



Credential Evaluation

There is no need to start over

International educational credentials have **value** in the U.S.: People educated all over the world can use their secondary and post-secondary academic credentials to find skills commensurate work, obtain licensure, and obtain admission to the academic programs they desire.

A credential evaluation report **delivers that value**.

What Is a Credential Evaluation Report?

A credential evaluation report is a **powerful tool** for individuals educated outside the U.S. It demonstrates the value of academic credentials earned abroad, and helps employers, licensing bodies, academic institutions, and others understand education and qualifications earned in other countries.

Credential evaluation reports:

- highlight academic achievements and verify academic qualifications awarded abroad
- assess the academic equivalency of degrees awarded abroad
- assess the comparability of degrees and coursework to standards in the U.S.

How Are Credentials Evaluated?

Credential evaluation consists of weighing all relevant factors and determining an equivalency, which, in the best judgment of expert evaluators, reflects the value of international educational credentials in U.S. terms.

WES offers different types of evaluation reports.

- **Document-by-document reports** provide a review and authentication of relevant documents, such as a transcripts, mark sheets, or degree certificates. These reports identify, describe, and provide the U.S. equivalency for each degree submitted. They may be required for employment or immigration purposes.
- **Course-by-course reports** cover all subjects taken for a specific program or credential. These reports provide the U.S. equivalency for each credential earned and a detailed analysis of each course on a transcript. They are often required for graduate work or licensing purposes.
- WES also offers **secure storage of verified transcripts and evaluation reports**. Our International Credential Advantage Package (ICAP) enables individuals to access and send their reports and documents to future employees and others at any point in the future.



How Are Credential Evaluation Reports Used?

Credential evaluation reports can be used in various ways:

- **Education:** Credential evaluation reports provide academic institutions with an assessment of an applicant's prior education and are a valuable (and often required) part of applications for admission or transfers.
- **Employment:** Credential evaluation reports can be submitted as part of a job application, alongside a résumé.
- **Licensure:** Credential evaluation reports can be an important part of the professional licensing process. For instance, an assessment of an applicants' educational qualifications is often a first step toward licensing in the U.S. Other steps include written and practical exams, U.S.-based work experience, and more. (NOTE: Licensing requirements vary by profession and by state.)

Choosing an Evaluation Service

There is no universally accepted credential evaluation service. **World Education Services (WES) is the leading provider** of credential evaluation reports in the U.S. and Canada:

- Since 1974, WES has provided more than 3.5 million credential evaluation reports to international students, immigrants, and refugees from around the globe.
- WES evaluates academic credentials from more than 48,000 institutions in 203 countries and territories around the world.
- WES credential evaluation reports are recognized by thousands of recipients, including academic institutions, licensing bodies, and employers throughout the U.S.

WES evaluations are offered as non-binding advisory opinions and based upon the best information and resources available to professional evaluators.

Applicants should always check with schools, employers, or state/professional licensing boards about evaluation services they recommend or accept. The National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (www.naces.org) offers a comprehensive list of reliable services.