

Policy and Procedure: International Degree Recognition

Background: Due to the increasing complexity of evaluating the equivalency of international degrees and science credits, it has become necessary for the Board to develop this policy for certifying the education qualification of foreign national R.S. candidates under the Statute (§ 90A-53).

Policy: Any individual holding a baccalaureate degree from a post-secondary educational institution not accredited by U.S. Department of Education guidelines will be required to have their academic credentials certified under guidelines developed by the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Network for Education Information (USNEI) utilizing a **credential evaluation service** listed by the USNEI.

Procedure: Individuals who wish to have the Board certify their educational qualifications will submit their academic records to one of the following credential evaluation services:

- [American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Office of International Education Services \(AACRAO-OIES\)](#) is the national professional association for university registrars and admissions staffs. It provides credential evaluation services to institutions and individuals.
- [Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. \(AICE\)](#) is a California-based organization of credential evaluating services and consultants.
- [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#) is the principal national professional association representing private credential evaluation services. Its web site maintains direct links and contact information for all member services.

The Board does not recommend or endorse any individual credential evaluation service or group of services, and does not conduct evaluations or make recognition decisions.

The individual requesting the evaluation will have the results delivered directly to the Board secretary:

North Carolina State Board of Sanitarian Examiners
c/o Janice Jones, Administrative Secretary
PO Box 610
Lumberton, NC 28359

The Board will examine the evaluation provided to determine if the candidate meets the education qualification under the Statute and the candidate will be notified in writing of this determination. The determination will be based upon two criteria under the statutes: 1). if the candidate possesses a baccalaureate degree from a post-secondary educational institution rated as acceptable by the Board; and 2). achieved a minimum of 30 semester hour credits in the physical and/or biological sciences.

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