECD, Thematic review of the first years of tertiary education: country note on people's republic of China, 2001.

<b>Croatia</b>
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**Ministry of Science, Education and Sports (the former Ministry of Science and Technology)** has an online listing of ‘authorised’ higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.mzt.hr/mzt/eng/activities/highedu/higherei.htm>

What information?

It lists 30 institutions<sup>9</sup>.

- 6 universities,
- 6 polytechnics,
- 7 independent schools of professional higher education, and
- 11 private institutions, of which 4 are accredited.

How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing is available as the 4 categories above. It shows:

- The name of the institution,
- Tel/Fax,
- The name of the rector,
- Email, Web address, and
- The brief description of the institution.

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<sup>9</sup> Information on the webpage may state that there are 86 public higher education institutions. In this case, faculties, academies or departments of a university/polytechnics or independent schools of professional higher education are counted separately.

## Czech Republic

**The Czech National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC)** has an online database, with a search engine, of recognised higher education institutions.

[http://www.csvs.cz/\\_en/databases/naric/](http://www.csvs.cz/_en/databases/naric/)

### What information?

The database includes 58 institutions. They are:

- 24 public institutions,
- 30 private higher education institutions, and
- 4 state institutions (military universities and the police academy).

They include full-time, part-time (distance) studies, or a combination of both forms.

### How to search?

The search can be done by:

- Key work for study programmes (law, biology, etc),
- Forms of study (full time, distance studies, combination of FT and DS, or lifelong learning),
- Degree (Bachelor's, Master's Doctor's, etc), and
- Location of the institution (City).

If you search by Key word, the result shows:

- Name of the study programmes,
- Name of the faculties,
- Name of the institutions,
- Type of study (Bachelor's, Master's, etc.),
- Academic title (B.C, M.Ed, Ph.D, etc.), and
- Form of study (FT, DS, combination, etc.)

If you search by other categories, the result shows:

- The name of the institution (and faculties),

- Phone/Fax, and
- Email and Webpage address.

It can also show a listing of:

- Higher education institutions, or
- Higher education institutions and their faculties.

The listing shows:

- The name of the institution (and faculties),
- Phone/Fax, and
- Email and Webpage address.

## Denmark

**CVUU (Center for Vurdering af Udenlandske Uddannelser)** has an online listing of of ‘publicly financed institutions at post-secondary levels’.

URL: [http://cvuu.uvm.dk/en/education/dk\\_institutions.htm](http://cvuu.uvm.dk/en/education/dk_institutions.htm)

### What information?

It lists publicly financed institutions, and links to other webpages for other types of institutions.

They are:

- 12 universities (of which, one is an IT University with an educational network of the 4 universities)
- 10 institutions offering university education, and
- colleges (medium-cycle higher education institutions).

## Egypt

**The Egyptian Universities Network (EUN)** has an online listing of higher education institutions in Egypt.

URL: <http://www.eun.eg/docs/e/uiv.php?page=e-univ>

### What information?

It lists 18 institutions. They are:

- 12 Egyptian universities, and
- 6 private universities and institutions<sup>10</sup>.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows the name of the university, linked to its official webpage.

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<sup>10</sup> Included are German and French universities, which are declared to be 100 Egyptian, but apply the French and German regulations and systems. The list does not include American University in Cairo.

## Estonia

1) **The Estonian Enic/Naric Centre** has an online listing of recognised higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.socrates.ee/en/enicnaric/institutions.html>

### What information?

It lists 38 institutions. They are:

- 6 public universities,
- 6 private universities,
- 7 state professional higher education institutions,
- 8 institutions offering vocational higher education, and
- 11 private professional higher education institutions.

### How to search?

There is no search engine in itself, but it is linked to the database of the Higher Education Quality Assessment Council. The listing shows the name of the institution, linked to its official webpage.

2) **The Higher Education Quality Assessment Council**, under the jurisdiction of **the Ministry of Education**, has an online database, with a search engine, of recognised higher education institutions.

URL: [http://www.ekak.archimedes.ee/cgi/okavad/public/otsi\\_f.py?lang=eng](http://www.ekak.archimedes.ee/cgi/okavad/public/otsi_f.py?lang=eng)

The database contains 43 institutions. They are:

- 6 public and 15 state-applied, and 22 private<sup>11</sup>.

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<sup>11</sup> It includes recognised higher education institutions and post-secondary vocational schools offering vocational higher education programmes, and private institutions with at least one accredited or conditionally accredited study programme.

It can be search by:

- Name of the institution,
- Type of the institution (public, state-applied or private),
- Level of the degree (vocational, diplome, bachelor's, master's, or doctor's),
- Field of study,
- State of accreditation (accredited, accredited not yet, not accredited, or accredited conditionally), and
- Valid year of accreditation.

The result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Status (public, state-applied, or private),
- Program number linked to detailed accreditation information (i.e. validity, expert report, qualification offered, etc.),
- Level of the degree,
- Field of study, and
- Comment (if any).

