

Authentication and Official Documents in the Digital Age

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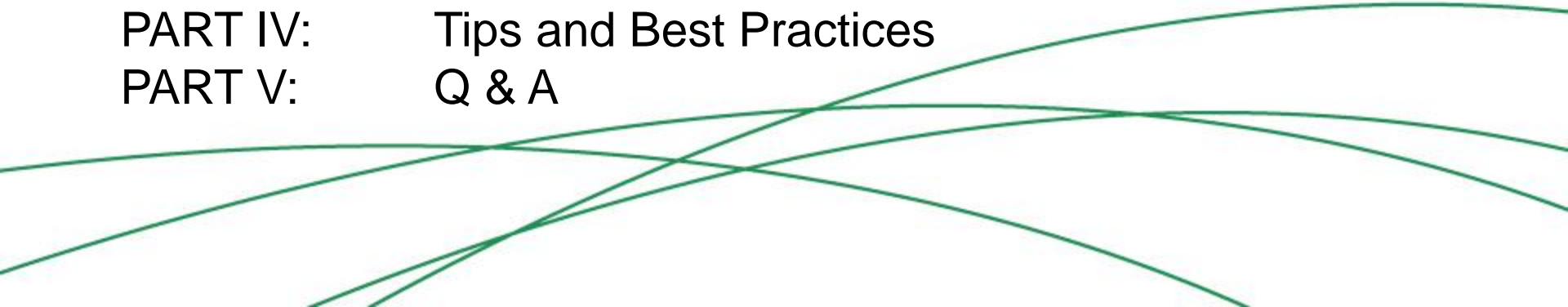
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- PART II: Terminology and Definitions
- PART III: Obtaining Authentic Documents:
- Official Documents
 - Electronic Documents
 - Verification (by institution or online)
 - Apostille/Legalization
 - Third Party Verification
- PART IV: Tips and Best Practices
- PART V: Q & A
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Part I:

Introduction

Authentication and Official Documents in the Digital Age

Why this topic?

- Authentication of academic documents is a very important aspect of credential evaluation and admissions
- In the digital age, it is ever more challenging to detect fraud, and there is a push to utilize electronic means of delivery
- Increased student mobility means increased need for authentic documents from around the world
- Different circumstances in different countries of origin lead to the use of various methods of acquiring documents
- It is challenging to establish guidelines and best practices as to when electronic document submission can be accepted

Authentication and Official Documents in the Digital Age

Questions we have considered include:

- What types of online resources can be used for authentication/verification?
- Can institution websites add to the level of security when receiving documents from an institution?
- What are some alternative methods to acquire authentic documents from countries in distress?

Part II:

Terminology and Definitions

Questions



- What is an **authentic** document?
- What is an **original** document?
- What is an **official** document?
- What is a **verified** document?
- What is an **apostille**?

Terminology & Definitions



Authentication

What is an authentic academic document?

Documents are authentic when they are issued by authorized academic institutions, examination boards or the entities that conducted the teaching and/or examinations

Authentication:

The process to establish that documents are authentic (issued by authorized academic institutions, examination boards, entities that conducted the teaching and/or examinations) and therefore attest to authentic credentials

Terminology & Definitions



What is an original document vs. an official document?

These terms are often used interchangeably which leads to inaccuracy or misunderstandings

Original

Composed firsthand (Merriam-Webster)

That from which a copy, reproduction, or translation is made (Merriam-Webster)

Original document

Issued firsthand, signed (executed), stamped, dated official document, which may be reproduced

Official document

Signed (executed), stamped, dated document

In the context of educational documents, it has an element that refers to the mode of document transmission

Terminology & Definitions



Verification

- The act or process of confirming or checking the accuracy of ... (Merriam-Webster)
- In the context of educational documents: the process of establishing the accuracy or validity of a document
- Documents must be verified by authorized officials at the institution that issued them

Terminology & Definitions



Apostille

- Apostille (pronounced “ah-po-steel”) is a French word meaning certification
- Established by the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention), signed October 5, 1961
- A specialized certificate, attached to an original document to verify that it is legitimate and authentic so it will be accepted in one of the 117 [members of the Hague Apostille Convention](#)

Apostille vs Legalization

For countries that are not part of the apostille convention, the verification process is similar, however it requires the additional Embassy Legalization by the Consular Office of the country in which the document is to be used

