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# **HIGH SCHOOL DOCUMENTS RECOGNITION**

For countries outside international agreements on education recognition.



### **RECOGNITION? DO I NEED IT?**

- If you are a student from outside Poland, you
- need to meet the grade of the Polish law by
  - proving that your high school education is
    - eligibile to study at an university.
- In general, if you were admitted to MUL, you
  - are probably half way to the recognition.



# Steps to recognition:

Get documents confirming the completion of high school education.

Legalise abroad.

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Get an elig certificate. Translate k language.

Apply to Department of Education in Lodz for a decision on your high school education.

Legalise your high school documents for use

Get an eligibility statement / migration certificate.

Translate high school documents into Polish language.

### What is eligibility statement?

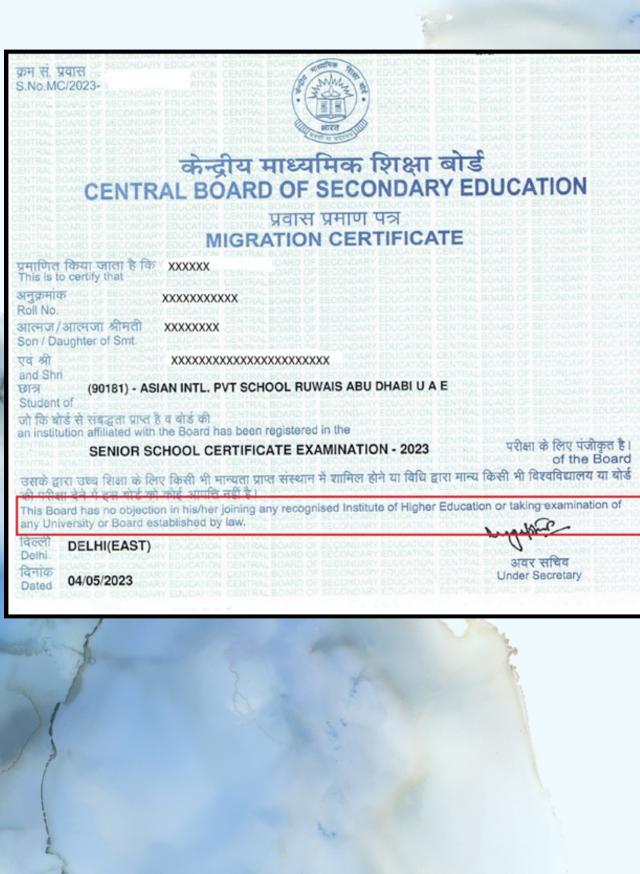
#### **ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT**

[example] The high school diploma entitles Mr/Ms ... to appeal for admission to every type of higher education institutions in the country of its issue.

It is a document issued by the Ministry of Education or the embassy, which confirms that your high school diploma gives you the right to study at university level in your country.



### Eligibility statements - examples



could be addressed by ent Secretary, Ministry of Education dividual by name

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#### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Medical University of Lodz Admission Office POLAND

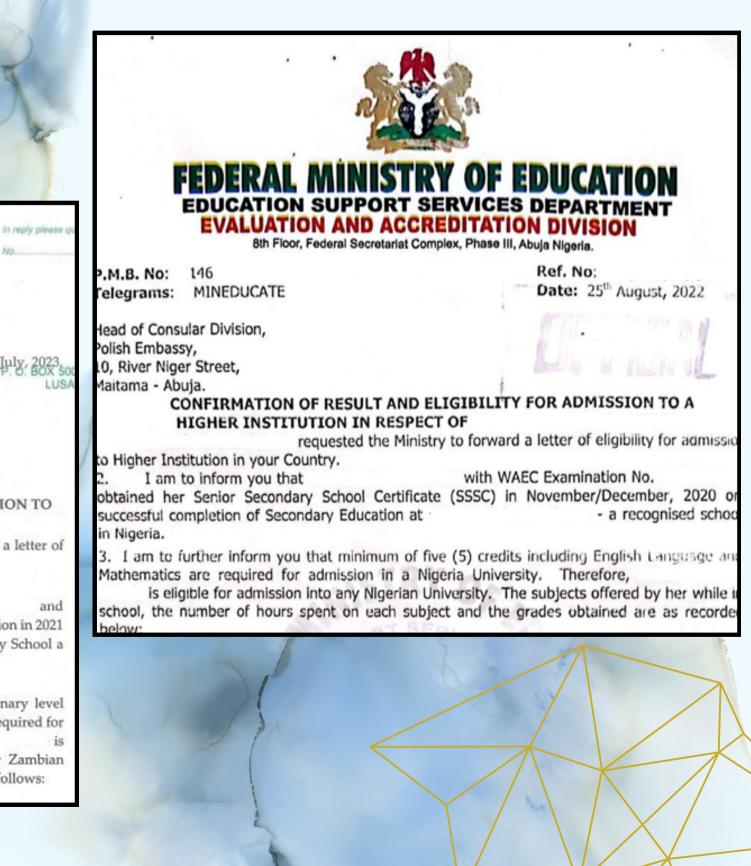
#### RE: COMFIRMATION OF RESULTS AND ELEGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO A HIGHER INSTITUTION IN RESPECT OF

Medical University of Lodz, requested the ministry of Education to forward a letter of eligibility for admission to a higher institution in your country.