3) In terms of the accreditation of private higher education institutions, **the Estonian Enic/Naric Centre** has an online listing of accredited programmes on PDF file.

URL: [http://www.socrates.ee/dokumendid/akrediteeritud\\_oppeprogramm3.xls](http://www.socrates.ee/dokumendid/akrediteeritud_oppeprogramm3.xls)

What information?

It lists 26 institutions.

How to search?

It does not have a search engine. The listing shows:

- The name of the institution,
- Study programme,
- Level of the degree,
- Status of accreditation (fully or conditionally), and
- Date of accreditation.

<b>Finland</b>
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**EDU.fi**, an educational portal published by **the National Board of Education**, has an online listing, with a search engine, for schools (including universities and polytechnics) in Finland.

URL: <http://www.edu.fi/english/schools/>

What information?

It lists **52** higher education institutions. They are:

- 21 universities, and
- 31 polytechnics.

How to search?

It can be searched by:

- Name of the school,
- Type of school (universities, polytechnics, summer universities, including lower grade schools- 1-6 and 7-9, etc.),
- City,
- Province, and
- Language used.

The result shows:

- Name of the school,
- Type of the school, and
- Linked webpage of the school.

<b>France</b>
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**The Ministre de la jeunesse, de l'éducation nationale et de la recherche** has an online listing of institutions.

URL: <http://www.education.gouv.fr/sup/default.htm>

What information?

The listing is categorized as:

- List of universities (90),
- List of Grandes Ecoles,
- List of institutes of technology (IUT : instituts universitaires de technologie),
- List of (IUFM : instituts universitaires de formation des maîtres et centres de formation),
- Liste des écoles d'ingénieurs habilitées à délivrer un titre d'ingénieur diplômé
- Etablissements d'enseignement supérieur -

How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows the same categories as the above.

## FROY Macedonia

**The Ministry of Education and Science** has an online listing of recognized higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.mon.gov.mk/eng/nostrif/List%20HE%20Institutions.htm>

### What information?

It lists **3** universities. They are 2 state universities and 1 private.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address,
- Tel/fax, webpage address, and
- Faculties.

## Germany

**Die Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (HRK)** has an online database of institutions either with a listing or a search engine.

URL: <http://www.higher-education-compass.hrk.de/>

### What information?

The database lists **331** institutions. They are categorised as:

- 236 state universities, 51 state-approved private universities, and 44 state-approved institutions; or
- 117 universities, 158 universities of applied sciences, and 56 colleges of art and music.

As for the distance learning institutions, the database includes *Fernuniversitat* in Hagen.

### How to search?

The search can be made either by:

- Type (university/university of applied sciences, etc.),
- Institutional control (state/state-approved private/state-approved church),
- Federal regional state, and
- Town.

The result shows:

- Right to award Doctoral Degrees / Lecturing Qualifications (Habilitation);
- Number of Students;
- Year of Foundation;
- Addresses;
- Degree Programmes;
- Special Graduate Studies;
- Deadlines and Dates;
- Doctoral Study Opportunities; and
- International Cooperation Agreements.

## Hong Kong

**Hong Kong Council on Academic Accreditation (HKCAA)** has a listing of post-secondary programmes accredited by the HKCAA.

URL: <http://www.hkcaa.edu.hk>

### What information?

It lists 14 institutions.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. It lists:

- Name of the institution,
- Level and Field of the degree of the programme, and
- Year of the first accreditation.

**Higher Education Division, Education & Manpower Bureau** maintains a listing, with a search engine, of 'full-time accredited' self-financing post-secondary programmes.

URL: <http://www.postsec.edu.hk/eng/search/asearch.asp>

### What information?

It lists 18 institutions, which include an open university.

### How to search?

It can be searched by:

- Name of the institution,
- Entry qualification,
- Course type (level of degree),
- Area of study,
- First year tuition fee,

- Average duration (year),
- Award (type of degree), and
- Academic year.

The result shows, in addition to all the items in the search category:

- Estimated intakes, and
- Webpage address.

## Iceland

**The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture** has an online listing of higher education intuitions.

URL: <http://brunnur.stjr.is/mrn/mrn-eng.nsf/pages/edinstitutions>

### What information?

It lists 9 institutions.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address/Tel/fax,
- Email and webpage address.

## India

**The Department of Education of the Government of India** has a list of recognised institutions: universities, a list of deemed universities, a directory of colleges, and a list of open universities and distance education institutes.

URL:

<http://www.education.nic.in/htmlweb/univers.htm> (universities)

<http://www.education.nic.in/htmlweb/deemeduniv.htm> (deemed universities<sup>12</sup>)

<http://shikshanic.nic.in/directory/collegedir.asp> (colleges)

[http://www.education.nic.in/htmlweb/dist\\_inst.htm](http://www.education.nic.in/htmlweb/dist_inst.htm) (open universities/distance courses institutes)

### What information?

It lists 11,599 institutions. They are:

- 46 universities;
- 83 deemed universities;
- 11,406 colleges;
- 10 open universities and 54 distance courses institutes.

