
**POLICY FOR VALIDATION OF DEGREES FROM FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES
APPLICABLE TO ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL**

INTRODUCTION

At the highest level, the fundamental base of every educational process lies in the quality of academic offerings. The interest of human beings in expanding their knowledge has promoted an increase in demand of professions by the diversity of academic offerings and preparations that exist in the international community.

In light of the lack of harmony between criteria and conditions for academic and administrative mobility due to the increase in academic offerings, systems of higher education require that degrees granted by foreign institutions outside the American educational system be legitimated. It is through validation (homologation) of foreign degrees that institutions of higher education can fortify the processes and practices of evaluation and accreditation.

On the international scene of higher education, the PCUPR, aware of its educational commitment to higher education, desires to establish an adequate procedure for the validation (homologation) of foreign degrees as a means of control in the hiring of teaching and administrative professionals.

PROCEDURE

1. When a candidate presents evidence of foreign degrees and the university granting them is not accredited by an agency recognized by the government of the United States of America, it is recommended and remains at the discretion of the interested candidate that he or she annotate his or her academic credentials or degrees. It is through agencies recognized by the United States of America that this type of validation (homologation) of foreign degrees is made.
2. The PCUPR recognizes the services grouped under the NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (www.naces.gov)). This entity works on the harmonization of the procedures for homologation of titles. The use of the services of Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (www.ece.org), World Education Services, Inc. (www.wes.org), among the agencies grouped under NACES, is recommended, or of other recognized accrediting agencies.
3. Degrees for which the PCUPR has exchange or collaborative agreements do not require subsequent validation.
4. These services involve a **fee**, which must be borne by the interested candidate.
5. According to the recognition or validation of the foreign degree made by the agency hired by the interested candidate, the PCUPR will determine whether or not the homologation of the degree earned in a foreign country will be made.
6. The PCUPR, through the VPAA, shall make a list of universities whose degrees have been homologized by candidates who have already undergone this process. This will serve as a reference for future cases to be evaluated for the same purposes.