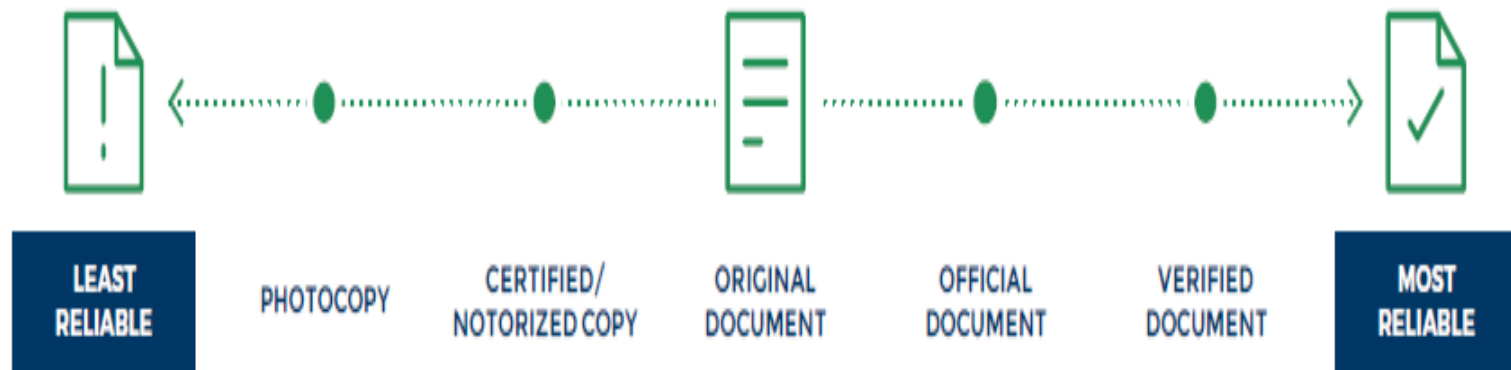
Part III:

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Authentication Practice(s) at Your Institution

What is your institutions practice, policy regarding authentication of documents for admission / evaluation purposes?

Does your institution require: photocopies, certified/notarized copies, original documents, apostilled documents, official documents, or verified documents?

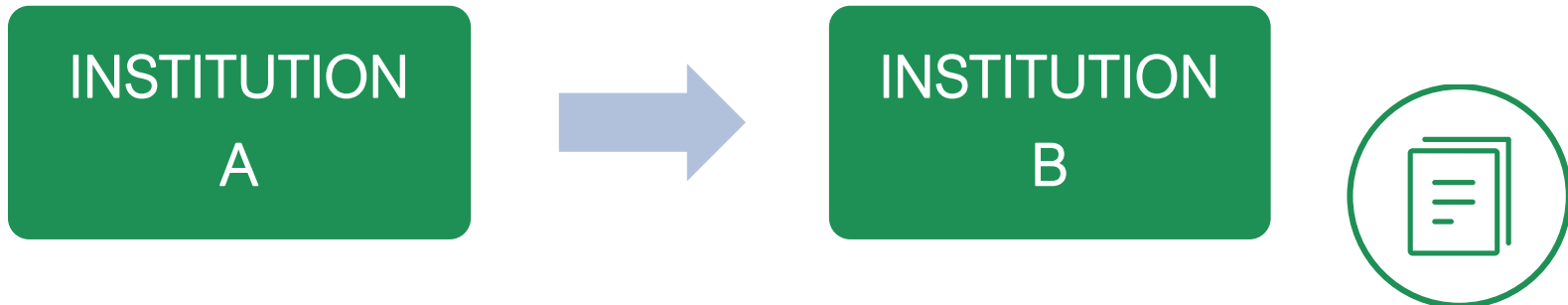


General Institutional Requirements

Academic institutions require “**authentic official**” transcripts as part of the admissions process

“**Official**” refers to the stamps, signatures and dates

“**Authentic**” refers to the manner and mode of transmission



What Constitutes an Authentic Academic Credential?

WHO?

Legitimate Institution: One that is authorized to offer formal study



WHAT?

Official Academic Document:
Issued, stamped, signed and dated by the appropriate authority(ies)



Authentic Academic Credential

HOW?

Transmission
Transmitted properly or verified



Authentic Academic Documents

**Transmitted Directly
Institution to
Institution**

**Transmitted
Electronically**

**Verification Directly
(mail, email, fax)**

Verification Online

**Third Party
Verification**

Apostille

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Official documents (received directly from the issuing institution)

Considerations:

Issued in original language?