In terms of the ‘accreditation’, **the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** has an on-line list of institutions accredited by NAAC. NAAC is an autonomous institution established by **the University Grants Commission (UGC)**. It was a founder-member of INQAAHE and is listed on the CHEA international database.

URL: <http://www.naac-india.com/>

### What information?

It lists 848 institutions as accredited. They are:

- **104** state-wise universities and

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<sup>12</sup> Higher education institutions may be declared as ‘deemed universities’ or ‘deemed to be universities’ by the Central Government of India on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

- 744 state-wise colleges.

### How to search?

The search engine is in the process of being put into practice online. The current PDF file shows:

- Name of the institution by regions;
- Grade value (with a new grading system, from A++ to C on a nine-point scale).

## Indonesia

1) **Badan Akreditasi Nasional Perguruan Tinggi (National Accreditation Board for Higher Education)** has a listing of 'accredited' programmes by officially recognized higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.ban-pt.or.id/index.html>

2) **Directorate General of Higher Education, Departemen Pendidikan Nasional (Department of National Education)** has a listing of higher education institutions.

URL : <http://www.dikti.org/linkPT.html>

What information?

It lists 54 negeri (public), 1 agama, and 104 swasta (private) higher education institutions. It does not have a search engine. It shows the name of the institution and linked to its website, if applicable.

## Ireland

**The Higher Education Authority**, the planning and development body for higher education in Ireland, has an online listing of authorized higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.heai.ie/institute/index.htm>

### What information?

It lists 63 institutions. They are:

- 7 universities,
- 14 institutes of technology,
- 8 colleges of education,
- 3 other state-aided colleges, and
- 31 private/other colleges.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Webpage address, linked to its website
- Tel/fax, and
- Name of the president.

## Israel

**The Council for Higher Education**, the state institution responsible for higher education in Israel, has an online listing of mixture of institutions at different stages of authorization<sup>13</sup>.

URL: <http://www.che.org.il/eng.htm#10>

### What information?

It lists **58** institutions<sup>14</sup>.

- 8 universities (of which one is an open university),
- 24 other institutions of higher education, and
- 26 teacher training colleges.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address, tel/fax, webpage address, and
- Accreditation status, if applicable.

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<sup>13</sup> Different stages are 1) the stage of authorization to advertise, register students and commence study where the institution is not yet accredited as an institution and is not authorized to award academic degrees: 2) the stage of a permit – where the institution is approval to open and maintain an institution of higher education, but is not yet accredited as an institution and is not authorized to award academic degrees: 3) the stage of accreditation and authorization where the Council accredits the institution as an institution and authorizes it to award an academic degree.

<sup>14</sup> The different accreditation/authorization stages are notified in the list. Such cases that different programs in the same institution may be at different stages of accreditation are also noted.

<b>Italy</b>
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**Cineca**, the interuniversity consortium, has an online database, with a search engine, of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://sito.cineca.it/strutture/struttura.html>

What information?

It lists 70 universities (both public and private).

How to search?

It can be searched by:

- City where the institution is located,
- Field of study, or
- Region.

The listing is available either by:

- Universities,
- Faculties,
- Departments,
- Institutes, or
- Centers.

The result shows:

The name of the institution, linked to the information page with address, tel/fax, email, webpage address and what departments/faculties/centers it has.

<b>Latvia</b>
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**Academic information centre (AIC), Latvian ENIC/NARIC** has an online listing of recognized higher education institutions.

URL: [http://www.aic.lv/HE\\_2002/HE\\_LV/ed\\_sys/high\\_ins.htm](http://www.aic.lv/HE_2002/HE_LV/ed_sys/high_ins.htm)

What information?

It lists 33 institutions. They are:

- 5 universities,
- 6 doctoral-degree-granting institutions,
- 9 state institutions degree-granting below doctor's level (one of which is municipal),  
and
- 13 private institutions with accredited programmes.

How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows the name of the institution sorted by the above categories. The name of the institution is linked to the detailed information of the institution (address, tel/fax, faculties, programmes offered, etc.).

## Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein has 2 higher education intuitions.

1. The international academy for philosophy (IAP)

URL: <http://www.iap.li/>

2. A "Fachhochschule" is a University of Applied Sciences

URL: <http://www.fh-liechtenstein.li/>

## Lithuania

### 1) Lithuanian ENIC/NARIC has a **List of State Recognized Higher Education Institutions**

URL: [http://www.skvc.lt/enic-naric/hedsys.asp?res=full\\_hei](http://www.skvc.lt/enic-naric/hedsys.asp?res=full_hei)

#### What information?

It lists **46** institutions. They are:

- 18 state-owned universities,
- 4 non-state universities (both public and private<sup>15</sup>), and
- 24 colleges.

#### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution, with webpage address if available, and
- Study areas.

