

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Provisional awards, expected completion and conferred degrees

How do I distinguish a provisional certificate from a final conferred degree record?

Read the source's actual status and date language. Expected completion, provisional confirmation and final conferral can be different events; translation should preserve qualifications rather than converting every academic statement into a completed degree.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify provisional or conditional language
- ☐ Track actual conferral separately
- ☐ Check the recipient's stage rule

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

U.S. Department of Education: Recognition of foreign qualifications

<https://www.ed.gov/about/initiatives/international-affairs/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications>

Stanford Graduate Admissions: Transcripts (Academic Records)

<https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu/apply/transcripts>

Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: Yale GSAS transcript frequently asked questions

<https://gsas.yale.edu/admissions/phdmasters-application-process/admissions-frequently-asked-questions/transcript-faqs>

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