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This advice is based on current understandings of the comparability of awards. Comparability of awards may have to be re-examined in the future on the basis of changes and developments in national and international education and training systems and our knowledge thereof.

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Dear Mr. Kelly,

Thank you for your query regarding the comparability of UK awards to awards on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

I am writing to confirm that ABC is a recognised awarding body for vocational qualifications in the United Kingdom.

The Irish awarding bodies and qualifications authorities and the UK awarding and qualifications regulatory bodies (included the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland and the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority in the UK, the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment in Northern Ireland) have undertaken an exercise to align/cross reference the qualifications frameworks in the UK and Ireland.

These bodies, which oversee education standards, curriculum and assessment in the UK and Ireland, agreed the following comparisons:

- A Level 2 award is considered comparable to a Level 4 Certificate on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ);
- A Level 3 award is considered comparable to a Level 5 Certificate on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), and,
- A Level 6 award is considered comparable to a Level 8 award on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

If you would more information regarding the alignment exercise, please see the following link:
http://www.qualificationsrecognition.ie/recognition/int_qual_database/uk/uk_list_of_qualifications.html

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require clarification on any of these points.

Regards,



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