

Certification/legalization

This document provides you with the information on the type of certification/legalization required on the diploma on which you are basing admission for a study programme at Howest University of Applied Sciences. The country listed is the country in which the diploma was awarded.

Apostille

For contact information on where to get the Apostille seal and requirements on how to get the seal: <https://www.hcch.net/en/states/authorities>, check Competent Authority under the Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

Anguilla	China – Macau	Lesotho	Saint Lucia
Antigua and Barbuda	Colombia	Malawi	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina	Costa Rica	Marshall Islands	Samoa
Aruba	Dominica	Mauritius	Sao Tome and Principe
Bahamas	Ecuador	Mexico	Seychelles
Bahrain	El Salvador	Monaco	South Africa
Barbados	Eswatini	Morocco	South Korea
Belize	Fiji	Namibia	Suriname
Bermuda	French Polynesia	Netherlands Antilles (Curaçao and Sint-Maarten)	Tonga
Bolivia	Greece	Nicaragua	Trinidad and Tobago
Botswana	Grenada	Oman	Turks and Caicos Islands
Brazil	Guatemala	Panama	United States of America
Brunei Darussalam	Guam	Paraguay	Venezuela
Burundi	Honduras	Peru	Wallis and Futuna
Cabo Verde – Cape Verde	India	Philippines	
Chile	Japan	Puerto Rico	
China - Hong Kong	Kosovo	Saint Kitts and Nevis	

Legalisatie Belgische Ambassade - Legalization Belgian Embassy

For contact information on where to have the legalization done and the requirements:
http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/embassies_and_consulates/belgian_embassies_and_consulates_abroad

Afghanistan	Gabon	Mauretania	Thailand
Algeria	Gambia	Micronesia, Federated States of	Timor-Leste
Angola	Ghana (!)	Mongolia	Togo
Bangladesh	Greenland	Mozambique	Tunisia
Benin	Guinea	Myanmar	Turkmenistan
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Nepal (*)	Tuvalu
Burkina Faso	Guyana	Niger	Uganda
Cambodia	Haiti	Nigeria (!)	United Arab Emirates
Cameroon (!)	Indonesia	North Korea	Uruguay
Canada	Iraq (*)	Pakistan	Uzbekistan
Central African Republic	Islamic Republic of Iran	Palestine	Vanuatu
Chad	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	Vietnam
China (*)	Jordan	Qatar	Yemen
Comoros	Kenya	Rwanda	Zambia
Congo-Brazzaville	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia	Zimbabwe
Côte d'Ivoire	Laos	Senegal	
Cuba	Lebanon	Sierra Leone	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Liberia	Singapore	
Djibouti	Libya	Solomon Islands	
Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Sri Lanka	
Egypt	Malaysia	Sudan	
Equatorial Guinea	Maldives	Syrian Arab Republic (*)	
Ethiopia	Mali	Tanzania	

(*) Check remarks

(!) Legalization alone is not enough, there are [additional requirements](#)

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Albania	Finland	Lithuania	San Marino
Andorra	France (incl. French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Réunion)	Luxembourg	Serbia
Armenia	Georgia	Malta	Slovakia
Australia	Germany	Moldova	Slovenia
Austria	Holy See	Montenegro	Spain
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Netherlands (incl. Bonaire, Sint-Eustatius & Saba)	Sweden
Belarus	Iceland	New Caledonia	Switzerland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ireland	New Zealand	Tajikistan
Bulgaria	Israel	North Macedonia	Turkey
Croatia	Italy	Norway	Ukraine
Cyprus	Kazakhstan	Poland	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Kyrgyz Republic	Portugal	
Denmark	Latvia	Romania	
Estonia	Liechtenstein	Russia	

Remarks:
China: An original APS certificate is required. The basic diploma must be notarized by a public notary in China.
Nepal : Nepalese documents must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal before they can be legalized by our honorary consul in Kathmandu. The stamp "seen by Ministry of Foreign Affairs" is not enough.
Syrian Arab Republic: Legalization of the original document by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Syria. Legalization by the Syrian Embassy in Beirut. Legalization by the Lebanese Foreign Ministry in Beirut. Legalization by the Embassy of Belgium in Beirut (with translation by a sworn translator in one of the national languages).
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Northern Mariana Islands: Documents must be sent by home institution directly to the international Admissions Office in a sealed and stamped envelope.
Palau: Documents must be sent by home institution directly to the international Admissions Office in a sealed and stamped envelope.
Saint Pierre & Miquelon: Documents must be sent by home institution directly to the international Admissions Office in a sealed and stamped envelope.
Somalia: This document cannot be legalized. The relevant embassy or consulate issues a negative certificate. Please contact the relevant Belgian Embassy or Consulate. The FPS Foreign affairs –Service Legalization –also delivers this document. Documents must be sent by home institution directly to the international Admissions Office in a sealed and stamped envelope.
South Sudan: Documents must be sent by home institution directly to the international Admissions Office in a sealed and stamped envelope.