If issued in English, is it an official document issued in English, a translation done by the source institution, a translation done by a third party but sent directly by the source institution?

Transmission / mode of delivery

- Mail from institution - check for usual markers on documents and envelopes to see if they conform to the norms for the country/institution
- Electronic delivery







Official Iraqi Document Sample - Direct by Mail

University of Baghdad – Bachelor of Science Transcript


1. Information Identifying the Institution
2. Applicant Information
3. Information Identifying the Credential
4. Documentation Authentication
5. Method Received

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College of Engineering
Registration

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No.: 317/3690 Date: 13/9/2015

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TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

This is to certify that Iraqi Nationality whose photograph is annexed above, was awarded the B.Sc. degree in *Civil Engineering* on 16/8/2003 (1st attempt) with the System (Medium) and her final average for the four study years was (61.065). She ranked (74) in a class of (143) students. The following are the grades for the courses of her study in this college.

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First Year: 1999/2000

Code No.	Subjects	Grade	Units
GE101	Mathematics	52	6
CE102	Engineering Mechanics	50*	6
CE103	Building Materials	54	5
GE104	Computer Programing	50*	4
CE105	Engineering Drawing	50*	4
GE106	Engineering Geology	59	3
CE107	Workshop	78	3
CE108	Engineering Statistics	52	2
CE109	Culture	72	4

Third Year: 2001/2002

Code No.	Subjects	Grade	Units
CE301	Theory of Structures	50*	6
CE302	Soil Mechanics	60	5
CE303	Reinforced Concrete	61	6
CE304	Irrigation and Drainage	63*	4
CE305	Engineering Analysis and Numerical Methods	52*	4
CE306	Traffic Engineering	64*	2
CE307	Engineering Management and Economy	53	4
-	Culture	55	4
-	Summer Training	Satisfactory	-

Second Year: 2000/2001

Code No.	Subjects	Grade	Units
CE201	Surveying	50	6
GE201	Mathematics	66	6
CE203	Mechanics of Materials	52	6
GE204	Computer Programming	69	4
CE205	Fluid Mechanics	64	5
CE206	Building Construction	64	3
CE207	Concrete Technology	59	6
GE208	Culture	69	4

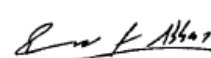
Fourth Year: 2002/2003

Code No.	Subjects	Grade	Units
CE401	Steel Design	53	2
CE402	Foundation Design	70	6
CE403	Transportation Engineering	64	5
CE404	Sanitary & Environmental Eng.	60	6
CE405	Construction and Quantity Surveying	66	4
CE406	Reinforced Concrete Design	58	4
CE407	Engineering Project	85	4
CE408	Hydraulic Structures	60	4
CE409	Hydrology	70	4

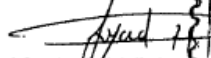
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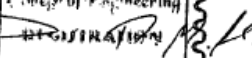
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2. Passing average and passing grade is 50%.
3. Satisfactory means success in the subject (i.e., there is no examination in this subject).
4. Subject marked with (*) indicates pass in the second attempt.
5. The graduated student satisfied the requirements of summer training in year 2001/2002.
6. The secondary school certificate has been checked.



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Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayad Abdulhaleem A. Razaq
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Official Iraqi Document Sample - Direct by Mail

University of Baghdad – Bachelor of Science Degree Certificate

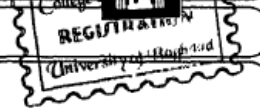
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CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION

This is to certify that _____ (Iraqi Nationality) whose photograph is affixed above, has graduated from this college in the year 2002 / 2003 and has been awarded a B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering on the date of 16/08/2003 (1st attempt) with (Med. Grade) .

The period of study is FOUR years.
The final average for the FOUR study years is 61.065 %
The student ranked (74) in a class of (113) graduated students.

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Registrar

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Assist. Prof. Dr. *Ahmed Abdulkadhem A. Rasheed*
Assoc. Dean

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Prof. Dr. *Ahmed M. Ali*
Acting Dean



REMARKS
Grading system: (90-100) Excellent, (80-89) V. Good, (70-79) Good, (60-69) Satisfactory, (50-59) Pass, (49 & below) Poor (Failure).
The student passed the summer training course requirements.
Secondary school certificate has been checked.

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Obtaining Authentic Documents



Electronic delivery of official documents / electronic documents

- What is an electronic academic document?
- Would your organization consider these documents as official?
- Do they have to be sent electronically by the issuing institution or by a separate service (repository)?
- Does it have to be a secure platform or an email attachment is enough?
- What criteria would you look for (technology-wise) to consider this a secure transmission?

