

Instructions for Evaluation of Foreign Degree

- Find a list of credential evaluation services on the website of NACES at www.naces.org
(Services that are not NACES members may also be used, but some may not be accepted by USCIS)
- Go to the websites of some of the services to compare requirements, fees, etc. or contact organization directly for more information
- (Do not contact NACES. It is a membership organization and does not do the evaluations itself.)
- **For the purpose of an immigration application, the simplest, least expensive, evaluation is usually sufficient.**
- We need only a statement of the U.S. equivalence of the degree
(Example: "This degree is equivalent to a U.S. Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering")
- We normally *do not* need a list or an evaluation of specific courses/classes taken
- The evaluation must include a statement about the qualifications of the evaluator
- We do not need a guarantee or statement of authenticity.
- We suggest you ask the evaluation service if they will do the evaluation based on a photocopy of your document(s). Some services require original documents, submitted to them by you or your university. This can be difficult and time consuming, and unnecessary in this case..
- Some evaluation services also offer a translation service, if you need one (But see translation instructions above)
- We do not need the original evaluation. Keep the original for your records or future use, and send us a good photocopy/scan.
- If you need the evaluation quickly, some services offer faster service for an extra fee. However, note that the evaluation will not be needed until CIE submits the petition to USCIS (Usually 2-3 months after the H-1B paperwork begins at UT. If you request the evaluation when we first begin the H-1B process, the fast service is usually not necessary.