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## Introduction

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In a world in which economies and societies are so closely interlinked, the value to businesses of internationally recognised qualifications cannot be over-estimated.

EDI recognises the importance of providing valid and reliable qualifications that cross national boundaries, and are acceptable anywhere in the world as evidence of competence and achievement.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) International Qualifications have been serving the international community since 1887, and are accredited and recognised by an increasing number of governments. They are also used as benchmarks for employers around the world, and for entry to higher education.

EDI is committed to continuing to work with governments and regulatory authorities everywhere to ensure that LCCI International Qualifications meet the highest standards.

This document has been created as a user-friendly source of reference for EDI's official accreditations and recognitions.

## About EDI

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EDI was founded on 20 December 2002 through the merger of Goal plc and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board.

EDI is now a leading UK awarding body and education services company, providing vocational and professional qualifications globally. As a leading awarding body of international qualifications, EDI works in partnership with private training providers, colleges and other educational organisations around the world. EDI provides online pupil and strategic performance measures to schools and colleges. The success of EDI is built on placing customers' educational needs central to its business strategy, providing excellent customer service and commitment to the latest technology to deliver innovative education solutions to our partners.

Through the brand London Chamber of Commerce and Industry International Qualifications (LCCI IQ), EDI is recognised and valued by private training providers, employers, governments, academic institutions and students the world over.

## Awarding Body Accreditation

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The maintenance of public confidence in qualifications is crucial. In the UK, there are statutory regulations to ensure consistently high standards. These regulations are enforced in England by the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual).

EDI is one of the UK's top five awarding bodies, fully accredited by the following regulatory bodies to develop and award qualifications:

- Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual) in England
- Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland
- Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
- Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (DCELLS) in Wales

EDI is accredited to offer qualifications on the basis of having satisfied the Regulatory Authorities that it has the resources, systems and procedures in place to ensure the delivery of high quality qualifications within the UK National Qualification Framework (NQF) and the Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF). Accreditation includes the authority to offer General and Vocational Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and General and Scottish Vocational Qualifications in Scotland.

## International Accreditations

LCCI International Qualifications are offered in over 120 countries.

It is EDI's policy to work as closely as possible with governments and regulatory authorities, and wherever possible to achieve formal accreditation.

LCCI International Qualifications are recognised in various countries as shown below:

Country	Authority	Accreditation
Antigua/Barbuda	Ministry of Education	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Barbados	Ministry of Education	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Brunei	Ministry of Education	Level 3 qualifications are formally accepted as being equivalent to A-Levels
Cameroon	General Certificate of Education Board	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
China	National Education Examination Authority (NEEA)	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Cyprus	Cypriot Civil Service	Book-keeping Levels 1 & 2, Accounting Level 3, Financial Accounting Level 4 and Secretarial awards are required for employment within the Cypriot Civil Service. ELSA scores are also accepted as satisfactory evidence of English language ability
Dutch Antilles	Ministry of Education	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
England	Ofqual	LCCI qualifications in Book-keeping and Accounting, English Language and Marketing are accredited by the English examinations regulator
	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)	Level 3 Accounting and Level 3 Accounting (IAS) have been included on the UCAS tariff for entry into UK universities
	e-skills UK - Sector Skills Council for Business and Information Technology	The Levels 1-3 Practical ICT Skills qualifications have been endorsed by e-skills UK as having met the standards specified by the scheme for IT Users Qualifications
	UK Border Agency	ELSA scores and some levels of EFB and JETSET qualifications are approved as meeting the English language requirements for Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the Points Based System
Germany	The Ministry of Employment ('Arbeitsagentur')	Unemployment re-training schemes funded by the Federal Ministry for Work must culminate in an LCCI International Qualification
	Regional Education Senates	LCCI IQs form compulsory components in courses approved by Regional Education Senates
Greece	Hellenic Republic Personnel Selection Supreme Council - ASEP	JETSET qualifications accredited for inclusion in the ASEP Foreign Language Knowledge Annex
Guyana	Ministry of Education	Level 2 Qualifications are accepted as being equivalent to UK GCSEs. Level 3 Qualifications are accepted as being equivalent to UK A-Levels
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Workplace English Benchmark	English Language qualifications accredited for the purposes of assessing proficiency under the Hong Kong Workplace English Benchmark (HKWEB) - funding available for appropriate Levels