### 2) **IS MOKYKLA**, the database containing the data from the registers of **the Ministry of Education and Science**, has an online listing of registered higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.mokykla.smm.lt/apb2/webdriver.exe?kalba=en&MIval=/Institucijos.html>

#### What information?

It lists 113 institutions/institutes. They are:

- 50 higher schools (17 state universities, 6 non-state universities, 16 state colleges, 11 non-state colleges), and
- 63 scientific intuitions and institutes (26 state scientific institutes, 18 state university scientific institutes, 10 state university scientific institutions, 4 state other scientific and studies institutions, 1 non-state other scientific and studies institution, 1 state associations of scientific and studies institution, 1 non-state associations of scientific

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<sup>15</sup> It includes International School of Management, whose main founders being Norwegian institutions, as the first privately owned institution of management education.

and studies institution, and 2 non-state private scientific research intuitions).

### How to search?

The search engine is under construction. The current listing shows:

- Name of the institution, linked to information (subordination, type of the institution),
- Address, tel/fax,
- Email address and webpage address.

## Luxembourg

**MySchool**, the Luxembourg's education web, has an online listing of 'Établissements d'enseignement supérieur et universitaire'.

URL:

<http://s2.myschool.education.lu/portal/catalog/folder.asp?UserID=2&ID=270&MaxItems=10&StartAtItem=0&StartAtType=3&ShowDocDesc=1&ShowFoldDesc=0&Tools=0&FolderMode=1>

What information?

It lists 7 institutions. They include 2 foreign universities<sup>16</sup>.

How to search?

The listing shows the name of the institution, linked to its official homepage.

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<sup>16</sup> American universities: Miami University Luxembourg and Sacred Heart University Luxembourg.

## Malaysia

1) **Ministry of Education** has an online listing of higher education institutions under the Ministry.

URL: <http://mcs1.mampu.gov.my/english/fedgovt/education.htm>

It lists 38 institutions. They are:

- 24 universities and
- 14 polytechnic and teacher training colleges.

2) **Public Service Department (PSD)** has a listing of ‘accredited’ programmes/degree courses offered at public universities.

URL: [www.jpa.gov.my/www.recog.jpa.gov.my](http://www.jpa.gov.my/www.recog.jpa.gov.my)

It lists **17** institutions. They are:

- 11 full pledge universities and
- 6 university colleges.

3) In terms of private universities, the recognition issue falls under the jurisdiction of **the National Accreditation Board (NAB)** or **Lembaga Akreditasi Negara (LAN)**. And, **StudyMalaysia** has an online listing of LAN accredited courses.

URL: <http://www.studymalaysia.com/uni/lancourse.shtml>

It lists courses at 72 institutions, which include international universities<sup>17</sup>.

**StudyMalaysia** also has a listing of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.studymalaysia.com/uni/cprofile.shtml?#search1>

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<sup>17</sup> University Of Wales College Newport (UWCN), United Kingdom and Monash University Malaysia.

It lists 440 institutions . They are:

- 18 public universities,
- 16 private universities,
- 4 foreign university branch campuses,
- 280 private colleges,
- 5 Malaysian campuses overseas,
- 10 polytechnics, and
- 107 public skills training institutes.

<b>Malawi</b>
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Malawi SDNP (Sustainable Development Network Programme) has a list of higher education institutions. It is currently under reform within the framework of the UNDP-funded project (Malawi SDNP) executed by the National Research council of Malawi to assist with development of Internet and Information Services.

URL:

(old) <http://www.sdn.org.mw/edu/edu.html>

(new: under development) <http://www.sdn.org.mw/edu/new/univeristy.html>

What information?

The old site lists 6 higher education institutions. The new site is under construction.

## Malta

**The Government of Malta** has an online listing of schools including higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.gov.mt/servicecluster.asp?s=7&l=2#45>

### What information?

It lists 16 institutions. They are:

- 3 tertiary level schools, and
- 13 post secondary level schools.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the school,
- Address,
- Tel/Fax,
- Email, and
- Webpage address.

<b>Mexico</b>
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**Office of Superior Education and Scientific Research under the Secretariat of Public Education** has a database for degree programmes accredited by the accrediting organizations, which are recognized by the COPAES (Consejo para la Acreditación de la Educación Superior: Council for Higher Education Accreditation).

URL: <http://sesic.sep.gob.mx/php/dbserg2.php>

What information?

The COPAES, at present, recognizes 12 accrediting organizations. It does not itself accredit institutions. The database includes 296 programmes that are offered by 52 institutions that are accredited by one of these 12 accrediting organizations.

How to search?

The search can be made by Institution, Accrediting organization, or Programme.

The result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Degree programme,
- Academic unit (faculty, school, etc.),
- Date of the validity of accreditation, and
- Name of the accrediting organization.

**Office of Superior Education and Scientific Research under the Secretariat of Public Education** also has a listing for programmes recognized by (registered in the national register of) CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, CONACyT: National Council of Science and Technology).

URL: <http://sesic.sep.gob.mx/pe/pfnp/pfnp.htm>

What information?

It lists programmes/degrees offered at 34 institutions.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Types of degrees offered,
- Classification of the level of the degree (AN: Alto Nivel, or CNI: Competent at Nivel Internacional)

## Mongolia

**The Mongolia National Council for Higher Education Accreditation** has a listing of ‘accredited’ higher education institutions<sup>18</sup>.

