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# FOREIGN CREDENTIAL RECOGNITION

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# Professional Portability Agreements

## Engineering:

- The Washington Accord– Canada, Ireland, UK & other non-European countries
- The Sydney Accord- Canada, Ireland, UK & other Non-European countries
- The Dublin Accord- Canada, Ireland, UK & South Africa

## Speech-Language Pathologists:

- Mutual Recognition Agreement- Canada, UK, Ireland, US, New Zealand, Australia

## Regional Agreements:

- Directive 2005/36/Ec of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications
- AnZac Professional Mobility
- ASEAN Professional Mobility
- Hong Kong/Beijing Professional Mobility
- Nordic Countries Professional Mobility



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# **The Problems with Professional Portability Agreements**

- **Only Works Well With Compatible Systems**
- **Difficult to Track Banned Professionals**
- **Professional Bodies continue to Obstruct Mobility**
- **Political Pressure to Force Acceptance of Sub-standard Qualifications**



## The Canadian Challenge

- Canada has the most highly regulated workforce in the world
- Professions and occupations are often regulated by province-based non-governmental organisations
- Canada lacks full professional and occupational mobility



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## ***Studium Generale***

### ***Medieval European Universities had the Solution***

- Common Language of Instruction
- Common Core Curriculum
- Common Internationally-recognized Accreditation



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# The Role Modern Universities Can Play

- Common or Multiple Accreditation
- Curricula to Meet Different Standards
- Joint and Dual Professional Degree Programs
- Degree Programs to Meet Foreign Professional Requirements
- Foreign Language Instruction
- Joint CPD Courses