<b>Country</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Accreditation</b>
Hungary	Nyelvvizsgázási Akkreditációs Központ (NYAK)	NYAK (the government regulatory body in Hungary) has conferred official accreditation on English for Business. University and College students must pass an intermediate Level accredited English language examination to be awarded their degree
Ireland	Training and Employment Authority (FAS)	Teaching Programmes are eligible for funding under the Competency Development Programme (CDP)
	National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI)	LCCI qualifications have been aligned to the Irish National Qualifications Framework by the NQAI
Italy	Ministry of Health (ECM)	Courses culminating in ELSA or English for Business qualification are credit bearing modules for skills development of Italian medical professionals
	Ministry of Education	LCCI IQ Teaching qualifications are recognised by the Ministry as contributing credits towards qualifying to teach in public institutions
Kenya	Kenyan National Examinations Council	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Malawi	Malawi National Examinations Board	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Malaysia	Ministry of Education	LCCI certification of the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysian Principles of Accounting examination
Maldives	Ministry of Education	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Malta	Civil Service	Secretarial skills awards such as Text Production are accredited to support employment within the civil service
Mauritius	Mauritius Examinations Syndicate	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Poland	Civil Service	English for Business Level 2 is a benchmark for the minimum Level of English language competence to be considered for employment
Sierra Leone	West African Examinations Council	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Singapore	Skills Development Fund	Funding available for courses, culminating in an LCCI International Qualification
South Africa	The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)	Qualifications accepted as being equivalent to those on the South African National Qualifications framework
	South African Tourism	Hospitality and Catering Vocational Qualifications are approved by the regulatory authority (THETA)
Spain	Ministry of Education of Madrid	Secondary schools in the Madrid region are using English for Business in the school curriculum for commercial language studies
St Kitts & Nevis	Ministry of Education	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes
Trinidad & Tobago	Accreditation Council of Trinidad & Tobago	Recognised as an official progression route for academic or professional purposes

EDI is continually seeking closer working relationships with ministries around the world, with a view to adding value to LCCI International Qualifications through their endorsement.



## Recognition by institutions of higher learning

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Each year thousands of LCCI IQ students aspire to enter higher learning. EDI is committed to ensuring that LCCI International Qualifications offer progression routes.

The following categories of recognition are in force:

### General entrance

The majority of universities in the UK accept LCCI IQs as satisfying general entry requirements. Individual institutions will be able to confirm that this is the case. In addition a number of institutions in Australia, Brazil, Italy, Malaysia, Lebanon and many other countries also accept LCCI IQs as satisfying general entry criteria.

### Specific English language requirements

A majority of universities, both in the UK and overseas, accept LCCI English Language qualifications as satisfying the language requirements for candidates whose first language is not English. The following qualifications are listed on the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) website ([www.ucas.com/studyuk/englang.html](http://www.ucas.com/studyuk/englang.html)) as evidence of a suitable level of language proficiency:

- English for Business (EFB) - pass at Level 3
- English for Commerce (EFC) - pass at Level 3
- Spoken English for Industry and Commerce (SEFIC) - pass at Level 3
- English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) Reading & Listening - test score of 383/500
- EDI JETSET ESOL International qualifications - Levels 5 and 6

Across Europe, LCCI English Language qualifications are recognised by universities and institutions of higher learning, including the University of Pavia (Italy) and the Verussakademie in Baden-Wurttemberg (Germany), as credit bearing modules as part of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). This assists higher education establishments in having a clearer understanding of comparative levels of language proficiency, across the continent.

The integration of LCCI IQs into the ECTS is aided by their alignment to the Common European Framework (CEF), which enables comparison of language qualifications across European centres with differing national education standards. For detailed information on the alignment of our English Language qualifications to the CEF, please visit our website, [www.lcci.org.uk](http://www.lcci.org.uk).

LCCI English Language qualifications are also accepted for entry into specific programmes, such as the Masters and PhD programmes offered by UNESP (Universidade Estadual Paulista) in Sao Paulo Brazil.

A list of institutions of higher learning accepting LCCI IQs as evidence of meeting general or specific English Language requirements can be found in Appendix 1.

### Exemptions

A number of institutions have confirmed that they will exempt holders of LCCI Level 4 qualifications in Business and English Language from modules in year one of a degree course.

## Recognition by professional bodies

In addition to progression routes to higher education, LCCI International Qualifications are also recognised for entry into professional bodies.

The following is a selection of international professional associations whose entry examinations are waived for holders of LCCI IQs.

Organisation	Recognition
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	Exemptions granted for one or more modules (T1, T2, T3, T4 & T6) of the Certified Accounting Technician Scheme to holders of LCCI Levels 3 and 4 single subject certificates in relevant fields. Additionally, holders of both Level 3 Accounting and Level 4 Financial Accounting (including IAS versions) will be exempted from Paper F1 of the ACCA Professional qualification
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)	Various Level 3 & 4 qualifications acceptable for exemption purposes from similar subjects within CIMA
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)	The institute offers exemptions to holders of LCCI IQs in similar subjects with evidence of previous experience
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS)	Level 3 Certificates provide exemption from similar subjects within the CIPS Certificate or Advanced Certificate in Purchasing Supply
Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR)	Holders of Level 3 subjects with 2 years relevant experience in Public Relations will be granted direct IPR Diploma entry
Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)	LCCI Level 3 Marketing qualification can be used to gain entry onto the CIM Professional Certificate Course
Informatics / NCC Education Services	Holders of L2 to L4 LCCI qualifications in Accounting, Cost Accounting, Management Accounting and Principles and Practice of Management will be exempted from relevant modules of the Informatics Diploma or Advanced Diploma in Accounting, which are accredited by NCC Education Services

For a fuller list of professional bodies accepting LCCI IQs for exemptions to entry requirements see Appendix 2.

