

If you have a higher education degree and you need to recognize it in Portugal, begin by asking us about the procedure, according to the [Decreto-Lei nr. 341/2007, of Oct 12th](#), the [Portaria nr. 29/2008, of Jan 10th](#) and the [Portaria nr. 227/2017, of July 25th](#) (see [consolidated version](#)).

In case it isn't possible to recognize your diploma by register or in case you prefer to have your foreign degrees reevaluated by a jury or a commission nominated for this purpose, please ask for information on the equivalence or recognition made under the [Decreto-Lei nr. 283/83, of June 21st](#).

What is the difference between equivalence and recognition?

The **equivalence** is a process through which the foreign degree is compared to a Portuguese degree, in level (Licenciado, Mestre or Doutor, correspondent to Bachelor, Master and Doctorate), duration of the program and its contents, determining that it is equivalent to a specific program (for example, an equivalence is given to the degree of Licenciado in Philosophy).

The **recognition** is a process through which the foreign degree is compared to a Portuguese degree in level, when in Portugal there is no specific course in the same area or when there is divergence between the contents of the program the student has followed and the contents of our program but the level is similar. In this case, the recognition is given only to the degree (for example, to the degree of Licenciado). The recognition may be given with restrictions.

May I request equivalence / recognition of my diplomas? And where do I do so?

You may request equivalence or recognition of your foreign degrees at ULisboa, in case we offer similar programs. Please, take a look at our programs in www.ulisboa.pt/home-page/estudar/cursos/.

Equivalence or recognition may be requested by Portuguese citizens or by foreign citizens nationals of countries with which there are specific agreements on equivalence that produce the effects provided for in Decreto-Lei nr. 238/83, or those whose law confers Portuguese citizenship, under the principle of reciprocity, the rights provided in that act.

Equivalence to a specific Licenciatura is requested directly at the Faculties or Institutes of ULisboa.

The equivalence to a specific Mestrado or Doutoramento, as well as the recognition to any degree is requested at the Rectory of the ULisboa.

Do I need to present translations of the documents?

You only need to present translations of documents written in foreign languages other than Spanish, French or English. The presentation of the translation doesn't dismiss presenting the original.

If you are going to have documents translated, please check at the embassy or consulate of the country where the original document was issued to see which translations are accepted.

What do I need to present to request equivalence or recognition?

To request equivalence or recognition to a doutoramento:

- application made in a proper form (which can be purchased at Imprensa Nacional-Casa da Moeda or at their [website](#)). The form to request equivalence to the doctoral degree has the nr. 524 and the form to request recognition (to any degree) has the nr. 527;
- original diploma, duly legalized;
- original prior diploma/certificate obtained as a basis for the PhD (bachelor's / master's diploma);
- transcript of the PhD (if part of the curriculum), duly legalized;
- three copies of the thesis / dissertation and other works that have been submitted for the degree; one copy shall contain the statement that it was the work submitted for the PhD, signed by an officer / supervisor / Services and sealed or stamped by the home university;
- three copies of the curriculum vitae updated up to the attainment of the degree;
- valid ID.

To request equivalence or recognition to a mestrado:

- application made in a proper form (which can be purchased at Imprensa Nacional-Casa da Moeda or at their [website](#)). The form to request equivalence to the master degree has the nr. 525 and the form to request recognition (to any degree) has the nr. 527;
- original diploma, duly legalized;
- original prior diploma/certificate used for access requirements;
- transcript of the master degree, duly legalized;
- two copies of the dissertation and other works that have been submitted for the degree; one copy shall contain the statement that it was the work submitted for the master degree, signed by an officer / supervisor / Services and sealed or stamped by the home university;
- copy of the master's program regulation;
- valid ID.

To request recognition to a licenciatura:

- application made in a proper form (which can be purchased at Imprensa Nacional-Casa da Moeda or at their [website](#)). The form to request recognition (to any degree) has the nr. 527;
- original diploma, duly legalized;
- transcript of the master degree, duly legalized;
- syllabus of each subject;

- valid ID.

Note: the original diplomas and transcripts are returned to you at the moment you present the request. We only keep copies of it. All the other documents (thesis, curriculums, syllabuses or others) are sent for analysis and we do not guarantee that they are returned.

The ID's are only presented at the moment of you hand in your request, for confirmation.

Fees

According to the ULisboa's fees chart:

- equivalence or recognition to doutoramento has a fee of 600,00 €;
- equivalence or recognition to mestrado has a fee of 550,00 €;
- recognition to licenciatura has a fee of 500,00 €.

Nota: These fees are not refundable.

Where can I have my documents legalized?

For degrees obtained out of the European Union, the original diplomas and transcripts must be legalized by of the following:

- a) in the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in the country where the diploma was issued;
- b) at the Embassy or Consulate of the country where the diploma was issued in Portugal and at the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- c) Apostille (Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961).

Even if the authentication cannot be performed on the original (according to the law of the country of origin of diploma), the candidate should always bring the original diploma and the certified copy. The original Diploma is returned when you submit the application.

Contacts

Núcleo de Provas Académicas da Reitoria da Universidade de Lisboa:

E-mail: provas.acad@reitoria.ulisboa.pt (Before you submit your request, please send us a scanned copy of the diplomas you intend to recognize.)

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