

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Certified translation: understand the requirement

How do translation, certification and credential evaluation differ?

Translation, a translator's certification, notarization and credential evaluation serve different purposes. Begin with the receiving authority's written instructions. Do not purchase a bundle of services simply because the terms appear together on a provider's website.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the receiving authority.
- ☐ Save its written language requirements.
- ☐ Separate translation from evaluation and notarization.
- ☐ Confirm deliverables and correction terms in writing.

A little support for your next step.

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Notes and questions to follow up

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Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

HCCH: Apostille Section and competent authorities

<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/specialised-sections/apostille>

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

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

Eagle Translate: Eagle Translate services and pricing

<https://eagletranslate.com/services>

Eagle Translate: Eagle Translate corporate affiliation, certification and review process

<https://eagletranslate.com/about>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

American Translators Association: ATA corporate and individual membership categories

<https://www.atanet.org/member-center/member-categories/>

American Translators Association: Guide to ATA certification and specific language directions

<https://www.atanet.org/certification/guide-to-ata-certification/>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/documents/translation-and-certification/>

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