## Corporate partnerships

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As well as the formal status conferred on them by government and regulators, LCCI International Qualifications are also endorsed by a number of large employers and industrial associations.

The high value placed on the qualifications is attributable to their relevance to the modern business environment and to their practical applications.

LCCI IQs form a crucial part of corporate training schemes as well as skills auditing and recruitment programmes. They are also recognised by employers the world over as excellent routes into employment in their own right.

Organisation	Recognition
BASF, Oracle, (Latin America)	Oracle and BASF use LCCI IQs in English Language to help assess and celebrate the effectiveness of in-company training schemes. This testing has been introduced to their operations across Latin America
Daimler-Chrysler (Italy)	Daimler-Chrysler have introduced LCCI IQs in business English as the final qualification in their in-company training schemes
FM Global (Brazil)	FM Global has adopted English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) to establish a minimum English language benchmark for recruitment and promotion purposes
Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (Kuwait)	The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) has chosen Foundation English Language Skills Assessments (FELSA) as its approved measure of international English Language competency
Siemens (Germany)	Siemens has incorporated LCCI IQs in Business English into its Management Accounting masters qualification in its training school Siemens Academy

For a fuller list of companies recognising and using EDI qualifications see Appendix 3.

## Appendix 1

### Recognition by institutions of higher education

List of institutions of higher education accepting LCCI IQs as satisfying general or English language specific entry requirements:

#### England

Anglia Ruskin University	University of Central England (Birmingham)	University of Loughborough
Aston Business School		University of Luton
Brunel University	University of Central Lancashire (Preston)	University of Manchester
Coventry Business School		University of Middlesex
De Montfort University (Leicester)	University of Durham	University of Newcastle
Durham Business School	University of East Anglia	University of Northumbria
Kingston University	University of East London	University of Plymouth
Leeds Metropolitan University	University of Exeter	University of Portsmouth
London South Bank University	University of Greenwich	University of Reading
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of Hertfordshire	University of Salford
Northampton University College	University of Huddersfield	University of Sheffield
Open University	University of Hull	University of Staffordshire
Oxford Brookes University	University of Kent at Canterbury	University of Sunderland
St Mary's College	University of Lancaster	University of Surrey
University of Aberdeen	University of Leicester	University of Sussex
University of Bath	University of Lincoln	University of Warwick
University of Bournemouth	University of Liverpool	University of West of England (Bristol)
University of Bradford	University of London (Kings College)	University of Wolverhampton
University of Brighton	University of London (Queen Mary)	Westminster University
University of Bristol	University of London (University College)	

#### Scotland

Heriot-Watt University	University of Abertay (Dundee)	University of Paisley
Robert Gordon University (Aberdeen)	University of Dundee	University of St Andrew's
University of Aberdeen	University of Edinburgh	University of Stirling
	University of Glasgow	University of Strathclyde

#### Wales

University of Glamorgan	University of Wales (Bangor)	University of Wales (Swansea)
University of Wales (Aberystwyth)	University of Wales (Lampeter)	

#### Australia

Bond University	TAFE, New South Wales	University of South Australia
Chisholme Institute of Technical and Further Education	The Australian National University	University of Southern Queensland
Deakin University	University of Adelaide	University of Sydney
Edith Cowan University	University of Ballarat	University of Tasmania
La Trobe University	University of Melbourne	University of Technology, Sydney
RMIT University	University of New England	Victoria University
Swinburne University	University of Newcastle	Western Australia

#### New Zealand

Auckland University of Technology	University of Auckland	University of Waikato
Lincoln University	University of Canterbury	Victoria University
Massey University	University of Otago	

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## Italy

Università Cagliari	Università di Perugia - Facoltà di Ingegneria	Università Potenza
Università Castellanza	Università di Roma Tor Vergata	Università Reggio Calabria
Università Cosenza	Università di RomaTRE	Università Salerno
Università degli Studi - Bologna	Università di Udine - Facoltà di Economia	Università Terni
Università degli Studi - Brescia	Università di Verona- Facoltà di Economia	Università Torino
Università della Calabria - Facoltà di Ingegneria	Università Ferrara	Università Trento
Università di Bari - Facoltà di Economia	Università Lecce	Università Treviso
Università di Genova	Università Palermo	Università Udine
Università di Messina	Università Parma	Università Varese
Università di Padova		Università Venezia

