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Dear Mr Akram,

Re: UK Evaluation of the ICMAP Chartered Accountants Qualifications

Thank you for your enquiry. Further to this, UK NARIC has undertaken a broad evaluation of the qualifications offered by ICMAP, using the materials provided by the Institute. The evaluation has been undertaken in line with established UK NARIC benchmarking methodology, more information about which can be found on our website.

It should be noted that UK NARIC primarily specialises in the benchmarking of nationally accredited academic and vocational awards. The academic evaluation of professional awards such as those offered by ICMAP could be considered to be problematic for several reasons. Given their specialist nature, professional awards are offered outside the national qualification system. Moreover the awarding bodies are largely autonomous organisations and design their programmes according to their own standards. It is also important to bear in mind that although NARIC holds important sectoral knowledge and expertise, it is not an acknowledged expert in the field of accounting and cost management. Despite these issues, it is possible to provide broad evaluations based on identified similarities in outcomes between the ICMAP awards and UK academic tertiary level qualifications.

The broad indications on the basis of current evidence suggest that ICMAP Chartered Accountants Examination Certificate may be considered broadly comparable to British Bachelor (Ordinary) degree standard whilst the ICMAP Associate Cost Management Accountant is broadly in line with the British Postgraduate Certificate. The ICMAP Fellow Cost Management Accountant may broadly be aligned to the British Postgraduate Diploma.

Please be aware that the information provided by the UK NARIC is based on our knowledge and experience. The service we provide is guidance only, purely to assist with progression towards further study, professional recognition, and employment. The decision to accept or admit an individual is made by the employer, admitting institution or professional body with other factors also being taken into consideration.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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