Understanding the
WES Gateway Program

The WES Gateway Program assesses the educational credentials of individuals who have been forcibly displaced and as a result 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 are widely accepted by employers, higher education institutions, and regulatory bodies.

The program is available to individuals educated in the following countries who meet program requirements:

* 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.

| Afghanistan | Eritrea | Iraq | Palestine | Sudan | Syria | Türkiye | Ukraine | Venezuela |

Is the WES Gateway Program right for you?

To review the full eligibility criteria and learn key differences between standard evaluation reports and Gateway reports, visit **impact-wes.org/gateway-faq**.

Because academic institutions and licensing bodies value authenticated documents, WES strongly recommends that individuals attempt to obtain their official documents and order a standard WES evaluation. Gateway evaluations do not authenticate academic documents. Please consult **wes.org/required-documents** for country-specific required documents for the standard evaluation.

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

If you have not been able to obtain official academic documents* but have documentation in your possession, review the list and steps below to start your WES Gateway application.

Document checklist for the WES Gateway Program

To be eligible for a credential evaluation through the WES Gateway Program, you 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 you don't have the essential documents, the following supplemental documents may be accepted:

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

Application process

1. Confirmed that the institution that will receive your credential evaluation report requires an evaluation and accepts evaluations from WES

2. Reviewed the full eligibility criteria for the Gateway Program

3. Confirmed that you have the documents in the checklist

When you're ready to apply:

Step 1:

Visit wes.org/contact-us and select "WES Gateway Program" as the question category

Step 2:

Complete the Contact Us form by providing information about your educational background

Step 3:

WES will determine if you are eligible for a Gateway credential evaluation

- If necessary, WES will connect you with an organization that supports displaced individuals.
- WES collaborates with designated partner organizations to support individuals who are eligible for the Gateway Program. Alternatively, WES will help you set up a WES account and submit your documents.

To access the program, contact:

Thrive Anywhere.

wes.org