



World Education Services



New Tool: Preliminary Online Equivalency of International Academic Credentials

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World Education Services (WES)

- An international not-for-profit agency whose purpose is to evaluate international credentials in order to facilitate their use in academic and employment settings
- The recognized service of the Ontario government, funded in part by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI)
- Began in 1974, in Canada since 2000; in 2006, we will be serving over 8000 applicants in Canada
- Staff of 19 in Toronto office, 7 in Evaluation Dept.
- Used by universities, colleges, ORB's, employers, apprenticeship training programs and Canadian Visa Posts



New - Preliminary Online Equivalency (POE)

- Self-directed tool which provides instant Canadian academic equivalencies
- Suggested equivalency for post-secondary academic credentials from 25 source countries: Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, UK and USA
- 150 countries in POE database by end of the year
- \$30 for three credentials and the fee is credited when one proceeds to formal evaluation
- *Disclaimer, based on non verified documents*

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Why POE?

For Applicants

- Not certain about the outcome of evaluation
- Not confident it is worth the cost
- 38% apply for formal evaluation report within 6 months of being in Canada; 16% within six months to one year; 22% within one-to-three years and 24% after three years in Canada
- Want to know their Canadian equivalency while waiting for appropriate documents to arrive
- Refer to POE prior to committing to a program of study
- Win-win situation for applicants, there is no cost for POE when continuing to formal evaluation report



Why POE?

For End-Users

- Need results immediately e.g., screening applicants or conditional decisions
- Support institutions' overseas capacity in recruiting students
- Assist institutions in granting professional development or training stipend for their staff

For Intermediaries

- Facilitate presenting their clients qualifications to employers while waiting for documents



PRELIMINARY ONLINE EQUIVALENCY

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Preliminary equivalency promotional coupon code : . This code will be valid until **Saturday, September 30, 2006**. Make sure that you save this code and that you enter this code when you apply for the ONLINE application to get the \$30 credit. **There will NOT be any credit if you submit your ONLINE application after Saturday, September 30, 2006, and there will NOT be any replacement code if you lost/forget this code.**

Provisional Equivalency * (Please see notes below)

1.	Country of Education:	India
	Name of Degree:	Bachelor of Engineering
	Name of Institution:	Gujarat University
	Equivalency in Canada:	Bachelor's degree (4 years)

2.	Country of Education:	India
	Name of Degree:	Master of Engineering
	Name of Institution:	Sardar Patel University
	Equivalency in Canada:	Master's degree

*Note

The online preliminary equivalency tool provides the Canada equivalents of degrees earned outside of the Canada. It is based on information that has not been verified. It is not an indication, stated or implicit, that a particular person has completed a program or earned a degree. As such, it must not be used for any official purpose.

An official credential evaluation based on official academic credentials may result in a different outcome than what is indicated above.

To obtain a formal credential evaluation, please go to <http://www.wes.org/ca/application/>.



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1. **Country of Education:** Turkey
Name of Degree: Bachelor of Science
Name of Institution: Bogazici University
Equivalency in Canada: Bachelor's degree (4 years)

2. **Country of Education:** Turkey
Name of Degree: Master of Science
Name of Institution: Bogazici University
Equivalency in Canada: Master's degree

3. **Country of Education:** Turkey
Name of Degree: Doctor of Philosophy
Name of Institution: Bogazici University
Equivalency in Canada: Earned doctorate (Ph.D.)

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Other Online Services

For Applicants

- Online application can be accessed from anywhere
- Online status check for applicants
- New - Joint online application for translation and evaluation
- Joint online application for workplace language assessment (TOEIC) and evaluation

For End-Users

- AccessWES
- Images of the documents verified in the evaluation process are available – document clearing house



WES Applicants-Purpose and Recognition

- 43% for employment
- 31% for continuing or higher education
- 13% for licensing with ORB's
- 10% for immigration

Top 10 countries of Education

- India, Philippines, China, UK, Pakistan, USA, Iran, Russia, Colombia, and Romania



AICES (WES Database)

- AICES (Automated International Credential Evaluation System)
- Searchable database of all completed evaluations, documents received and a file management tool
- **Contains:**
 - Key details (admission requirements, program length) for more than 18,900 credentials
 - Grade conversions for over 1,700 grading systems
 - Contact details and status of more than 40,000 institutions (including 8,300 universities) in 215 countries and jurisdictions
 - More than 5,000 program majors specific to the level of education
 - Thus far, evaluated 48,417 credentials and established 173 possible Canadian equivalency outcomes, e.g. BA (3 years)



Working with End-Users

- Applications are normally submitted by applicant, but can also be submitted by institutions or employers
- Fees are per person, one fee for as many credentials that are submitted; \$115 for Basic and \$200 for Course-by-Course Evaluation Reports
- Cost includes sending a 2nd copy of the report directly to an institution of the applicants' choice
- Standard time is 7 working days (may take longer if direct verifications with the issuing institutions are required); rush services (3-days and same-day) are available for additional fee



Working with End-Users

- For both Basic and Detailed Course-by-Course evaluation reports, WES requires documents or attested copies directly from the issuing institution; otherwise all documents are verified with the institution
- Institutions/employers refer applicants to WES either on a mandatory or voluntary basis, e.g., PSC, OMSAS and ORPAS
- Altered or forged documents are retained by WES and all intended institutional recipients are informed by a letter



Working with Intermediaries

- Serving employment assistant services funded by Federal and Provincial governments e.g. COSTI
- Joint outreach to employers and HR department
- Our own renewed funding from the Ontario government covers the outreach activities to employers
- Serving: Job Connect, OntarioWorks, Skills International, Career Bridge, Bridge Training Programs for regulated occupations, and TRIEC (Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council)

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