

# The SummitSkills equivalence framework for holders of non-UK building services engineering qualifications

## What is the equivalence framework?

It is based on benchmarking and mapping non-UK qualifications against the SummitSkills electrotechnical and mechanical services National Occupational Standards, and provides:

- a simple method for employers and holders of non-UK building services engineering qualifications to measure equivalence to UK occupational qualifications and other industry requirements
- a way for employers and individuals to find out what training and competence non-UK qualifications holders need to work in the sector

## What information is included in the framework?

- the content of non-UK building services engineering qualifications
- the occupational or vocational level of non-UK qualifications
- what's needed to upskill to the equivalent UK qualification
- training providers that offer the right training
- Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card details
- recommended minimum English language skill levels

## How has the framework been developed?

The framework was developed using an established UK NARIC\* methodology, and with support from key sector trade associations APHC, ECA, HVCA, SELECT and SNIPEF.

\* The National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK NARIC), is the National Agency providing the only official source of comparison information and advice on international education and training systems and overseas skills and qualifications.



## Which occupations are included in the framework?

- domestic heating installer
- ductwork planning and installation
- industrial and commercial commissioning
- industrial and commercial installation
- industrial and commercial service and maintenance
- installation electrician
- plumber
- refrigeration and air conditioning installation, commissioning, service and maintenance

## Which countries' qualifications are mapped in the framework?

Initially there are ten countries mapped, as these are the most frequently enquired about. Other countries may follow at a later date, dependent on demand.

- Australia
- Croatia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Poland
- Portugal
- South Africa
- Spain



## How can I get access to the equivalence framework?

Access is available free of charge to members of the trade associations listed on this flyer and is also available to others on a fee paying basis.

## Where can I get further information?

Please contact SummitSkills on **01908 303960** or email [non-uk@summitskills.org.uk](mailto:non-uk@summitskills.org.uk)

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