Important Criteria for Digital HE Documents

Digitally issued documents can be accepted when the following criteria are met:

- The e- document is digitally signed by the appropriate official
- The digital signature meets legal standards
- Document does not display watermarks disqualifying it as official (e.g. unofficial if printed)
- Clearly identifiable as the official document (e.g. has markings indicating the office that issued or certified it)




Official Document Sample - Electronic Delivery

The Australian National University –
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1. Signed by the registrar
2. Applicant Information
3. Information Identifying the Institution

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TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD

NAME [REDACTED] 2 STUDENT No. [REDACTED]

AWARD AND PROGRAM SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DATE
MASTER OF BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS WITH MERIT	AWARDED	09 DECEMBER 2010

ENROLMENT DETAILS

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	UNITS EARNED	MARK	GRADE
POSTGRADUATE				
7417	MASTER OF BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS			
2009				
FIRST SEMESTER				
BUSN8062	MANAGING MAJOR PROJECTS: THE CROSS-BOUNDARY PROJECT EXECUTIVE	6	76	D
INFS7003	DATABASES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS	6	78	D
INFS7006	INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	6	80	HD
INFS7040	ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FOR MANAGERS	6	80	HD
WINTER SESSION				
MGMT7170	TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR BUSINESS PROJECT MANAGEMENT	6	68	CR
SECOND SEMESTER				
BUSN7024	PROJECT MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES	6	83	HD
INFS7002	E-BUSINESS SYSTEMS	6	73	D
INFS8004	ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS AND BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT	6	78	D
2010				
SUMMER SESSION				
MGMT7061	LEADING HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS	6	74	D
FIRST SEMESTER				
INFS7007	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND MODELLING	6	78	D
INFS8205	ORGANISATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND STRATEGIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	6	81	HD
MGMT7029	MANAGING CHANGE IN ORGANISATIONS	6	75	D
WINTER SESSION				
MGMT7189	A MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR BUSINESS PROJECTS	6	60	CR
SECOND SEMESTER				
INFS7004	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS	6	72	D
MGMT7022	STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT	6	72	D
SPRING SESSION 2010				
MGMT8001	MANAGING PROCESS INNOVATION	6	78	D

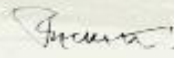
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Tim Beckett
Registrar
17 December 2010

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Verification directly with the institution (mail, verified fax, verified email)

When sending the verification request:

- Use verified institution contacts from the institution website or other official accepted documentation (email, fax, mail)
- Do not verify using contacts provided by the applicants if they cannot be verified as the institution contacts
- It is recommended to use email addresses with the institution's official domain name rather than a yahoo, gmail, etc.
- Add security features, if possible and include the documents you are verifying, not just the applicant's info

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Verification directly with the institution (mail, verified fax, verified email)

When accepting the verification response:

- Check if it is sent from the same address you contacted
- If you had added security features to your original request, look for them to be included in the response
- If it is confirming the info from the documents you had forwarded

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Verification directly with the institution (online)

Verification with the institution, using online institution resources (as a primary method of authentication or for added security/when in doubt)

- Some institutions publish lists of graduate names, degrees, majors, and GPA (Iraqi universities)
- Some institutions grant access to online databases with courses /examination subjects, and grades (WAEC)
- Dissertation published in institutions online libraries

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Verification through government

- **Databases / online registers hosted by government entities**

Mexico	SEP	Verification of Cédula by SEP
Ecuador	SENESCYT	Online register of titles at all levels
Peru	SUNEDU	Online register of university titles
Moldova	Ministry of Education	Secondary- and university-level diplomas
Ukraine	Inforesurs	Info about diploma, major, and degree
Syria	Ministry of Education	Secondary credentials: starting 2014, only lists the name, GPA and some other info

- **Government agencies**

China: CHESSIC / CDGDC



Mexico – Verification of Cédula with Secretaría de Educación Pública / SEP

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Búsqueda Resultados **Detalle**

Datos de consulta

Nombre(s)*:

Primer apellido*:

Segundo apellido:

(*) Campos obligatorios Consultar

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Búsqueda Resultados **Detalle**

Detalle del registro

Número de Cédula: [REDACTED]

Nombre: [REDACTED]

Género: [REDACTED]

