

**RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS  
& EQUIVALENCE OF  
DEGREES**



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## **AN INTRODUCTION :**

The Inter University Board (IUB) was established in 1925 and was renamed as the ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (AIU) in 1973. The need of an organization in India for equivalence of degrees between the universities in India and abroad was felt since long after the establishment of three premier Universities (Bombay, Calcutta and Madras in 1857) and therefore, the Inter University Board was formed as an Autonomous Body.

The Evaluation Division was also established ever since with the inception of IUB/AIU.

Evaluation Division was entrusted with the task of recognition and assessment of degrees and diplomas awarded by the recognized Universities in India and abroad for purpose of admission to higher studies. This is one of the main objectives that AIU took upon itself and since been carrying out effectively for the last eighty five years.

AIU is the only recognized body in India for granting academic equivalence of degrees/diplomas not only within the country but also to other similar bodies in foreign countries.

In acknowledgement to the works done by the Division since its inception the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, vide their letter No. Dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1995 issued a Notification that the equivalence done by AIU will be valid for the purpose of higher education as well as employment in the country.

Since then the Division started issuing Equivalence Certificates to individuals and till date the Division is facilitating the Universities also in granting Admission to various degree level programmes.

Not only to the Universities, AIU also provides its services, for equivalence of degrees to various Central & State Employment agencies viz. Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi and State Recruitment Boards .

The Division, besides Ministry of Human Resource Development, GOI, also facilitates to other Federal Ministries of India, to formulate the proposals on mutual recognition of degrees under Educational Exchange Programmes.

The Division continues to provide assistance on the status of foreign qualifications to Universities, Ministries of the Government of India, Union Public Service Commission, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and other Agencies concerning with the nomination/selection of foreign students in Indian Universities. The application forms of all the foreign students who are sponsored under various Central Government Scholarships/Ministries are sent to us, in order to assess their eligibility, to the courses in which they are seeking admission in Indian Universities. As the Division has established accountability as a reliable accrediting source/agency on the assessment/certification of equivalence of qualifications, we receive a number of enquiries from Credential Evaluation Service Agencies in other countries, as well.

## +2 LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS

Since AIU has already accorded equivalence to the Secondary stage qualification of most of the countries, world over, the students having obtained foreign qualifications do not face any problem to join Bachelor's degree programmes at Indian Universities.

However, there are a few countries, whose +2 level qualification have not been accorded equivalence due to their deficient system of school education i.e. Philippines, Myanmar etc. while some of them - Denmark, Greece, Algeria, Bolivia etc. have never approached us.

In case the system of education, duration of the course (i.e. 10+2/3) and the nomenclature of the Certificate issued on completion of the programme, is similar to those we have already accorded equivalence, AIU accords equivalence to +2 level qualifications.

It would also be appropriate to mention here that AIU accepts the 10 year Secondary and 12 year Higher Secondary/Intermediate/Pre-University/Senior Secondary Examinations conducted by the approved Boards, whose names have been included in the list brought out by the **Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE), Delhi.**

The following is a list of +2 level qualifications recognized by AIU and their nomenclatures:

- i) 12 years Baccalaureate Certificate of Chad, Gabon, France and Tunisia
- ii) International Baccalaureate Diploma awarded by International Baccalaureate Organization Geneva, Switzerland.
- iii) 12 years General Secondary Education Certificate of the Ministry of Education Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and other Gulf countries.
- iv) GCE/IGCSE/GCSE examinations of the approved British Examination Bodies, with Minimum 5 (Five) subjects in A, B, C Grades including English at ORDINARY („O") Level and 2/3 subjects at ADVANCED LEVEL has been equated with +2 stage qualification. Candidates intending to join Professional courses are required to have passed the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Mathematics in ADVANCED LEVEL & English at AS LEVEL.
- v) 12 Year High School Diploma from accredited Schools of USA
- vi) Intermediate/Senior Secondary/Higher Secondary examinations of the approved Boards in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal
- vii) 12 year Secondary Stage qualification of National Examinations Board of the Ministry of Education, Ethiopia, Sudan.
- viii) 12-year Secondary Stage examination conducted by various Provinces in \***Canada** and Australia
- ix) \* \* GCE "Ordinary and Advanced" level examination of the Department of Education, Government of Sri Lanka, Singapore, Hong Kong & Mauritius.
- x) 12 year STPM examination of Malaysia
- xi) 12 year Secondary Stage qualification of Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Republic of Vietnam and Yemen Arab Republic
- xii) "Abitur" examination of Germany
- xiii) \*\*\* 12 year High School Diploma awarded by the accredited American Schools/International Schools in other countries following American System of Education.

