

How Foreign Education is Evaluated for Federal Jobs

Applicants may qualify for many Federal jobs based on academic study in accredited colleges or universities. This means education completed in a college or university accredited by a national or regional accrediting association in the United States.

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet Federal job requirements for these positions if the applicant can show that foreign education is comparable to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide such evidence when applying for Federal jobs.

Federal Job Information Center have information about qualification requirements for all Federal positions, and information about the requirements for specific jobs is usually given in job opportunity bulletins for these jobs. An applicant who completed his or her education in a foreign school should carefully review education requirements before applying for a Federal job.

For Federal employment, education received in foreign colleges or universities will be considered acceptable based on any of the following five evidences. Please submit this information with your application.

- (1) The specific courses have been accepted for Advanced credit by an accredited U.S. college or university.
- (2) A State university (U.S.A.) reports the institution as one whose transcripts is given full value or full value in subject areas applicable to curricula at the State university.
- (3) The candidate submits an evaluation of the coursework from an organization recognized for accreditation by the Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA).
- (4) The candidate presents evidence which clearly justifies a high evaluation of his or her competence, such as one of the following:

- (a) Registration as a professional engineer by any State, Guam, Puerto Rico, The District of Columbia, or the Canal Zone.
 - (b) A substantial record of experience, achievement, and publications in the appropriate field.
- (5) The candidate submits an evaluation of the coursework from:
- (a) an accredited U.S. college or university; or
 - (b) a private professional organization specializing in interpretation of foreign educational credentials.*

* The following are five private organizations which evaluate foreign educational credentials for employment and other purposes. All operate on a fee based on the extent of the education to be evaluated.

- (a) Credentials Evaluation Service
P.O. Box 24679
Los Angeles, CA 90024
- (b) Education Equivalency Evaluation
World Education Services
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10011
- (c) Education Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 17499
Milwaukee, WI 53217
- (d) International Consultants of Delaware, Inc.
914 Pickett Lane
Newark, DE 19711
- (e) Foundation for International Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 230278
Portland, OR 97223

While we offer these addresses as information to applicants who request assistance in obtaining an evaluation of foreign education, we do not necessarily prefer these services over others which may exist.