Profesión: LICENCIATURA COMO CONTADOR PÚBLICO Y AUDITOR

Año de expedición: 1993

Institución: UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE NUEVO LEÓN

Tipo: C1 [Solicitud de corrección de datos](#)



Ecuador – Online Register of Titles at all levels by Secretario Nacional de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación / SENESCYT

<http://www.senescyt.gob.ec/web/guest/consultas>

Verification result: Verified

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Nombres:

Género:

Nacionalidad: ECUADOR

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Peru – Online Register of University Titles with Superintendencia Nacional de Educación Superior Universitaria / SENEDU

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[REDACTED] DNI [REDACTED]	BACHILLER EN CIENCIAS CONTABLES 05/12/1985*	UNIVERSIDAD DE LIMA


Moldova – Verification of Secondary- and University-level Diplomas with Ministerul Educației, Culturii și Cercetării

VERIFICAREA ACTELOR DE STUDII

MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI, CULTURII ȘI CERCETĂRII

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INVATAMANTUL GENERAL	INVATAMANTUL PROFESIONAL TEHNIC	INVATAMANTUL SUPERIOR
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Seria și numărul diplomei:


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- [redacted]
- Cod personal: ... [redacted]
- Instituția absolvită: UNIVERSITATEA DE STAT DE EDUCAȚIE FIZICĂ ȘI SPORT / State University of Physical Education and Sport
- Domeniu: Cultură fizică și sport / Physical Culture and Sport
- Titlu: Licențiat în cultură fizică și sport / Licentiate in Physical Culture and Sports
- Specialitatea: Cultură fizică recreativă / Recreational Physical Culture
- Media generală: 8.98
- Media examen : 9.75
- Nr. de înregistrare: [redacted]
- Seria, numărul blăncetei: ALI [redacted]
- Anul înmatriculării: 2007
- Anul absolvirii: 2011

Syrian Ministry of Education: General Secondary Exam Results Verification

(2014- till present for different streams, first & second cycle)

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(Example: 2016, Science Stream, First Cycle)

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FILE NO.: [REDACTED]
APPLICATION NO.: [REDACTED]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
This is to certify Ms. [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]) Academic Records.
Huazhong University of Science and Technology/华中科技大学 is recognized as higher education institution by the Ministry of Education of China. Ms. [REDACTED] has completed her undergraduate program in Huazhong University of Science and Technology from 2008 to 2013, and she has passed the examinations in prescribed courses with qualified records.
The attachments are included in the credential.

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认证报告
CREDENTIALS REPORT

DATE: 2018-05-25
FILE NO.: [REDACTED]
APPLICATION NO.: [REDACTED]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
This is to certify [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]) Bachelor's Degree.
Huazhong University of Science and Technology/华中科技大学 is recognized as higher education institution by the Ministry of Education of China. Authorized by the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council in 1982, Huazhong University of Science and Technology can confer Bachelor's Degree. Ms. [REDACTED] has completed her undergraduate program of Forensic Medicine from 2008 to 2013, and hereby conferred the Bachelor's Degree of Medicine in 2015 by Huazhong University of Science and Technology in accordance with the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Academic Degrees.
According to the present related policies in P.R. China, this Certificate holder can study in a Master's Degree Program after passing the National Graduate Entrance Examination, or be directly admitted to study in a Doctoral Program after having six-year working experience and passing the National Doctoral Entrance Examination.

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Obtaining Authentic Documents

Third party verification services/providers

Important considerations when vetting and choosing third parties:

- Ensure that your organization has control over the verification process
- What is their process? What are their agreements with the source institutions?
- What information will they share with you? Request that they share correspondence/official letters provided to them by the source institution (vs. just relaying information)

This can assist in minimizing any “interpretation” that a third-party might unwittingly introduce while communicating the response from the source to you

- Its recommended to meet with your third party to discuss aspects of the verification process that are most important to your organization.
- At the most fundamental level, these agencies are offering you the service of putting you in touch with a source institution, so a good third-party provider will be able to tailor that contact to fit your needs

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Third party verification services that rely primarily on online databases

PROS

- Quick and efficient leading to faster decision
- Generally trustworthy
- Quick and professional when the source institution must be contacted (i.e. in cases of non-digitized results or discrepancies)

CONS

- On the flip side, the requesting organization has little control over what these services verify
- In most cases, the verification will simply be of the degree award

Higher Education Degree Datacheck (HEDD)	UK
AuraData	Canada
National Student Clearinghouse	USA
Managed Integrity Evaluation (Pty) Ltd (MIE)	South Africa





