

FAO the Department of Foreign Relations and Council of Ministers  
Kurdistan Regional Government  
44001 Erbil  
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Iraq

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Dear colleagues



**RE: Recognition of Kurdish universities**

On behalf of Ecctis Limited, I am pleased to confirm that we are now able to consider the following Kurdish higher education institutions to be formally recognised by the relevant higher education authorities in Iraq:

- American University of Iraq, Sulaymaniyah (from 2017)
- Bayan University (from 2017)
- Catholic University in Erbil (from 2017)
- Cihan University (from 2017)
- Erbil Polytechnical University (from 2020)
- International University of Erbil (from 2017)
- Knowledge University (from 2017)
- Koya University (from 2014)
- Lebanese French University (from 2017)
- Nawroz University (from 2017)
- Soran University (from 2019)
- Sulaymaniyah Polytechnic University (from 2020)
- University of Duhok (from 2014)
- University of Garmian (from 2014)
- University of Halabja (from 2014)
- University of Human Development (from 2017)
- University of Sulaimani
- Zakho University (from 2014)

These institutions are included in our official listings of recognised institutions on our International Comparisons database.

In the event of our receiving service applications or enquiries in relation to qualifications issued by these institutions after the dates mentioned above, then this recognised institution status will be appropriately reflected.

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Please note that the services provided by Ecctis and UK ENIC represent an expert opinion, and are not legally binding. As such, employers and admitting institutions in the UK consider qualifications from Kurdish institutions at their own discretion.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [communications@ecctis.com](mailto:communications@ecctis.com)

Yours faithfully

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