## Poland

Wrocław University of Economics	Kraków School of Business and Commerce	Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management in Warsaw
Polonia University in Czestochowa	AGH University of Science and Technology	College of Computer Science and Business Administration in Łomża
College of Foreign Languages in Czestochowa	Łódź University of Technology	Bogdan Janski School of Management and Entrepreneurship in Łomża
Kraków University of Economics	Katowice School of Finance and Banking	University of Arts and Sciences in Kielce
Poznan University of Economics	Katowice School of Economics	University of Rzeszów
University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów	Academy of Business in Dabrowa Górnicza	Radom Academy of Economics
Katowice University of Economics	Poznan School of Commerce and Accounting	Kutno School of Domestic Economy
Polish Open University	Nicolaus Copernicus University	Lower Silesian School of Entrepreneurship and Technology in Polkowice
University of Business in Wrocław	Małopolska School of Economics	Maritime University of Szczecin
Wrocław University of Technology	Lublin University of Technology	University of Silesia in Katowice
Jelenia Góra University of Economics	Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin	
Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica	Catholic University of Lublin	
State College of Shorthand and Foreign Languages	European School of Tourism, Hotel Management and Entrepreneurship in Sopot	
Polish Japanese Institute of Information Technology		

## Singapore

Management Development Institute	Singapore Institute of Management
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## South Africa

University of Johannesburg
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## Cyprus

Univeristy of Nicosia
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## Lebanon

Arts, Sciences and Technolgy University
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## Appendix 2

### Recognition by professional bodies

The following professional associations exempt holders of relevant LCCI International Qualifications from their entry requirements:

#### Professional Associations

Association of Business Executives	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	Institute of Packaging
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply	Institute of Public Relations
Association of International Accountants	Chartered Management Institute	Institute for Professional Administrators
Association of Medical Secretaries, Practice Managers, Administrators and Receptionists (AMSPAR)	Institute for the Management of Information Systems	Institute of Sales and Marketing Management
Association of Taxation Technicians	Institute of Administrative Management	International Association of Bookkeepers
British International Freight Association	Institute of Financial Accountants	International Association of Business Computing
CAM Foundation Ltd	Institute of Leadership and Management	NCC Education Services
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants	Institute of Legal Executives	The National Association of Licensed Paralegals
Chartered Institute of Marketing	Institute of Logistics and Transport	

## Appendix 3

### Corporate partnerships

The employers listed below use LCCI International Qualifications as a component in their company training and HR practices:

#### Employers

ABB	Circa Ltd	FM Polska	Martins e Salvia	Sihl
AGF Brazil,	Commerzbank	Freemans PLC	Advogados	Sony
Arriva Trains	CVT	Giroflex	Mercedes-Benz	Sparkasse
Babcock	CWT	Glaxosmithkline	Mercia Partnership	Stagecoach
Banco Central	DaimlerChrysler	Goldwell	Mike De Courcey	Bluebird
Banco do Brazil	Danfoss	Grampian County	Travel	StagecoachWest
Bardella	Degussa	Food Group	Motorola	Scotland
BASF	Dekra	Hardings Coaches	National Bank of	Telekomunikacja
Baur-Versand	Deutsche Bahn	Herlitz	Poland	Polska S.A
Bayer	Deutsche Bank	Hewlett Packard	Opel	The Royal Bank of
Berliner	Deutsche	Hochtief	Oracle	Scotland
Wasserbetriebe	Bundeswehr	IBM	Principles	Thyssen
BEWAG (Berliner	Deutscher Herold	Johnson's Coaches	Provident	TMD Friction UK Ltd
Elektrizitaetswerke	Dresdner Bank	Korn & Ferry	PZU	TravelWest Midlands
AG)	Drumcar Park	International	Readymix	Trent Barton Buses
BMW	Enterprises	KPMG	Robert Bosch	Tutogen
Bosch, Campinas	Endaim Ltd	Kredyte Bank	Roehm	Unilever
BP Oil Ltd	Ernst & Young	Lafarge Polska	Ruhrkohle	Universal Music
Bradesco/BCN	Euro Star	Lothian Buses	Sabre	Universa-
Bradford and Sons	Federal Express	LuftHansa	Sachs Automotive	Versicherung
Ltd	First Essex	Mannesmann	Sainsbury's	Volkswagen do
British Nuclear Fuels	First Manchester	Marco Polo	Schering	Brazil
Ltd	First PLC	Mars	Selfridges PLC	Wella
Bryson Montgomery	FirstWorcester		Siemens	Wyevale Garden
				Centres PLC

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