URL: <http://www.accmon.mn/english/5.htm>

### What information?

It lists 47 institutions. They are:

- 26 state-owned higher education institutions, and
- 21 private higher education institutions.

### How to search?

It does not have a search engine. It lists the name of the institution with its website address, if any.

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<sup>18</sup> There are 178 institutions (colleges, universities and teacher training colleges), of which 42 are public. The institution must be accredited to be eligible for government financial support.

## The Netherlands

**NUFFIC (Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education)** has an online data of recognised institutions with a listing.

The Dutch ENIC/NARIC, **NUFFIC**, a non-profit service organisation and centre of expertise in the internationalisation of higher education. **The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science** is responsible for legal regulation and quality control pertaining to education.

All existing programmes and new degree programmes are in the process of being accredited to indicate quality by **The NVAO (The Netherlands-Flemish Accreditation Organisation)** in consultation with such organizations as the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU), the Netherlands Association of Universities of Professional Education (HBO-raad) and the association of recognized private education institutes (PEAPON), student organizations and, the institutes.

URL: <http://www.nuffic.net/common.asp?id=603>

### What information?

The data lists 79 institutions. They are:

- 14 universities (including 1 Open University),
- 52 universities of professional education<sup>19</sup>, and
- 13 institutes for international education.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listings are categories as universities, universities of professional education, and institutes for international education, each linked to the website of institution.

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<sup>19</sup> They are often referred to as 'HBO institutions' or 'hogescholen' in Dutch. They are all government-funded, but also receive funding from a variety of sources.

## New Zealand

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority has a database, **KiwiQuals (the New Zealand Register of Quality Assured Qualifications)**, which lists all 'quality assured' qualifications, including the ones offered by higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.kiwiquals.govt.nz/>

### What information?

The database includes **294** institutions/associations.

- 4 colleges of education,
- 2 government training establishments,
- 20 polytechnic,
- 250 private training establishments,
- 8 universities,
- 3 wananga, and
- 7 other associations/organizations.

### How to search?

It has two versions of search engines, whether you can search for qualifications or organizations.

With the search engine for organizations, it can be searched by:

- Name of the organization,
- Type of the organization (university, polytechnic, etc.),
- Title/Keyword,
- Qualification type (type of degree/certificate),
- Subject/Classification,
- Level (level of degree/certificate), and/or
- Credit (year of studies).

The result shows:

- The name of the organization,
- The organization number,
- Address, tel/fax, email, webpage address, and

- A list of quality assured qualifications currently developed or on offer with the organization.

## Norway

1) **The National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT)** has an online list of all recognized/accredited universities and colleges in Norway. The NOKUT was established only one year ago. All state institutions are per definition accredited for a period of 6 years from January 1 2003. The private institutions have one or more accredited programmes either leading to a degree or to a number of credits that can be incorporated in a degree.

URL: <http://www.nokut.no/sw478.asp>

### What information?

It lists 70 institutions. It includes:

- 12 universities and specialized institutions at university level;
- 26 state university colleges;
- 2 national institutes of the arts;
- 30 private colleges are listed.

At the time of writing, the listed private colleges are not accredited as institutions but for their programmes.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The list is categorised as universities/specialized institutions and state university colleges. The list shows:

- Name of the institute;
- Address;
- Website;
- Tel/Fax.

## Pakistan

**The Higher Education Commission** has a list of recognized universities and colleges.

In addition, there are 4 other listings: 1) List of affiliated institutions and colleges with the public sector universities and degree-awarding institutions, 2) List of recognized professional and learned bodies, which are authorized to issue diploma/certificate, 3) List of foreign universities and institutes allowed to run collaborative degree programmes in Pakistan, and 4) List of Islamabad campuses authorized to operate in Pakistan.

URL: <http://www.hec.gov.pk/new2/>

### What information?

The list of recognized universities and colleges include 117 institutions (53 public, 64 private). Foreign universities and institutions are authorized in the form of 'collaboration' with local providers. The list includes a private for-profit provider<sup>20</sup>.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. It simply lists name of the institution.

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<sup>20</sup> Beaconhouse Informatics, Ltd.

## The Philippines

**The Commission on Higher Education (CHE)** has a listing, with a search engine, of higher education institutions.

URL: [http://www.ched.gov.ph/hei\\_dir/index2.html#hei\\_top](http://www.ched.gov.ph/hei_dir/index2.html#hei_top)

### What information?

It includes 1710 institutions (413 public and 1297 private).

### How to search?

It has two search engines either by Institution or by Programme.

On the Institutional Search Engine, it can be searched by:

- Status (Public – e.g. state university, state university satellite campus, state college, state college satellite campus, local university, local college, CHED supervised institution, other governmental school, or special higher education institution-, or Private – e.g. college or university, non-sectarian or sectarian.),
- Region (divided by 16 regions),
- Type (autonomous or deregulated).
- Name of the institution,
- City/Province, and/or
- Year of establishment.

