

Inquiries Acceptable by the National Information Center for Academic Recognition Japan (NIC-Japan)

1. The National Information Center for Academic Recognition Japan (hereinafter “the Center”) accepts following inquiries through the online contact form on our website. Answers to inquiries are provided primarily to facilitate smooth assessment and recognition of higher education qualifications.
 - the Japanese education system;
 - legitimacy of a higher education institution in Japan; or
 - higher education systems in selected countries and regions including
 - the State Parties of the Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education (the Tokyo Convention),
 - the State Parties of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education (the Global Convention), and
 - those for which the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) has published “[Overviews of the Higher Education and Quality Assurance Systems](#).”

* The countries and regions that fall under the above categories are listed in the [Countries and Regions](#) page (in Japanese only) of our website.
2. The Center is unable to answer inquiries related to:
 - assessment or recognition of an individual’s qualification, such as
 - ✧ eligibility to enter a particular educational institution which, instead, should be referred to the institution in question, and
 - ✧ interpretation of an individual’s educational record and/or qualification;
 - recognition/approval status of an individual foreign institution in a country or region other than Japan, which, instead, should be referred to the national information center (NIC) in the relevant country or region, the education ministry, or a quality assurance agency whose contact information can be found on the [Countries and Regions](#) page (in Japanese only) of our website
 - skills training and consequent qualifications; and
 - other inquiries not related to assessment or recognition of higher education qualifications, such as
 - ✧ requests for mediation regarding articulation agreements or partnerships with any individual educational institution.
3. Other notes to consider
 - The Center may suggest contacting another organization to seek for assistance in lieu of a reply to your inquiry.
 - If you have inquiries on multiple issues, please kindly submit separate forms for each inquiry using the contact form.
4. Disclaimer

Responses to inquiries provided by the Center are intended to provide information and advice to the individual or organization making the inquiry and do not have legal effect. The Center is not liable for any consequences of action taken based on the replies from the Center by the person submitting an inquiry or the party represented by such person.