



Dear International Students,

We would like to inform you that if you have a diploma issued by a Hungarian higher education institution (e.g. University of Pécs) and you wish to use it in a country other than Hungary, you need to get it legalized. Legalization proves the authenticity of the document to a foreign authority.

There are two kinds of legalization: Apostille legalization and diplomatic legalization. You need an Apostille certificate for your diploma if the country where you are going to use it is a participant of the Hague Convention (Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, Concluded 5 October 1961).

Diplomatic legalization is needed if the target country is not a participant of the above mentioned convention. In this case after the Hungarian Education Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have legalized your diploma, you need to go to the Embassy of the target country accredited to Hungary to finish the process.

Please note that one document can only bear one kind of legalization.

You can easily double-check whether the target country is a participant of the Convention or not on the website of the Hague Convention: www.hcch.net (convention No: 12/"status table"). The website is available both in English and French.

Your diploma has to be legalized by the following institutions:

1. Hungarian Education Office
2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. The Embassy of the country where the diploma will be used (if it is required by the given country)

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we would like to inform you that from this year, the Apostille and diplomatic legalization of your diploma will be issued within **15 days** by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please take into account the deadline of the procedure when planning the date of your departure.

Kind regards,

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