



Understanding the

# WES Gateway Program

The WES Gateway Program assesses the educational credentials of individuals who have been forcibly displaced and cannot obtain **official academic documents\*** from their country of education.

A WES Gateway Program credential evaluation report can help eligible individuals continue their education, become licensed in their field, or take the next step in their career in the U.S. Gateway reports can be accepted by employers, higher education institutions, and regulatory bodies.

The program is available to eligible individuals educated in the following countries:



Afghanistan



Eritrea



Iraq



Palestine



Sudan



Syria



Türkiye



Ukraine



Venezuela

\* Official documents are issued by the authorized institution and sent directly to WES by the institution via postal mail or secure electronic transmission. They must meet the requirements listed on the WES required documents page for the country of education. If your client has academic documents in a sealed envelope, the client must apply for a standard WES credential evaluation. Do not open the sealed envelope!

## Is the WES Gateway Program right for you?

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Please consult [wes.org/required-documents](https://wes.org/required-documents) for country-specific required documents for the standard evaluation.

WES partners with a growing number of institutions that send academic records in a secure digital or electronic format from official, verified sources. Electronic or digital transmission is the most secure, most efficient method of sending academic records to WES.



Review the full eligibility criteria for the WES Gateway Program and key differences between standard and Gateway credential evaluation reports by visiting [wes.org/social-impact/programming/wes-gateway-program/frequently-asked-questions](https://wes.org/social-impact/programming/wes-gateway-program/frequently-asked-questions)

## Document checklist for the WES Gateway Program

To be eligible for a credential evaluation through the WES Gateway Program, individuals are required to submit at least one of the following **essential** documents:

- Degree / Diploma certificate
- Transcript / Mark sheet / Statement of marks

*NOTE: Copies or originals are accepted*

If your clients don't have the essential documents, the following supplemental documents may be accepted:

- Professional license / Certificate
- Other officially issued documents (a letter of appointment, membership in a recognized professional association or certification body, a student ID card, etc.)

## Application process



### Step 1:

Confirm that the institution that will receive your client's credential evaluation report requires an evaluation and accepts reports from WES.



### Step 2:

Encourage your clients to apply for a standard credential evaluation online at [wes.org](https://wes.org).



### Step 3:

If your client cannot obtain the required documents for a standard evaluation as stated on the WES website, check their eligibility for the Gateway Program.



### Step 4:

If your client is eligible, provide them with a WES Gateway Program information sheet and be sure to have them review the full eligibility criteria for the program on our website. Advise them to have the academic documents in their possession ready for the next appointment.



### Step 5:

Log in to the WES Gateway portal and complete the pre-screening questionnaire with your client to submit a credential evaluation application on their behalf. On the portal, you can follow the progress of the applications you have submitted. Your clients' credential evaluation reports will be posted there too.

*NOTE: If a client is not eligible for the services provided by your organization, email us at [gatewayUS@wes.org](mailto:gatewayUS@wes.org) to refer them to WES. If they meet the Gateway Program requirements, our team will guide them through the application process.*