Third Party Verification Service – Online Database

Verification by HEDD
With University of
Wolverhampton

Verification result: Pending

This enquiry is pending verification

Date of enquiry: 26/09/2018 23:26 Due date: 10/10/2018 23:26

Enquiry breakdown

Data	You entered	Match	Official records
First name(s)	[REDACTED]	-	Pending
Last name	[REDACTED]	-	Pending
Date of birth	[REDACTED]	-	Pending
Course name	Social Care and Social Policy	-	Pending
Classification	Second Class (2nd division)	-	Pending
Qualification type	Bachelor of Arts	-	Pending
Year of award	2014	-	Pending
Attendance start date	n/a	n/a	Pending
Attendance end date	n/a	n/a	Pending



Third Party Verification Service – Online Database

**Verification by HEDD
with Coventry University**

Verification result: Verified

 The details of this enquiry were manually verified by Coventry University on 21/09/2018 10:48

Verified by Coventry University

Date of enquiry	Date of verification	Amendments
20/09/2018 22:12	21/09/2018 10:48	None

Enquiry breakdown


Data	You entered	Match	Official records
First name(s)	[REDACTED]	Yes	As enquiry
Last name	[REDACTED]	Yes	As enquiry
Date of birth	[REDACTED]	Yes	As enquiry
Course name	Applied Psychology	Yes	As enquiry
Classification	Merit	Yes	As enquiry
Qualification type	Master of Science	Yes	As enquiry
Year of award	2018	Yes	As enquiry
Attendance start date	n/a	n/a	20/10/2015
Attendance end date	n/a	n/a	01/09/2017

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Third Party Verification Service – Online Database


VERIFICATION DETAILS




Fee: \$20.00

Authorization Form: Cover Page: Signed Consent Form:







Received: 2018-09-26 07:53 PM

Institution	Credential(s) Earned	Year	Search Status	Date Started	Date Completed
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University	BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS	1999	Pending	2018-09-26 7:53 PM	

Verification by AuraData with Nova Scotia College of Art and Design

Verification result: **Completed**

SUBSCRIBER HISTORY

Click the **Tracking ID** or the **Name** of the subject to view the details of the verification.

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1019251					\$20.00	Completed	2018-09-26	2018-09-27

Obtaining Authentic Documents

Third party verification services that rely on contacting institutions directly

- These organizations are most useful in taking the role of “verification foot soldiers” on the ground in the country of origin
- They can complete the verification much more efficiently than we could on our own
- The advantages are especially important to consider in countries where verification can be mired in bureaucratic red tape
- In regions where receiving a verification response is far too time-consuming and unreliable





Third Party Verification Service – Contacting Inst Directly

Verification by AMSiNFORM
with University of Calcutta

**Correspondence from source
institution:**

“... record does not exist”



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA SENATE HOUSE

87/1, College Street, Kolkata – 700073

Sri Debabrata Manna
Deputy Registrar (Acting)

Phone : 33-22196630
E-Mail : dr@caluniv.ac.in

Ref. No. : [REDACTED]

Dated: 17.09.18

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following is the report regarding the candidates duly verified by the Department of Controller of Examinations, C.U.

YOUR REF:	NAME	EXAMINATION	ROLL NO.	REMARKS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	B.A. (Two Year Pass) Examination, 1998	[REDACTED]	"This Roll No. as per University Record does not exist."

So, you are requested to take up the matter with the local police authority for taking action against this malpractice.

This is for your information and necessary action at your end.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Deputy Registrar (Acting)

Deputy Registrar (Acting)
University of Calcutta

Copy forwarded to : 1. The Controller of Examinations, C.U.
2. Officer-in-Charge, Jorasanko P. S., Kolkata.



