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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 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 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 YOUR CLIENTS?

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 **wes.org/required-documents** to view document requirements and **wes.org** to access the standard application.

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

STEP 1

Encourage your clients to apply for a credential evaluation and authentication online at **wes.org**. If they cannot obtain the required documents as stated on the WES website, have them cross-reference their country of education with the countries eligible for the WES Gateway Program.

STEP 2

If your clients are eligible, provide them with a WES Gateway Program information sheet. Encourage them to bring academic documents in their possession to the next appointment.

STEP 3

Log in to the WES Gateway Portal and complete the pre-screening questionnaire with your clients to determine their eligibility. If they are eligible, proceed to the application form. Apply to the WES Gateway Program on behalf of each of your clients.

Log in to the WES Gateway Portal to follow the progress of the applications you have submitted. Your clients' credential evaluation reports will be posted there. Discuss with each client their report and their academic and career 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, applicants 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 on the WES Gateway Program, visit wes.org/about-the-wes-gateway-program.

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