

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF COMMON-  
WEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF  
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM

European Convention on the  
Academic Recognition  
of University Qualifications

This Council of Europe Convention was signed at Paris on 14th December, 1959 and has to-date been signed and ratified by 8 Member States of the Council and signed by 6 other Members.

2. The Convention aims at providing for the academic recognition in each member country of university qualifications obtained abroad.

3. The term 'university qualifications' denotes any degree, diploma or certificate awarded by a University after the completion of a period of university study but does not include degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded on the results of part-examinations.

4. In Malta the term University applies only to the Royal University of Malta and to a certain extent to the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology.

5. The only obligation that the Government of Malta would have to undertake were it to accede to this Convention would be to encourage the Royal University of Malta to consider favourably the application of the provisions of this Convention.

6. The recognition of a foreign academic qualification does not imply the obligation to admit the holder to the practice of a profession.

7. The Vice Chancellor and Rector Magnificus of the Royal University of Malta agrees to Malta's accession to this Convention provided that the University would, as at present, be free to consider each case on its own merits.

8. This Convention has been signed by Austria,

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Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

9. Hon. Members are requested to agree to Malta's accession to this Convention.

10. The text of the Convention is with the Secretary to Cabinet.

10th August, 1967.