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Subject: Recognition of Executive and Professional Programmes of the ICSI Company Secretaryship Course by UK NARIC

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) while striving for academic and professional excellence of its key stakeholders, i.e., students and members, aims to expand the opportunities for Governance Professionals in not just national territory but beyond as well. And for an organisation setting best professional standards for the corporate and even for the promotion of national governance, it becomes imperative that the Institute itself strives to meet the internationally set benchmarks.

In one such attempts, the Institute engaged UK NARIC, UK's National Agency responsible for providing informed advice and guidance on vocational, academic and professional qualifications from over 190 countries worldwide, to conduct an independent benchmarking study, and evaluate the comparability of the Executive and Professional Programmes of the Company Secretaryship Course in the context of the UK and UAE education systems.

After a detailed comparative analysis on various activities relating to Company Secretaryship course, the agency came forth with the following comparability recommendations to the UK/UAE education system:

Stage	UK Qualifications	UAE Qualifications
CS Executive Programme	RQF Level 6 [Bachelor degree standard]	QF Emirates Level 7 [Bachelor degree standard]
CS Professional Programme	RQF Level 7 [Master degree standard]	QF Emirates Level 9 [Master degree standard]

The executive summary of UK NARIC benchmarking study is available at [https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/BenchmarkingICSI Qualifications ExeSummary.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/BenchmarkingICSI%20Qualifications%20ExecutiveSummary.pdf). The same has been published at website of NARIC <http://www.ecctis.co.uk/naric/News%20Story.aspx?NewsID=866>

This benchmarking would lead the profession to newer opportunities and newer avenues to pursue further their studies and professional Career with cross border movement.