- xiv) Pre University Certificate Examination of the Ministry of Education, Iran
  - xv) 12 year Secondary School Certificate Examination of the Ministry of Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
  - xvi) 12 Year Secondary School Certificate Examination of the Ministry of Education, Islamic Republic of Iraq
  - xvii) 12 Year Senior School certificate Examination of West African Examinations Council (WACE) in A, B, C Grades on a scale of 1-4 (A-1, B-2, B-3, C-4) conducted in the countries of Nigeria etc.
  - xviii) EXAMEN D'ETAT of the Ministry of Primary, Secondary & Professional Education in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
  - XIX) 12 year Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education Examination with more than 5 (Five) subjects in the Grades „A" „B" & „C" of the Kenya National Examinations Council, Nairobi, Kenya.
  - XX) Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination with minimum 2 (Two) Principal Passes & 2(Two) Subsidiary Passes of the National Examinations Council of Tanzania.
  - XXI) Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education Examination with minimum 2 (Two) Principal Passes & 2(Two) Subsidiary Passes of the Uganda Examinations Board
- \* Candidate having passed Ontario Secondary School Diploma of the Ministry of Education, Ontario should have acquired minimum 6 (Six) "U/M " (University Preparatory Courses).
- \*\* Candidates having passed O and A level Examinations should fulfill the same conditions as prescribed at Sr. No. (IV)
- \*\*\* High School Diploma awarded by the American Schools in USA and other parts of the world should be accredited either by the State Departments of Education OR by Six Regional Accrediting Agencies in USA:
1. Middle States Association of School and Colleges.
  2. New England Association of School and Colleges.
  3. North Central Association of School and Colleges.
  4. Northwest Association of School and Colleges.
  5. Southern Association of School and Colleges.
  6. Western Association of School and Colleges.

(AIU don't accepts High School Diploma pursued through ONLINE/ DISTANCE Mode)

## BACHELOR & HIGHER DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The Bachelor and Master degree programmes of most of the countries have also been accorded equivalence by AIU. (Details of which are given in our publication – EQUIVALENCE OF FOREIGN DEGREES.

Full time 3 Year Bachelor degree programmes pursued by the candidates, on the campus of the University of its origin, have been accorded equivalence with the corresponding Bachelor degree of an Indian University for the purpose of Admission to Higher Course.

Off Campus programme pursued by the candidates, in other countries, offered by the Universities, without the permission of the Ministry of Education of the concerned Government of that country, have not been accorded equivalence.

The Universities, for which the equivalence has not been accorded by AIU in particular, are still dealt on the basis of the system of education prevalent in that country. In case the Eligibility requirements, Duration of the Course and Course curriculum remains the same as that of Indian universities, AIU accords equivalence to them also.

It would be important to mention here that the duration of the Bachelor's degree programme in India is 3 years (except Professional degrees) however, at most of the countries of the world Bachelor's degree is of 3 – 4 year. Therefore, for admission in Master's degree programme AIU considers the total length of study as 15 years (10 + 2 + 3, except Professional degrees) and issue equivalence.

Some of the European universities allow their students to complete their Bachelor degree programme in a shorter duration. Such degrees which are shorter in duration ( Less than 3 years) are not accorded equivalence by AIU. Two Year FAST TRACK Degrees awarded by the Universities are not accorded Equivalence.

Master Degree programs which are less than 2 years in duration of foreign universities have also not been accorded equivalence by AIU. AIU do not issues ECs in such cases.

Apart there are a number of foreign universities which are also operational in India. AIU do not accords equivalence to the degrees awarded by them

AIU do not accords equivalence to the degrees awarded by any accredited foreign university for the programmes offered in India, in collaboration with Indian/Academic Institutions and the examination is conducted in INDIA and the degree awarded by their parent university located abroad. **Only the programmes which are pursued full time on the Campus of the University of its origin, are being accorded equivalence.**

Diploma Level programmes offered by some of the foreign universities too have not been given equivalence by AIU, especially the **Vocational Stream examinations.**

So far, Degrees awarded through ON LINE and DISTANCE MODE have also not been accorded equivalence by AIU.

**AIU DO NOT ISSUES EQUIVALENCE CERTIFICATES FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES OBTAINED IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE, NURSING, DENTISTRY, HOMOEOPATHY, PHARMACY, PHYSIOTHERAPY, VETERINARY & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, ETC.(ALSO FOR 3 YEAR ENGINEERING DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY BRITISH & OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE).**

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Students having obtained their qualifications from abroad or under foreign system in India, are required to obtain an Equivalence Certificate from AIU.

Students can fill the Application Form and apply to us.

In case the certificates have not been authenticated by our Mission the form can be submitted with the Original Certificates.

Students having obtained their qualifications from abroad for which the certification has been done in their Regional Languages i.e. Russian, French, Spanish, German etc. are required to get their Certificates translated from the authorized translators and get them authenticated from their Embassies or Indian Mission in their respective Countries before submitting to us.

Students intending to join Master's level programmes at Indian Universities, based on their Bachelor degree programmes are also required to submit their Grade 12 Certificates, as well, at the time of evaluation.

**NOTE: NO EQUIVALENCE WILL BE ISSUED IN THE ABSENCE OF CERTIFICATES OR ON THE BASIS OF THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS.**