FEDERATION OF AWARDING ORGANISATIONS · FAO

From local learning to UK degrees

One partner for qualifications, pathways and quality

Serving colleges, employers and government internationally

- Qualifications
- UK degree pathways
- Quality assurance

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WHO WE ARE

Bridging UK and international education

FAO provides educational consultancy, qualifications and training to institutions around the world.

- Approved centre and partner of leading UK awarding bodies
- Led by a CEO with 25+ years in UK further and higher education and extensive international experience and partnerships

Global

track record of international engagement and delivery

Leading

UK awarding body partners

UK

partner universities for top-up degrees, with more joining

25+

years of UK FE and HE leadership experience

WHAT WE OFFER

Six ways FAO helps you build a skilled workforce

2+1 UK Degree Pathway

Our flagship: two years of diplomas at home, then a UK top-up degree

UK-recognised diplomas

From Level 3 Diplomas to Level 4 and 5 Diplomas and specialist awards

FAO sector qualifications

Hospitality, culinary, cyber security and digital marketing diplomas

Short courses and upskilling

Flexible programmes for employers and funded workforce cohorts

Qualification design

National occupational standards and framework-aligned qualifications

Approval and quality assurance

Centre approval, teacher training, IQA and external quality assurance

OUR FLAGSHIP · 2+1 UK DEGREE PATHWAY

Two years at home, a top-up year at a UK university

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English

English language semester before Year 1, with support continuing throughout

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YEAR 1 · AT HOME

L4 Diploma

Level 4 Diploma, taught in person at an FAO partner college

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YEAR 2 · AT HOME

L5 Diploma

Level 5 Diploma, completing two years of UK-standard study at home

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YEAR 3 · UK

UK top-up

Final year at a UK partner university through articulation agreements in place, awarding a UK honours degree

A full UK honours degree with one year abroad instead of three. Entry to the top-up year depends on meeting each university's progression requirements.

WHY IT WINS

Built for learners, families and colleges



UK honours degree

Awarded by the UK university after the top-up year, through articulation agreements already in place.



One year abroad

Two years at home cut the time and living costs of studying overseas.



Taught in person

Level 4 and 5 Diplomas delivered face to face at FAO partner colleges, not online.



English built in

A preparatory English semester, then language support across both years.

UK PARTNER UNIVERSITIES · MORE JOINING

Articulation in place with UK universities

UK partner universities

Articulation agreements are in place for final-year top-up degrees, and new university partners join as further articulations are agreed.

Diploma pathways shaped around you

We build Level 4 and Level 5 Diploma pathways in the subjects your institution wants to focus on.

Degree options that grow with demand

Top-up degree choices expand as demand rises and more UK universities join our network.

Final-year places depend on meeting each university’s progression and English language requirements.

FIRST TO MARKET

Be among the first to offer the 2+1 UK degree route. Partner with FAO and lead the way.

Level 4 and 5 Diplomas at home, articulation in place with UK universities, one trusted partner for colleges.

UK-RECOGNISED DIPLOMAS

Diplomas for every stage of learning

Qualification	Level	Who it serves	What it leads to
Level 3 Diploma	RQF 3	Schools and foundation programmes	Employment, or Year 1 of the 2+1 pathway
Level 4 and Level 5 Diplomas	RQF 4–5	Colleges and adult learners	Higher-level jobs and UK top-up degrees
Specialist and professional awards	RQF 2–5	Employers and funded workforce cohorts	Upskilled staff and career progression

Lead subjects: Business, Computing and Cyber Security, Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism, Health and Care. Delivered and quality-assured through FAO.

FAO qualifications built for industry needs

Sector	Qualifications	Editions and recognition
Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary	Hotel Facilities Management; Guest Relations Management; Professional Culinary Arts; Food and Beverage Service; Event Operations and Planning	National framework editions at Levels 4 and 5, plus international editions
Cyber Security	Level 4 Diploma and Level 5 Extended Diploma	Designed for international delivery, with external quality assurance
Digital Marketing	Level 5 Professional Certificate in Digital Marketing	Built on national occupational standards
Short courses	Quick Service Restaurant Crew Member; Guest Relations; Waitstaff	Flexible entry and exit, with credit towards diplomas

Developed with industry and sector partners to meet the needs of employers worldwide.

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Qualification design and consultancy services

Occupational standards

Writing and benchmarking national occupational standards against UK and international models

Framework alignment

Mapping qualifications to national frameworks and the UK RQF

Progression mapping

Aligning curricula with UK university entry so learners can top up

Centre approval

Preparing institutions for UK awarding body and national regulatory approval

Teacher and assessor training

Training teachers, assessors and internal quality assurers

New programmes and colleges

Planning and setting up new programmes and institutions

WHO WE SERVE

Solutions for every type of client

Colleges and institutes

- The 2+1 UK Degree Pathway
- Level 4 and Level 5 Diplomas
- Approval and quality support

Employers and major projects

- Job-ready national talent
- Short courses and upskilling
- Programmes suited to national funding schemes

Government and sector councils

- Occupational standards
- National qualification design
- Framework alignment

Schools

- Level 3 Diplomas
- A route into UK degrees
- Teacher training

HOW WE WORK

From first conversation to graduates, in five steps

1

Discover

We learn your goals, learners and funding

2

Design

We shape the right mix of qualifications and pathways

3

Approve

We secure awarding body and regulatory approvals

4

Deliver

We train your staff and support teaching and assessment

5

Grow

We quality-assure results and open UK progression

One FAO team stays with you at every step, so you deal with one partner from approval to results.

WHY FAO

Why clients choose FAO

- Approved centre for UK awarding bodies
- Extensive international engagement and delivery
- Articulation in place with UK universities
- Qualifications mapped to national frameworks
- Partnered with leading UK awarding bodies
- Dedicated team with end-to-end support

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Build your next programme with FAO

Qualifications

UK degree pathways

Quality assurance

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