Third Party Verification Service – Contacting Inst Directly

Verification by AMSiNFORM
with University of Calcutta

Verification result:
MAJOR DISCREPANCY / INAUTHENTIC

AMSiNFORM® AMS INFORM PRIVATE LIMITED			
Order Date: June 12, 2018	Verified Date: September 26, 2018	Client: Spantran Evaluation Services	
Client Ref. No: [REDACTED]	AMS Ref. No: [REDACTED]	Color: RED	
EDUCATION CHECK			
	Given	Verified	
Country	India	India	
Candidate Name	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
College/Institute	University of Calcutta	University of Calcutta	
Degree	Bachelor of Arts (Pass)	See Remarks	
Course	B.A. (Two Year Pass)	See Remarks	
Major Subject	Arts	See Remarks	
Roll No/Registration	[REDACTED]	See Remarks	
Attendance Dates	Not available/Not provided	Not available/Not provided	
Exam Date	Not available/Not provided	Not available/Not provided	
Degree Date	Not available/Not provided	Not available/Not provided	
Graduation Date	Not Available/Provided	Not available/Not provided	
Contact Method	Result of Verification		
Written	Major Discrepancy		
Remarks: Shri Debabrata Manna- Deputy Registrar (Acting) informed us as under: "This Roll Number: [REDACTED] for B.A. (Two Year Pass Examination-1998) as per University Record does not exist." A copy of reply received from the source is attached.			
Verifier Name	Verifier Designation	Verifier E-mail	Verifier Phone
Shri Debabrata Manna	Deputy Registrar (Acting)	Not Available	+91-3322410071
Verification Documents (Only accessible through ams.verify or on [REDACTED] [REDACTED])			
Major Discrepancy (RED)	Minor Discrepancy (YELLOW)	Inaccessible for verification / Unable to verify / Inputs required (ORANGE)	Clear Report (GREEN)
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Third Party Verification Service – Contacting Inst Directly

Verification by MIE
with Ekiti State University


**Correspondence from source institution:
“... transcript sent ... did not emanate
from our university”**

JL
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EKITI STATE UNIVERSITY

P.M.B. 5363, ADO-EKITI; EKITI STATE, NIGERIA.
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Registrar,
Akin Arogundade
B.A (Hons), LL.B (Hons), LL.M, B.L, MAJIA



E-mail: registrar@eksu.edu.ng
laxarogundade@yahoo.com
Tel: +234803 507 0544
+234806 530 3659

REF: [REDACTED]

26th July, 2017

RE: VERIFICATION OF DEGREE FOR [REDACTED]

I write to inform you that the attached certificate/transcript sent by your organization for verification in respect of the above named did not emanate from our University.

From all available records in the University, the said certificate/transcript were never issued from the office of the Registrar and as such, the documents presented are fake and should be discountenanced and discounted by your organization.


I also wish to inform you that the University is yet to commence Bachelors Degree in Nursing, meaning that the purported certificate/transcript could not have emanated from the University.

Finally, I wish to let you know that the University, being a reputable Institution in Nigeria, frowns at the activities of the unscrupulous people who are engaged in the act of bringing the name of the University into disrepute. In view of this, the Vice-Chancellor would be very grateful, if you could deploy means of apprehending the owner of the purported documents to enable us fish out other culprits involved in this nefarious act.

Please accept the assurances of the Vice-Chancellor's highest regards.

[REDACTED]

Registrar



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Third Party Verification Service – Contacting Inst Directly

Verification by MIE
with Ekiti State University

Verification result:

Fraudulent – Qualification has not been awarded to Candidate. Qualification document has been forged or altered

(When authentic:

Positive: Qualification has been awarded to Candidate)

MIE: Personal Credential Verification Report

CANDIDATE

Surname: [REDACTED]
Names: [REDACTED]
Maiden: [REDACTED]
SA ID 1: [REDACTED]
Birth Date: [REDACTED]
SA ID 2: [REDACTED]
Passport: [REDACTED]
Date Captured: 2017-07-07 09:59
Reason: [REDACTED]

REQUESTED BY
MIE Admin
Managed Integrity Evaluation

MIE Background Screening
Jean Park Chambers
Unit 2 First Floor
252 Jean Avenue
Lyttelton CENTURION
PO Box 525
IRENE 0082

Qualification - Qualification General - Nigeria (MIE Ref: [REDACTED] Order: Refer [REDACTED])

Qualification General
→ QUALIFICATION NAME: Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Second Class Honours (Upper Division), YEAR: 2006,
INSTITUTION: University Of Ado-Ekiti, STUDENT/CERTIFICATE/MEMBER NUMBER: Matric Number [REDACTED]
QUALIFICATION REASON: Verification of Employment and Qualifications for fraud prevention and detection.

2017-07-13 14:56:21

Fraudulent - Qualification has NOT been awarded to Candidate. Qualification document has been forged or altered.

Qualification Tested
→ QUALIFICATION NAME: Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Second Class Honours (Upper Division), YEAR: 2006,
INSTITUTION: University Of Ado-Ekiti, STUDENT/CERTIFICATE/MEMBER NUMBER: Matric Number [REDACTED]

The result as contained herein only serves to confirm the outcome of the qualification and not the accreditation status of the institution. Should you wish to confirm such status please select the 'Institution Accreditation' type from the MIE product basket.

