DEGREE VALIDATION REGULATIONS



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Regulations for the Validation of Degrees, Credits and Qualifications

These Regulations set out how EAHEA provides its three validation services: Degree Validation, the Academic Credits Certificate and the Academic Equivalency Statement. They are read together with the General Provisions, the Code of Ethics and the certification agreement that the applicant accepts.

1. The Validation Services

1.1. Degree Validation: The Degree Validation service gives the Degree Validation Certificate, which validates the degree or diploma of a graduate, with the total credits that correspond to it and their equivalence in the credit systems of Europe (ECTS), the United States (USC) and the United Kingdom (CATS). It also gives the Academic Credits Certificate and the Academic Equivalency Statement of the same graduate, and signed and sealed copies of the diploma and the transcript if the graduate requests them.

1.2. Academic Credits Certificate: The Academic Credits Certificate, which can also be requested on its own, certifies the credits that a graduate earned in a degree, a diploma or a certificate, and their equivalence in the credit systems ECTS, USC and CATS.

1.3. Academic Equivalency Statement: The Academic Equivalency Statement, which can also be requested on its own, states the academic equivalence of a qualification, as EAHEA found it in the documents that the applicant submitted.

1.4. Nature: A validation document only confirms what EAHEA found in the documents that the applicant submitted, on the date of issue. It is not a degree or a diploma, a license, an authorization, or an official or government recognition or equivalence of a qualification. The equivalents in other credit systems are indicative and are calculated from the hours of study.

1.5. Acceptance: EAHEA does not guarantee that a receiving institution, employer, professional association or authority accepts a validation document or the credits in it. The acceptance is always the decision of the receiving institution, employer or authority.

2. Who May Apply

2.1. Graduates: The validation services are open to graduates who completed a program of study at an eligible institution. The institution is eligible if, on the date of the application, it holds one of the following:

- an EAHEA accreditation that is valid;
- an equivalent accreditation, which is an accreditation by a quality assurance body that EAHEA accepts as equivalent to its own, on the proof that the applicant gives;
- an equivalent authorization, which is the status of an institution that the competent authority of its country authorizes or recognizes to award the qualification concerned, on the proof that the applicant gives.

2.2. Verification of the institution: EAHEA checks the status of the awarding institution and decides whether it is eligible. EAHEA may verify the documents of the applicant with the awarding institution and with the authorities concerned.

3. Application

3.1. Online application: The graduate applies online at apply.eahea.org, fills out the application form of the service, attaches the documents and pays the whole price at once when applying.

3.2. Documents: The applicant attaches a copy of the passport or national ID, a copy of the diploma or degree and a copy of the transcript, as the form of the service requires. The applicant states the name and the location of the educational institution, the degree, the program name, the mode of study, the date of issue of the diploma, the duration of the program and the earned credit hours.

3.3. Truth of the documents: The applicant guarantees that the documents are genuine, complete and its own, and that the applicant is entitled to use them. A false, forged or altered document, or a withheld fact, entitles EAHEA to refuse the service or to withdraw the document at any time, without refund, and to inform the awarding institution and the authorities concerned.

4. Review and Issue

4.1. Review: The Secretariat reviews the documents and the status of the awarding institution. The decision is communicated in writing, with the reasons for a refusal. A document is not issued until the fee has been paid.

4.2. Credits and equivalence: EAHEA states the total credits that correspond to the qualification, the composition of the credits in hours of study, and the equivalence in ECTS, USC and CATS, calculated from the hours of study in the transcript. The Academic Equivalency Statement states the equivalence in the same way.

5. Content of the Documents

The Degree Validation Certificate states:

- the full name of the graduate;
- the diploma and the specialization that the graduate earned;
- the total credits that correspond to the diploma and the specialization, and their composition in hours of study;
- the equivalence of the credits in the ECTS, USC and CATS credit systems;
- the status of the awarding institution that EAHEA found on the date of review.

The Academic Credits Certificate and the Academic Equivalency Statement state:

- the full name of the graduate;
- the qualification and the specialization that the graduate earned;

- the total credits that correspond to it, and their composition in hours of study;
- the equivalence of the credits in the ECTS, USC and CATS credit systems, or, in the Academic Equivalency Statement, the academic equivalence that EAHEA found;
- the status of the awarding institution that EAHEA found on the date of review.

6. Validity, Verification and Use

6.1. Validity: A validation document is given without an end date and is not renewed. It confirms the situation that EAHEA found on its date of issue.

6.2. Verification: The document can be verified through the EAHEA verification page. The holder shows it together with its date and its verification link, and does not alter it.

6.3. Revocation: EAHEA may withdraw a validation document for a false, forged or altered document, for misuse of the document and for the other grounds of the General Provisions.

6.4. Reconsideration: The applicant may ask the Secretariat in writing, giving reasons, to reconsider a decision within thirty (30) days of the notice, as the General Provisions provide.

7. Handling by Institutions

7.1. Collective handling: An eligible institution may ask EAHEA to handle the validations of its graduates together. The Secretary General agrees the terms with the institution. The regulations apply to each validation in the same way.

8. Fees

8.1. Fees: The price of each service is that of the Service Fees page and is paid in full when the applicant applies. It is not refundable, except an amount that was paid twice or by mistake.

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