The result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address, phone/fax, website,
- Head of the institution,
- Status of the institution,
- Year of establishment, and
- Other information (e.g. former name, etc.)

On the course/programme search engine, it can be searched by:

- Discipline,
- Type of degree,
- Programme major,
- Programme level (vocational-technical, associate, diploma, certificate, bachelor's post baccalaureate, master's, or doctor's),
- Level of accreditation (from none to level 4),
- Accrediting agency (PAASCU, ACSC-AAI, PACUCOA),
- Region,
- Name of the institution, and/or
- City/Province.

The result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address, phone/fax, email, website,
- Discipline category,
- Programme level,
- Discipline,
- Course (level of degree),
- Programme major,
- Level of accreditation,
- Accreditation body, and
- Year of the validity of accreditation.

<b>Poland</b>
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**The bureau for academic recognition and international exchange**, the Polish ENIC/NARIC, has an online listing of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.buwiwm.edu.pl/educ/>

What information?

It lists 194 institutions. They are:

- 126 state institutions (17 universities, 18 technical universities, 58 specialized academies, and 33 professional schools), and
- 68 non-state institutions.

How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address,
- Tel/fax, and
- Email address and webpage address.

## Portugal

**Ministerio da Cinencia e do Ensino Superior** has an online listing of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.desup.min-edu.pt/escolas.htm>

### What information?

It lists 50 institutions. They are:

- 15 universitario,
- 35 politecnico-geral, and
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### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows the name of the institution, linked to the information site with:

- Address,
- Tel/Fax,
- Email, and webpage address.

## Russian Federation

**Informika**, a state scientific enterprise, has an online listing of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.informika.ru/eng/sprav1/index.html>

### What information?

It lists 158 institutions. They are:

- 20 state higher education institutions, and
- 158 non-state higher education institutions.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows the name of the institution, linked to the information page with address, tel/fax, and brief descriptions about the institution.

## San Marino

San Marino has one recognised public higher education institution: **dell'Università degli Studi di San Marino**. There is a private institution, but not recognised/accredited.

URL: <http://www.unirmsm.sm/Osservatorio/Menu01/Default.htm>

## Singapore

1) **The Ministry of Education** has an online information of higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www1.moe.edu.sg/tertiarye.htm>

### What information?

It lists 9 institutions. They are:

- 3 universities (2 public, 1 government-funded privately managed),
- 5 polytechnics
- 1 institute of technical education

As for **overseas universities**, the Ministry of Education claims that it does not have a list of accredited higher education institutions nor does it assess or grant recognition for degrees obtained from overseas universities. However, it states that the overseas institutions and their local agents are entrusted with responsibilities for offering the courses in the country<sup>21</sup>.

In regards to **distance learning**, it has a list of 'registered' programmes.

URL: <http://www1.moe.edu.sg/privatesch/Directory/DLP.htm>

It lists 683 programmes.

The listing shows:

- Name of the overseas intuitions,
- Name of the programme, and
- Name of local representative.

2) **The Education Services Strategic Tourism Unit (STU)** has a listing, with a listing or a search engine, for schools in Singapore, not restricted to higher education.

URL: <http://www.singaporeedu.gov.sg/htm/index.htm>

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<sup>21</sup> <http://www1.moe.edu.sg/tertedfaq.htm#q1>

It lists 19 institutions. They are:

- 3 local universities, and 10 international universities<sup>22</sup>,
- 5 polytechnics, and
- 1 institute of technical education.

To include the private higher education institutions, it has a database, with a search engine, of schools at all levels in Singapore.

URL: <http://app.singaporeedu.gov.sg/asp/edu/edu0209a.asp> (search for courses) or  
<http://app.singaporeedu.gov.sg/asp/edu/edu0210a.asp> (search for schools)

#### What information?

It lists 206 schools, of which 119 offer Diploma, Bachelors, Masters, and/or PhD.

They include:

- public/private, and
- overseas branch campuses.

#### How to search?

It has two interfaces to the database, either search for courses or for schools. To search for courses, it can be searched by:

- Keyword,
- Level of qualifications (PhD, Masters, Bachelors, Diploma, Certificate, A Levels, O Levels, International Baccalaureate, others),
- Course category (fields of study), and
- Schools.

To search for schools, it can be searched by the first three items on the above list.

If you search for courses, the result shows:

- Course category,
- Type of qualification (e.g. MBA),
- Name of the institution,
- Foreign partners (if any),

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<sup>22</sup> Such as INSEAD and University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business.

- Duration of the course,
- Minimum entry requirements,
- Student per intake ratio,
- In take period,
- Type of the institution (private, public), and
- Brief description of the institution.

If you search for schools, the result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Type of the institution (university, international school, secondary school, public, private, etc.),
- Brief description of the institution,
- Address, Tel/Fax, email and webpage address.

## Slovak Republic

**The Institute of Information and Prognoses of Education/Centre for Equivalence of Diplomas**, Slovak ENIC/NARIC, has an online listing of all public higher education institutions.

