

Legalization of the IB Diploma May 2020 results

Background

In some countries, the IB document *IB Diploma Results* needs to be legalized by the relevant chancellery, embassy and/or consulate to be valid for entrance to universities.

Note: There are two different IB documents

• *IB Diploma Programme Results*: The IB legalizes the *IB Diploma Programme Results* document showing the results that the candidate obtained.

• The *Diploma of the International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma)* only shows the candidate's name and is legalized only in exceptional circumstances when specifically required.

In some cases, certain universities in Argentina, Spain, Mexico, Egypt and Lebanon may require the legalization of the *IB Diploma* document itself, in addition to the *IB Diploma Programme Results* document.

Legalization requests

The following countries demand photocopies of passports.

- Burkina Faso
- Iran
- Italy
- Palestine
- Taiwan
- Saudi Arabia

Payment of legalization fees, 2019

• The standard fee for the legalization of each *IB Diploma* Document is **€125 payable to St Andrew's College**

Countries concerned

The following is a list of countries for which legalization has been required in past years. Requirements may be imposed by other countries in the future.

Argentina*
Armenia*
Bolivia*
Bosnia and
Herzegovina*
Brazil*
Bulgaria*
Burkina Faso
Chile*
Colombia*
Costa Rica*
Croatia*
Cyprus*
Czech Republic*
Ecuador*
Egypt
El Salvador*
Estonia*
Georgia*
Greece*
Guatemala*
Indonesia
Iran
Israel*
Italy*
Jamaica
Jordan
Kazakhstan*
Latvia*
Lebanon
Lithuania*
Malta*
Mexico*
Montenegro*

Nigeria
Palestine
Panama*
Paraguay*
Peru*
Philippines*
Poland*
Portugal*
Republic of North
Macedonia*
Romania*
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Serbia*
Singapore
Slovakia*
Slovenia*
South Korea*
Spain*
Sudan
Syria
Taiwan
Thailand
The Netherlands*
Turkey*
United Arab
Emirates
Ukraine*
Uruguay*
Venezuela*
*all countries in the above list with an asterisk
represent the
Apostille countries.

Exceptions to the standard legalization process

Argentina: The legalization of the *IB Diploma* as well as the *IB Diploma Programme Results* is required. The *IB Diploma* is a recognized qualification for access to universities in Argentina, provided that it is certified as a secondary school leaving certificate by the corresponding national body of education in the country where the course was taken. Otherwise, the student will have to submit the national programme school diploma, duly certified by the relevant authority. If no national diploma has been obtained, candidates must follow additional courses in Argentina. Argentinian citizens may do so online. Some private universities accept the *IB Diploma* for entrance. Before enrolling in Argentinean universities with the *IB Diploma*, it is recommended that students contact the studies and diplomas recognition department in the Argentinean Secretary of Education for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (consultascyl@me.gov.ar).

Ecuador: As per the request from the Ministry of Education in Ecuador, legalization for an *IB Diploma* obtained in national IB schools in Ecuador is not to be processed.

Egypt: Some universities in Egypt require the legalization of the *IB Diploma* and the *IB Diploma Programme Results* documents. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check with the university.

Iran: Due to changes in the Iranian consulate process, the IB Legalization Service can only complete the first step of the legalization process, which only includes obtaining the stamp from the Chancellery of Geneva. The candidate will be responsible for obtaining the stamp from the Iranian consulate in the country of their current residence. Iranian candidate(s) will need to complete a form on the Governmental Iranian Public Website (mikhak.mfa.gov.ir) and follow the instructions.

Italy: During the legalization process of the *IB Diploma*, the consulate of Italy in Geneva, Switzerland, issues a declaration of value for the recognition of legalized *IB Diploma* documents at Italian universities (for students coming from IB schools not included on the list of recognized schools kept by the Ministry of Education of Italy). For recognized schools, only the Apostille Stamp is needed.

Mexico: Some universities in Mexico require the legalization of the *IB Diploma* as well as the *IB Diploma Programme Results* document. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check with the university.

Netherlands: Some universities in the Netherlands may require the legalization of the *IB Diploma*. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check with the university.

South Korea: Not all universities require the legalization of the *IB Diploma Programme Results* document. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check with the university.

Spain: The Apostille Stamp is required on the *IB Diploma Programme Results* document and some universities could also ask for legalization of the *IB Diploma*. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check with the university.

Taiwan: For Swiss candidates coming from an IB World School in Switzerland, a copy of the Swiss ID card is needed together with a *Legalization request form*.