



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible for the WES Gateway Program?

To be eligible for the WES Gateway Program, you must be:

- Currently living in the United States
- Referred by a WES partner organization—you can find the partner closest to you [here](#)
- Educated in one of the following countries: Afghanistan, Eritrea, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, or Venezuela
- Unable to obtain your academic documents from your institution, and have proof of your academic attainment, such as a transcript, degree certificate, or professional license

WES corroborates these claims using the best information and resources available. If only a partial transcript is available, WES may be able to reconstruct the degree profile and courses likely taken to achieve that credential.

If you have your academic documents in a sealed envelope, you are not eligible for the WES Gateway Program. You can [apply for a standard WES credential evaluation](#).

Note regarding education obtained in Afghanistan: WES evaluates high school education if it was completed in 2009 or later. WES evaluates higher education started in 2009 or later from [12 specific universities only](#), and if the Konkur examination was passed in 2009 or later.

Note regarding education obtained in Ukraine: Only credentials obtained from a limited number of Ukrainian institutions qualify for evaluation under the WES Gateway Program. Before contacting a WES Gateway partner organization, please [contact us](#) to determine your eligibility.

### How long does it take WES to complete an evaluation through the WES Gateway Program?

An evaluation through the WES Gateway Program takes about 15 business days after we receive, review, and accept all your documents.



## **There are no referral partners near me. How can I apply for a WES Gateway Program evaluation report?**

If you cannot find a referral partner near you, please **contact us**.

## **What documents do I need for my WES Gateway Program application to be considered?**

For WES to process your WES Gateway Program application, you must have originals or copies of at least one of the following documents issued by an institution:

- Diploma / Degree Certificate
- Transcript / Mark Sheet / Statement of Marks
- Professional License / Certificate
- Other officially issued documents (such as letter of appointment, membership in recognized professional association or certification body, student ID card)

Documents that are not in English must be **translated**.

## **I am unable to get my documents, and my country of education is not one of the countries on your list. Can you help?**

The WES Gateway Program currently focuses on Afghanistan, Eritrea, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, and Venezuela. Our research team will continue to review all factors and, whenever possible, expand this list. A public announcement will be made if countries are added.

Depending on your goals in the U.S., you may be able to use another credential evaluation service provider to help you meet admission, licensing, or employment requirements. Before requesting a credential evaluation from any agency, contact the institution that needs the evaluation to understand their requirements. These institutions are responsible for the final recognition decision. You may also use the WES free **degree equivalency tool** to preview U.S. equivalency of your international credentials. This preview does not replace a formal credential evaluation that may be needed for official purposes.



## **How can I use the report I received through the WES Gateway Program?**

Your WES credential evaluation highlights your academic achievements and serves as proof of your qualifications. Your credential evaluation report may help you meet the requirements for:

- University and college admissions
- Credit transfers
- Starting the licensing process
- Obtaining employment

Please note that each receiving organization has a different recognition process for credential evaluations and may have its own set of requirements.

## **What is the difference between an evaluation issued through the WES Gateway Program and a standard WES evaluation?**

A report issued through the WES Gateway Program validates and assesses the education of individuals who cannot obtain verifiable academic documentation. The documents used for this evaluation come from the applicant and are not authenticated as in a standard WES evaluation.

Because academic institutions and licensing bodies value authenticated documents, we recommend that you attempt to obtain your official documents for a standard WES evaluation before applying through the WES Gateway Program.

## **How can I upgrade my Document-by-Document report to a Course-by-Course report?**

Please **contact us** to request an upgrade to a Course-by-Course report. Your request must include the name of the organization that will receive the upgraded report.

## **What are the fees for an evaluation report through the WES Gateway Program?**

Until June 30, 2021, all WES Gateway evaluation reports in the U.S. will be provided free of charge, through a voucher provided to referral partners. The vouchers will cover the cost of the evaluation.



You will receive:

- A credential evaluation report (printed and electronic copy) for yourself
- Storage for copies of the documents for future use (ICAP)
- One copy to go to any institution that may need your report, such as a college or university, licensure or certification body, or employer

**Standard fees apply** for additional copies and delivery.

### **If I was educated in more than one country, is the process for a WES Gateway credential evaluation report different?**

If you were educated in more than one of the eligible countries, you will have an opportunity to add that information later in the application. If you have additional education in a country that is not eligible for the WES Gateway Program, you must submit a separate application for that credential and meet the WES **standard document requirements**.