**DECLARATION OF EQUIVALENCE OF DOCTORAL DEGREES ISSUED ABROAD**

**BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:** Accreditation of the equivalence of doctoral degrees issued abroad is an essential requirement. Before the deadline for submitting applications it is sufficient to **prove that application has been made for the declaration of equivalence**, though this equivalence must be accredited before signing the contract.

**ESTIMATED PROCESSING TIME:** Processing equivalence generally takes **three months**. For degrees awarded in European Union member states it may be less.

**LINK TO THE UPV/EHU WEBSITE:** Information about the process for declaring equivalence of foreign degrees at the UPV/EHU is available through the following link: [**https://www.ehu.eus/es/web/doktoregoa/titulos-y-tramites/equivalencia-de-titulos-extranjeros**](https://www.ehu.eus/es/web/doktoregoa/titulos-y-tramites/equivalencia-de-titulos-extranjeros)

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**SWORN TRANSLATIONS**

Documents issued in Basque, Spanish or English need not be translated. The up-to-date list of sworn translators appointed by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation is available through the following link: <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Documents/TraductoresEinterpretes/Lista-actualizada-a-18-abril-2022.pdf>

**LEGALISATION OF DOCUMENTS**

**NO legalisation of any kind is required** for documents issued in **European Union member states or signatories to the European Economic Area:** Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Romania and Sweden. Also Switzerland, through a bilateral agreement with the EU.

**IT IS REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:** Documents issued abroad that are to be used for these procedures must be duly legalised in accordance with the following conditions:

**1.- Documents issued in countries that have signed the Hague Convention** of 5th October 1961: a single legalisation or "apostille" issued by the competent authorities in the country is sufficient.

The list of signatory states to the Hague Convention is available on the website of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation.

**2.- Documents issued in countries that have signed the Andrés Bello Convention:** (Art. 2. Sec. 6. Resolution 006/98, approved by the 19th meeting of Ministers of Education under the Andrés Bello Convention): must be legalised through diplomatic channels (where the country is also a signatory to the Hague Convention, the latter, simpler procedure may be followed). They must be submitted to:

* + The Ministry of Education of the country of origin in the case of degrees and certificates of studies and at the competent ministry for birth and nationality certificates.
	+ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country where the said documents were issued.
	+ The diplomatic or consular representation in Spain of the country in question.
	+ Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Spain, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela

**3.- Documents issued in other countries:** these must be legalised through diplomatic channels. To do this they must be submitted to:

* + The Ministry of Education of the country of origin in the case of degrees and certificates of studies and at the competent ministry for birth and nationality certificates.
	+ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country where the said documents were issued.
	+ The diplomatic or consular representation in Spain of the country in question

**4.- Documents issued by other countries' diplomatic or consular authorities** in Spain must be legalised at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.