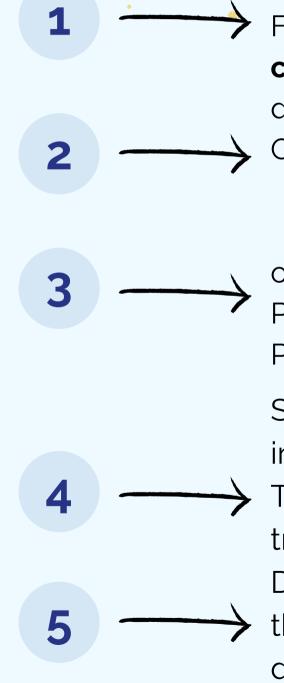
I am to inform you that, with Certificate Number Examination Number obtained a school Certificate of Education in 2021 on a successful completion of secondary education at Secondary School a well-recognized school in lusaka Province of Zambia.

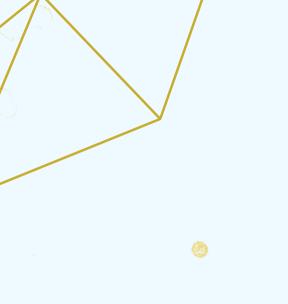
I am to further inform you that a minimum of five subjects (5) at an ordinary level including English, Mathematics, Science, Biology and Computer Studies are required for admission into a Bachelor's Degree program in medicine. Therefore,

eligible for admission to a Bachelor of medicine Degree program in any Zambian University. The subjects offer by him whilst in school at ordinary level are as follows:



Steps to recognition: Where to go?





First three steps may be taken in **the country of issue** of your high school documents.

#### Or in a **diplomatic facility**:

- an embassy
- a consular office
- of the country of issue, either in
- Poland or an EU country closest to Poland.

### Step 4 and 5 is possible to take only in **Poland**.

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- Translation must be made by a sworn translator in Poland,
- Department of Education requires
- that you apply in person for a
- decision on high school education.

### Legalisation

According to the Administrative Law if you want to use the document outside the country which issued it, the documents need to be legalised by a competent authority/institution **before** 

#### leaving the country.

If the country which issued your high school documents is a party to The Hague Convention, the legalisation is simplified and you need to apply for **an apostille** only.

Competent authority in this case is a Ministry of Foreign Affairs or a diplomatic facility (embassy or consular office).

### **Example: Legalisation**

If you want to use high school documents from e.g. Nigeria in Poland, you should apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nigeria, or the Polish Embassy in Nigeria to legalise the document.

You will get a stamp on the document confirming that all signatures and stamps on your papers have been verified and deemed authentic.





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## **Example:** Apostille

If you want to use high school documents from e.g. India in Poland, you should apply for an apostille. Useful information to be found here: https://www.mea.gov.in/apostillemenu.htm You will get a sticker on the document confirming that all signatures and stamps on your papers have been verified and deemed authentic.



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#### REPUBLIC OF INDIA

#### Certified

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### Apostille: List of countries

If the country that issued your high school documents is a party to The Hague Convention, you need to apply for an apostille, which legalises the document for use abroad. List of countries that are parties to The Hague Convention is available here:

https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41

### Translation

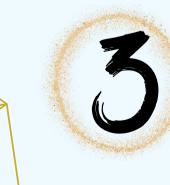
- Translation of your high school documents is essential for recognition.
  Our university operates in Poland, which means that the language for all administrative procedures is Polish.
  Although we provide you with service in English during your studies, the language of the national authorities in which all procedures are carried out is Polish.
- To be able to confirm beyond any doubt that you have the right to get your graduation diploma, we need your high school documents to be translated into Polish by a sworn translator who is a member of Sworn Translators Board in Ministry of Justice in Poland: <u>https://archbip.ms.gov.pl/pl/rejestry-i-ewidencje/tlumacze-przysiegli/listatlumaczy-przysieglych/search.html</u>

### **Translation:** What should I translate?

High School Diploma / Final Certificate



Transcript of records - final grade

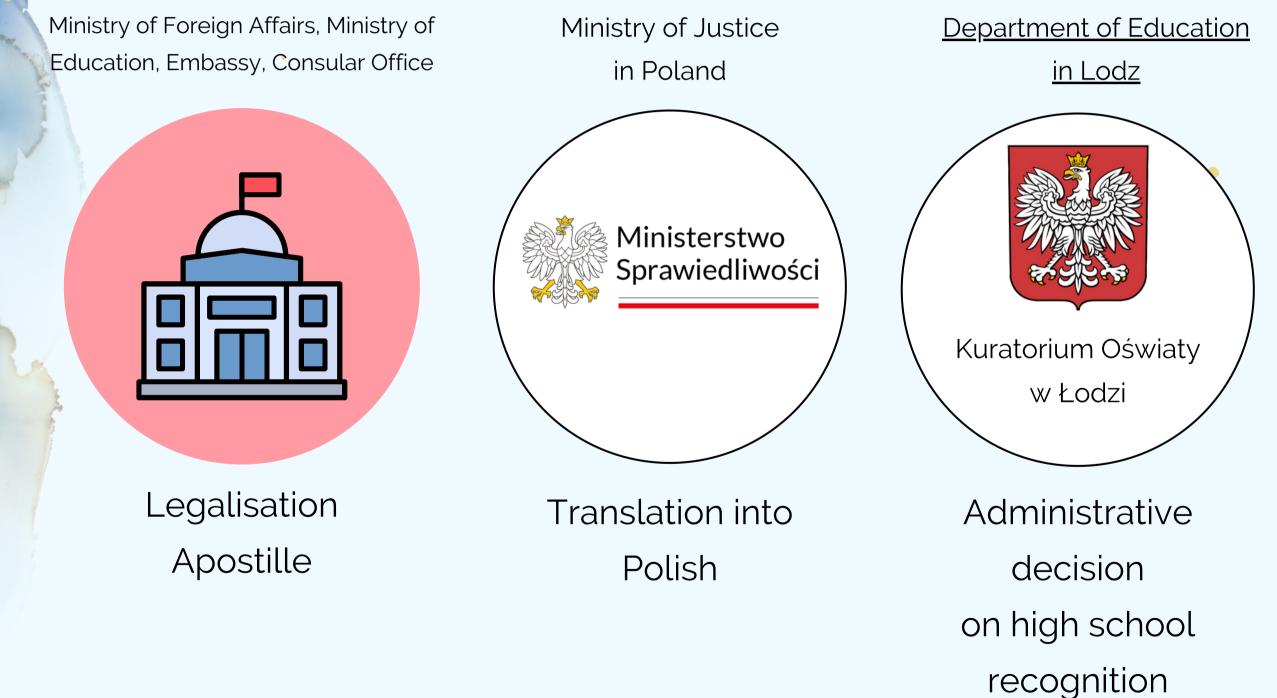


Eligibility statement

Sometimes all of the above are on one document.



### Authorities on the way



#### The University

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#### Submit the decision

# Timeline

#### Late September

During your first meeting with the Admision Officer. show documents confirming your high school education required to continue education on the higher level.

#### Late

#### **November**

Time to meet your Legalisation Coordinator. The Coordinator assigned to you contacts you and provides useful information such as instruction on high school recognition.

#### **November** to January

This is the time to inquire if you need any clarification. Read the instruction and discuss your doubts with the Legalisation Coordinator.

Apply for all missing stamps and confirmations on your documents. Get eligibility statement. If you notice that you can miss the deadline. write a letter to the Rector to extend the time for collection of the required stamps on your documents.

January

#### Late **February**

All legalisation stamps and apostilles should be on your high school documents by now. Inform your Legalisation Coordinator about the progress by sending scans of the documents.

#### March

Have your high school diploma/certificate translated along with final grade transcript of records and eligibility statement if needed.

#### April to May

Schedule a meeting Late June in the Department of Education to apply for a decision on your high school education. Hand in all documents you've prepared. Issuing a decision may take up to 30 days from the date of application.

Submit the decision from the Department of Education in the Legalisation Coordinator's office.

#### 30th of September

The last day of 1st academic year at the University is the deadline for recognising your high school education. Without this confirmation you won't be enrolled to the 2nd year.

### Legalisation Coordinator

The university official who is competent to assist you during the recognition process.

To contact your Legalisation Coordinator always use the dedicated email box. This assures that your email won't be left without a reply.



### legalisation@umed.lodz.pl

## 01 Check your email box

Legalisation Coordinator sends useful information to guide you through the process.

Tips

## 02 Inform about obstacles

In case of any obstacles during the process of recognition inform your Legalisation Coordinator to get assistance.

### **03** Don't stall

Do not delay getting additional confirmations or documents. Time flies!



Get to know who is your Legalisation Coordinator. To contact the person, always use the dedicated email box, it will shorten the time of a reply. **05** Close before summer break

If possible, try to close the recognition process before the summer examination session and your summer vacation.

## **o6** Schedule meetings

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Always schedule a meeting to discuss legalisation matters. It may take a while...



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