### What information?

It lists 21 higher education institutions (all public<sup>23</sup>). They are:

- 2 military academies and one police academy, of which 7 are traditional universities,
- 3 specialised universities,
- 4 technical universities, and
- 3 art and music academies.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address,
- Tel/fax, and
- Email address.

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<sup>23</sup> All higher education institutions listed are state-maintained though, according to the 1996 Amendment of the Higher Education Act, non-state higher education institutions also can be established.

## South Africa

**The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)** has a listing of fully-registered private higher education institutions<sup>24</sup>. SAQA's members are appointed by the Ministers of Education and Labour.

URL: <http://www.saqa.org.za/>

### What information?

The list includes 82 institutions. It includes foreign providers<sup>25</sup>, and limited companies<sup>26</sup>.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. It lists:

- Name of the institution,
- Degrees/certificate/diplomas offered,
- Address, and
- Contacts.

As for the public sector, **the South African Network of Skills Abroad (SANSA)**, endorsed by **the Department of Science and Technology** and developed by **the National Research Foundation (NRF)**, has a listing of 21 universities and 15 technikons.

URL: <http://sansa.nrf.ac.za/interface/Education.htm>

The sector, however, is currently undergoing extensive restructuring, and there will be 21 higher education institutions and 2 national institutions of higher education. At present, there is no yet a new listing available. However, the listing of the mergers of the institutions is available.

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24 The private tertiary sector is growing exponentially and ranges from colleges to universities. In addition to the 'registered' private institutions, it lists institutions that are: 1) provisionally registered, 2) of extension of provisional registration, 3) issued with an intent to cancel the registrar, 4) de-registered, 5) of withdrawn registration, 6) with lapsed provisional registration, and 7) with cancelled registration. Also, it should be noted that the current registration process applies exclusively to private institutions that offer higher education qualifications.

25 e.g. Monash South Africa (Australia), De Montford South Africa (UK), etc.

26 e.g. LISOF (Pty)Ltd, Midrand Campus (Pty) Ltd t/a Midrand Graduate Institute, Damelin Education Group (Pty) Ltd t/a Damelin, etc.

URL:

[http://education.pwv.gov.za/Policies%20and%20Reports/2002\\_Reports/new\\_institutional\\_lands\\_cape\\_he.htm](http://education.pwv.gov.za/Policies%20and%20Reports/2002_Reports/new_institutional_lands_cape_he.htm)

## Spain

**Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports** has an online database of national registry of universities, centers and courses that lead to the obtainment of the official degrees. Spain is in the process of elaborating the assessment mechanism, and these courses are not yet ‘accredited’.

URL: <http://wwwn.mec.es/educa/jsp/plantilla.jsp?area=ccuniv&id=802>

### What information?

It lists 68 institutions for the year of the course entry. They are:

- 50 public universities;
- 18 private universities and of the Catholic Church.

### How to search?

The search can be made by DEGREE, or UNIVERSITY. The result shows:

- The type of degree offered;
- The name of the university;
- ADSC (offered by a university or offered by a center assigned to a university);
- The name of the center;
- Region;
- Cycle (1<sup>st</sup> cycle or 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle);

## Sweden

**The Höskoleverket (National Agency for Higher Education)** has an online database (Studera.nu) of recognized institutions/programmes/courses with a search engine.

**Studera.nu** is constructed on the initiative of **the Höskoleverket (National Agency for Higher Education)**. The Höskoleverket (National Agency for Higher Education) is one of the agencies that assist **the Ministry of Education and Science**, particularly in the field of higher education.

URL: <http://www.studera.nu/hittautb/index.jsp>

### What information?

The database lists 49 institutions.

- 39 universities/university colleges (all state-run) and 10 independent course providers<sup>27</sup> (public and private).
- The private independent course providers do not include foreign ones.

### How to search?

The database can be searched by COURSE, DEGREE, and/or REGION. It is also possible to search for part time programs, and courses given in other languages than Swedish. The search result shows:

- The name of the course/program;
- Type of education i.e. course or program;
- Name of the school where the course/program is given;
- Starting semester of the course/program;
- Degree level of the course/program.

Each post in the listing has a link to the homepage of the course/program for further updated information.

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<sup>27</sup> The independent programme providers offer certain programmes that either lead to the award of an academic qualification or university credit points.

## Switzerland

**The Swiss Information Centre for Academic Recognition Matters**, the Swiss ENIC, has a listing, on PDF file, of recognised higher education institutions.

URL: <http://www.crus.ch/docs/enic/hochs.pdf>

### What information?

It lists 84 institutions. They are:

- 13 universities and polytechnics,
- 8 university institutions, and
- 63 professional institutions.

### **How to search?**

There is no search engine. The listing on PDF file shows:

- Name of the institution,
- Address,
- Tel/fax, and
- Email and webpage address.

## Thailand

**The Ministry of University Affairs (MUA)** has an online listing of universities and institutions.

URL: <http://www.inter.mua.go.th/glance/index.html>

### What information?

It list 77 institutions. They are:

- 29 public universities, and
- 48 private universities.