According to the Institution the certificate is Fraudulent. According to the University both the Transcript and Certificate supplied is Fraudulent.

***** End Final PCV Verification Certificate *****

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Key: - Result - Additional Notes - Supply Information - You said - AI Requests

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Obtaining Authentic Documents

Apostille

Apostille is a stamp or printed form consisting of 10 numbered standard fields

Top states: APOSTILLE, underneath in French: Convention de La Haye du 5 1961 (Hague Convention of 5 October 1961)

Requirements, steps, and where to go to obtain it differs by country

Can be placed on original documents or attested copies of the originals

For an apostille of an academic document to be considered authentic, it is necessary to check what the apostille is attesting to (has to be an institution official)

The process doesn't inspect the content of the document, but certifies that it is authentic, since it is an original document and it can insure this by attesting to who signed and stamped it

Annex to the Convention
Model of certificate
The certificate will be in the form of a square with sides at least 9 centimetres long

APOSTILLE
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Country:
This public document

2. has been signed by

3. acting in the capacity of

4. bears the seal/stamp of

.....

Certified

5. at 6. the

7. by

.....

8. N°

9. Seal/stamp: 10. Signature:

.....



Obtaining Authentic Documents

Unacceptable apostille

Attached to photocopies of educational documents

Verifies signature of notary public

Issued by the Ministry of Justice

Acceptable apostille

Verifies signature of the Rector or other authorized individual

Issued by one of the designated Bodies of Education

Original apostilles on originals are accepted

Attached to a set of documents (diploma together with academic transcript) with a ribbon

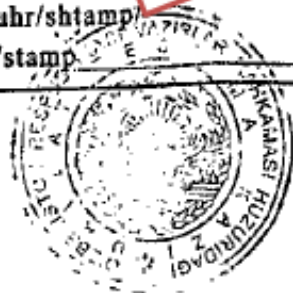
Documents are originals or verified by the designated Body of Education



APOSTILLE

(Convention de la Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Davlat/Country O'zbekiston Respublikasi
Ushbu rasmiy hujjat/this public document is original copy
2. Tomonidan imzolandi/
has been signed by Signature is not provided
3. Sifatida faoliyat yurituvchi/
Acting in the capacity of Rector
4. Muhr/shtamp bilan tasdiqlangan/Andijan State
bears the seal/stamp of Pedagogical Institute of Languages
Tasdiqlandi/Certified
5. Shahar/at Tashkent 6. Sanat 09.2014
7. Tomonidan/by Head of department of department of testing center
8. № 4903
9. Muhr/shtamp/
Seal/stamp
10. Imzol/
Signature [Signature]



Accept

APOSTILLE

(Convention de la Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Davlat/Country O'zbekiston Respublikasi
Ushbu rasmiy hujjat/this public document is notarial copy
2. Tomonidan imzolandi/
has been signed by Misirav A. T.
3. Sifatida faoliyat yurituvchi/
Acting in the capacity of State notary
4. Muhr/shtamp bilan tasdiqlangan/State notary
bears the seal/stamp of Mar Gulistan City
Tasdiqlandi/Certified
5. Shahar/at Tashkent 6. Sanat 11.2013
7. Tomonidan/by Head of department of testing center
8. № 29
9. Muhr/shtamp/
Seal/stamp
10. Imzol/
Signature [Signature]



Do Not Accept

Two Processes

Apostille

Necessary for recognition of public document abroad

Process involves only one authority in the home country

Usually takes few days

Acceptable only in countries, signatories to Apostille Convention

Consular Legalization

Necessary for recognition of public document abroad

Lengthy and costly

Involves multiple authorities from both the issuing and recipient country

Acceptable in countries not signatories to Apostille Convention

Part IV:

Tips & Best practices

Tips & Best practices



Identify document requirements for your organization and which types of authentication/verification would be applicable for each country

Identify acceptable modes of delivery for countries/institutions

Keep a list of contact info and email addresses, to be used for document verification with the issuing/awarding institution

Check institutions' websites regularly to update contact information

Keep updated lists of websites to use for online verification (if applicable)

Identify alternative modes of delivery for specific countries of origin if applicable

Create a database of authentic documents from various institutions for comparison purposes

Set policy on what to do when in doubt



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS