

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- **Photocopy and Turkish translation of the identity document** issued by the country of citizenship, or the **passport identity page**
- **Recognition/Equivalence Application Form** (The application form must be **completed and signed** and attached to the application documents.)
- **Official diploma or graduation certificate** for which recognition and/or equivalence is requested and **Turkish translation** approved by the **Notary Public or Foreign Representatives of the Republic of Turkey**
- **Official transcript** including all the course hours, credits and course grades taken during higher education and **Turkish translation** approved by the **Notary Public or Foreign Representatives of the Republic of Turkey**
- Original **diploma supplement** for diplomas from member countries of the European Union and Bologna Process and **Turkish translation** approved by the **Notary Public or Foreign Representatives of the Republic of Turkey**
- **If there are courses transferred** from another HEI to the graduated HEI, **official transcript** showing these courses and **Turkish translation** approved by the **Notary Public or Foreign Representatives of the Republic of Turkey**
- Document showing that applicants with dual citizenship lived in the country where they studied during their education
- Photocopy of the original passports used during the period of higher education, and the legible pages showing the entry and exit dates
- The reason/s for applying for residence and diploma equivalence in Turkey:
 - a) A letter of intent/declaration for foreign nationals to be working in Turkey,
 - b) Documentation for those who applied to acquire the citizenship of the Republic of Turkey,
 - c) An approved copy of the agreement for those who are or will be employed as a foreign teaching staff in a Turkish HEI,
 - d) Documentation for those who will be employed for research and development projects carried out or supported by public institutions and organizations and HEIs, international programs coordinated by the

mentioned institutions and organizations, or the projects under the European Union Framework Programs

- If any, documents showing professional experience, and other certifications
- Photocopy of all documents to be submitted during the application for equivalence
- **In cases where it is deemed necessary, documents related to the previous learning, high school equivalence document or additional documents** may be requested by the Council of Higher Education.

* *Detailed information about the current decisions and changes by the Council of Higher Education regarding the equivalence processes can be found at www.yok.gov.tr web address.*

* *For any other questions and requests, you can contact us at denklik@yok.gov.tr*

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RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCE APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR THOSE FROM COUNTRIES WITH WAR, INVASION AND ANNEXATION CONDITIONS

1) Which countries?

Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Palestine, Somalia, Southern Sudan, Crimea.

2) All my documents are completed. What should I do for the equivalence of my diploma?

You are required to apply with the obligatory documents for application in accordance with the Regulations on Recognition and Equivalence of Foreign Diplomas.

3) How and where should I do my application?

Your application must be made **personally or by your notary approved representative** to the Department of Recognition and Equivalence Services.

4) Do I need to submit any other documents in addition to my application documents?

- Temporary Protection Identity Document,
- Declaration Form including Educational Information.

5) It is stated that there is no confirmation process for refugee applications!

A confirmation letter is being submitted for all equivalence applications. However, if the answer for the confirmation **is not received** within the period to be determined by the Council of Higher Education, Recognition and Equivalence Committee, the relevant applications are evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Commissions.

6) The obligatory documents for my application are not yet completed. May I still apply for the equivalence of my diploma?

You can apply with your current documents. However, the evaluation process is extended as an additional process is required for applications with missing documents. You will also need to sign a declaration form stating that you do not have the necessary application documents and that you cannot obtain these documents quickly. In case of a false declaration, your equivalence process will be canceled.

7) How does the equivalence process proceed when applying with missing documents?

Examination of applications, especially when diplomas and transcripts are lacking, is carried out by the **Diploma and Degree Determination Committees** established in the relevant areas of graduation **within the universities** to be assigned by the Presidency of the Council of Higher Education.

8) In which universities are the Diploma and Degree Determination Committees established?

Diploma and Degree Determination Committees are established in Medicine - Health and other areas within the Universities assigned by the Department of Recognition and Equivalence Services.

16) Can I make an objection to the result of the application?

The applicant may make a **written objection to the Presidency of the Council of Higher Education within 30 (thirty) days** following the notification of the result of the application.

15) How can I learn the result of the application?

You will be notified about the result of your application through the address you submitted on the application form.

14) What decisions can be made as a result of the application?

One of the decisions including **direct equivalence, SYBS** (internship, course completion, examinations, clinical practice etc.) or **returning the application** may be taken.

13) I was doing my job in my country, will this experience be evaluated?

If available, providing evidence for your professional experience and the institutions and organizations you have worked before may contribute to the equivalence processes, especially when the diploma cannot be confirmed.

12) Will the evaluation be only in written form?

Verbal and practical evaluations, in case the commission deems it necessary, will be done by taking into account the documents submitted by the applicant for the determination of the degree and level of diploma.

11) I do not know Turkish. How will my evaluation be done?

In cases where the applicant does not know Turkish, an additional faculty member/lecturer or interpreter who knows the relevant foreign language may be included in the commission by the Rector or the dean of the relevant faculty.

10) How are the Diploma and Degree Determination Commissions established?

Diploma and Degree Determination Commissions shall consist of the faculty members selected by the Rector or the relevant dean of the faculty in the university; the number of members of the commissions will be determined by the Council of Higher Education.

9) Are the decisions taken by the Diploma and Degree Determination Commissions evaluated as final decisions?

Diplomas and Degree Determination Commissions **only determine area and degree**. Subsequently, the applications are subjected to **SYBS (internship, course completion, examinations, clinical practice, etc.)**.