

✓ UNDERSTANDING THE **WES Gateway Program**

The WES Gateway Program seeks to further the academic and career goals of qualified individuals who, because of adverse circumstances in their country of education, lack standard proof of academic achievement.

Through the Gateway Program, WES can reliably validate and assess the education of eligible individuals displaced by political unrest, conflict, and natural disasters even when verifiable documents are not available. The WES Gateway Program provides high-quality credential evaluation reports that can be accepted and recognized by employers, higher education institutions, and regulatory bodies throughout the U.S.

At this time, the program is available to individuals educated in the following countries who meet program requirements:



Afghanistan



Eritrea



Iraq



Syria



Turkey



Ukraine



Venezuela

IS THE WES GATEWAY PROGRAM RIGHT FOR YOU?

WES recommends its standard evaluation process whenever possible to ensure the verification and authentication of all credentials. Applicants should make every effort to obtain their official documents from their institution before looking to access the services of the WES Gateway Program.

Please visit applications.wes.org/required-documents to view document requirements, and wes.org to access the standard application.

Follow these three steps to obtain a credential evaluation through the WES Gateway Program:



STEP 1

Speak to a staff member at the referral organization to determine whether the WES Gateway Program is right for you.



STEP 2

Book an appointment with your referral organization. Bring documents to the appointment that prove your academic achievement. The referral organization will help you set up your account and submit documents to WES.



STEP 3

WES determines if you have submitted adequate documentation to prepare a credential evaluation. You can follow the progress of your application online via My Account; you will be notified when your report is complete.

Return to your referral organization to discuss your credential evaluation report, as well as your career and academic options.

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR THE WES GATEWAY PROGRAM

The WES Gateway Program is for individuals who are unable to obtain documents from their institutions but may have documentation in their possession. To be eligible for an assessment through the WES Gateway Program, you are required to submit at least one form of evidence such as:

- Degree / Diploma certificate
- Transcript / Mark sheet / Statement of marks
- Professional license / Certificate
- Other officially issued documents such as a letter of appointment, student identification card, membership in a recognized professional association or certification body, etc.

Documents that are not in English must be translated.

PROCESSING TIME

The standard processing time for a credential evaluation report provided through the WES Gateway Program is 15 business days after receipt, review, and approval of all documents and payment in full.

The WES Gateway Program is being piloted in the U.S., serving a limited number of individuals who are referred to WES by designated partner organizations.

For more information about the WES Gateway Program visit, wes.org/about-the-wes-gateway-program/.

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