They include an open university (public) and international universities<sup>28</sup> (private).

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The listing shows:

- Name of the intuition (linked to a brief description of the institution),
- Main campus location (city),
- Year founded,
- Number of students,
- Number of academic staffs, and
- Course offered (type of degree).

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<sup>28</sup> Such as Stamford International College (which first opened in Singapore and Malaysia) and Webster University Thailand (whose main campus is in St. Louis, Missouri, USA).

## Turkey

**The Government of Turkey** has an online listing of

URL: <http://www.yok.gov.tr/english/oku22.html>

### What information?

It lists 83 institutions. They are:

- 53 state universities,
- 23 private (foundation) universities,
- 5 universities in the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus(TRNC)<sup>29</sup>, and
- 2 universities with special status.

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<sup>29</sup> Of the 5, 3 are accredited by the local accrediting agencies; 1, the the American, and 1 by the international association.

## Ukraine

**The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** has an online listing, with a search engine, of all the higher education institutions<sup>30</sup>.

URL: [http://www.education.gov.ua/pls/edu/educ.frm\\_search\\_institute\\_eng.show](http://www.education.gov.ua/pls/edu/educ.frm_search_institute_eng.show)

### What information?

It lists 359 institutions, including affiliated institutions. They are:

- 259 state-owned, and
- 105 non-state owned.

### How to search?

The search can be done by:

- Name of the institution,
- Form of property, (state/non-state),
- Level of accreditation (4 levels),
- Region,
- City,
- Field of studies,
- Specialization of the study,
- Type/Level of degree, and/or
- Foreign students training (yes/no).

The result shows:

- Name of the institution,
- General information (all the items listed in the search engine),
- Address, tel/fax, email and webpage address,
- Name of the rector,
- State code,

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<sup>30</sup> This database project was financially supported by the European Commission, French Cultural Center in Ukraine, International Renaissance Foundation, European Center for Educational Cooperation, UNDP, and Center for Innovation in International Educational Programmes (Incos).

- Foundation year,
- Statistical information (number of students, foreign students, lecturers, etc.),
- Training options (training courses, free tuition, etc.),
- Information on the international relations (name of director, contact, etc.), and
- Information for foreign students (presence of foreign students education, etc.).

## UK

**The UK Department of Education and Skills (DfES)** has an online database of recognized institutions with a listing (with a drop-down menu).

All UK universities and some higher education colleges are the 'recognised bodies'. The 'recognised bodies' have the power to award its own degrees: they are granted degree awarding powers by either a Royal Charter or an Act of Parliament. Other institutions, which do not have the power to award their own degrees but may provide courses leading to a degree of a recognized body, are known as 'listed bodies'.

URL: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/recognisedukdegrees/annex4.shtml#>

### What information?

The database lists 408 institutions. They include:

- 108 universities as 'recognised bodies';
- 300 colleges and other institutions as 'listed bodies'<sup>31</sup>.

The database does not include overseas providers. As for the distance learning institutions, the database includes *Open University* as a 'recognised body'.

### How to search?

There is no search engine. The 'recognised bodies' are listed with an alphabetical 'drop-down' menu. The 'listed bodies' are listed either with an alphabetical drop-down menu, or with a drop-down menu grouped by a recognised body.

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<sup>31</sup> Currently, of the 108 universities, 11 recognised bodies are engaged in degree-granting of the listed bodies.

## US

**Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)** has an online database of accredited institutions with a search engine.

As for 'accreditation', the CHEA or the US Department of Education (USDE) gives 'recognition' to the accrediting organizations. The online database lists 19 accrediting organizations: 8 regional and 11 national. CHEA and/or USDE recognize(s) 61 specialized and professional accrediting organizations for professional programs or some single-purpose institutions. They are not included on-line at the time of writing.

URL: <http://www.chea.org/institutions/index.cfm>

### What kind of information?

The database lists 6,973 universities and colleges, both public and private in the US.

- 65.3% are degree-granting (associate degree and above) and 34.6% are non-degree-granting;
- 56.3% are nonprofit and 43.6% are for-profit;
- The search engine does not list foreign countries, but on actual data, institutions in Greece, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, and England are included<sup>32</sup>.
- 501 foreign institutions are eligible for the federal Title IV (Student Assistance) Program<sup>33</sup>.

### How to search?

The search can be done by:

- Name of the instituton,
- State (Region), and/or

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<sup>32</sup> It may be American-university foreign campuses (i.e. *Schiller International University* in Switzerland, France, Germany, and England), degree-granting local institutions (i.e. *Universidad de Monterrey* in Mexico), or online-based for-profit local institution (i.e. *Babel University*, Japan),

<sup>33</sup> [http://www.chea.org/pdf/fact\\_sheet\\_1\\_profile.pdf](http://www.chea.org/pdf/fact_sheet_1_profile.pdf)

- Accrediting organization.

The result filtered by NAME shows:

- The name of the institution;
- The address, the phone, the fax, the web address;
- The name of the accrediting organization that accredited the institution;
- The year for which the information is accurate.

