

Skills for Europe



Europass

Europass is a portfolio of documents that describes an individual's knowledge and skills in a way that's understood across Europe.

What it can do for learners, workers and jobseekers

The Europass documents will help you if you want to move jobs in the UK or abroad or if you want to study in a different country.

They help you communicate your skills and qualifications effectively.

There are two documents you can complete:

- The Europass CV is well recognised across Europe. It helps you present your skills and qualifications effectively and clearly. It can be completed [online](#) using a ready-made template.
- The Europass Language Passport is a self-assessment of your language skills and qualifications. It can be completed [online](#) using a template.

You can keep all your documents, certificates and CV together online using the [European Skills Passport](#) providing further evidence of your skills, qualifications and experience.

What it can do for college tutors whose students go on a study visit abroad & what it can do for employers whose employees are going on a training course abroad

Europass helps college tutors define and communicate the content of curricula and helps employers understand the skills and qualifications of the workforce.

If your students/employees are going on a study visit or work placement in Europe, you can make sure that what they learn abroad is valued back in the UK. First, you will need to register with Europass. You can then send a link to the host organisation (college or employer) who will then record the knowledge and skills that your students have gained there using the [Europass Mobility](#) document.

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What it can do for an employer who has received a CV with European qualifications from a job applicant

Ask the job applicant for a [Europass Certificate Supplement](#) – which can be obtained from the exam body that awarded the candidate's certificate. The Certificate Supplement describes the knowledge and skills acquired by holders of vocational education and training certificates.

If the job applicant has a qualification from a European university, ask them for a [Europass Diploma Supplement](#) – that can be obtained from the university. The Diploma Supplement describes the knowledge and skills acquired by holders of higher education degrees.

The Supplement translates the title of European qualifications as well as the skills and competences into plain English and also lists the range of occupations accessible to the certificate holder.

Note: not all exam bodies / universities issue Europass Certificate/Diploma Supplements. If that's the case, you will need to use the European Qualifications Framework, which shows the qualifications levels of European qualifications.

What it can do for careers advisors

The Europass Skills Passport may help a client to work or study abroad. See the section above entitled: "What it can do for learners, workers and jobseekers"

To learn more about Europass, contact your National Europass Centre, which, for the UK, is [UK NARIC](#)

Other tools you may be interested in:

The **European Qualifications Framework** helps you understand qualifications levels abroad.

The **European Skills, Competences and Occupations** lists the knowledge and skills needed for specific jobs in Europe.

The **Non-formal and Informal Learning system** helps identify and assess all forms of learning.

The **European Quality Assurance System for Vocational Education & Training** helps give confidence that the quality of vocational education and training programmes in Europe can be trusted.

The **European Credit Transfer System for Vocational Education and Training** is a framework that supports the recognition of learning that takes place during study visits and work placements overseas.

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