Statement of Comparability for university degrees from Kazakhstan

This guide provides information on the application for a Statement of Comparability at the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB).

Application – step by step

1. Make sure that the ZAB can issue a Statement of Comparability for your type of degree (see following page).
2. Fill out the application form on the ZAB website.
3. Print out the application form.
4. Sign the application form.
5. Compile the documents (photocopies and translations) that are required for your Statement of Comparability – our checklist will help you.
6. Send your application form along with the documents to the ZAB address on the front page of the application form by post.

Please note

Please **do not submit original documents**. Please only send photocopies. Whether documents need to be certified or translated is indicated in the checklist.

- regular photocopy (a photocopy which you can make yourself)
- certified photocopy (a photocopy certified by a notary public or public authority)

We will return your documents to you together with the Statement of Comparability. We assume no liability for unsolicited original documents.

**Further information** on certified photocopies and translations can be found on the ZAB website.

Please consider the environment and do not submit folders or plastic sheet protectors.
Which degrees can a Statement of Comparability be issued for?

A Statement of Comparability can be issued for the following degrees

- специалист / маман (specialist)
- бакалавр (bakalavr)
- магистр (magistr)
- кандидат наук, доктор наук / фылым кандидаты, фылым докторы (kandidat nauk, doktor nauk)
- доктор философии, доктор по профилю / философия фылымдарының докторы, профильдегі доктор (doktor filosofii, doktor po profilju)

If you graduated from a **private university**, the ZAB can only issue a Statement of Comparability if the university and the degree program were accredited at the time of your graduation.

A **university** can only be accredited by recognized national accreditation agencies (NAAR, NKAOKO). **Degree programs** can be accredited by national or international accreditation agencies listed in the national registry of accreditation bodies.

Please refer to the following websites for information on recognized accreditation bodies and a list of accredited universities and their accredited degree programs:

- [https://iqaa.kz/](https://iqaa.kz/)

Please contact your university regarding the accreditation certificates (e.g. for older degrees).

A Statement of Comparability **cannot** be issued for the following degrees

- "Externat" degree programs (экстернат (eksternat)) without attendance requirements (экстернат (eksternat)).

There are no equivalent degree programs in Germany.
Checklist

This checklist helps you compile the required documents. You do not need to submit it with your application.

These documents are required for a Statement of Comparability

- Application form with your signature
- Official diploma (диплом о высшем образовании / жоғары білім туралы диплом (diplom o vyssem obrazovanii)) in Kazakh or Russian as a certified photocopy
- Transcript of records (приложение к диплому / дипломға қосымша (prilozenie k diplomu)) for the entire degree program in Kazakh or Russian as a certified photocopy
- Secondary school graduation certificate you applied to university with in the original language as a regular photocopy
  Secondary school graduation certificate (e.g. аттестат об общем среднем образовании / жалпы орта білім туралы аттестат (attestat ob obscem srednem obrazovanii) or vocational/technical school graduation certificate (e.g. диплом о среднем профессиональном образовании / кәсіптік орта білім туралы диплом (diplom o srednom professionalnom obrazovanii))
- Identity document (passport or identity card) as a regular photocopy

These documents are required only if the following applies to you

Did you obtain your university degree at a private university?

- Accreditation certificates for your university and your degree program at the time of graduation (аккредитация вуза и аккредитация специальности, действующие на момент окончания обучения (akkreditacija vuza i akkreditacija specialnosti, dejstvujuscie na moment okoncanija obucenija)) in Kazakh or Russian as a regular photocopy.

Please note that we do not need license or attestation certificates.

Did you obtain any previous degrees?

The ZAB needs documents regarding your entire time in higher education. For example, if you need an evaluation of a master’s degree, you have to submit the documents regarding your bachelor’s degree, too.

- Official diplomas (e.g. диплом о высшем образовании / жоғары білім туралы диплом (diplom o vyssem obrazovanii)) of all previous degrees in the original language(s) as regular photocopies
Transcripts of records (e.g. приложение к диплому / диплома қосымша (prilozenie k diplomu)) of all previous degrees in the original language(s) as regular photocopies

If you obtained your previous degree at a private university in Kazakhstan:
- State accreditation of the degree program as a regular photocopy
- State accreditation of the university as a regular photocopy

**Are the mode of study and the standard duration of the degree program not indicated in your documents?**
- Certificate of the university stating the mode of study (очная, очно-заочная или заочная форма обучения (ocnaja, ocno-zaocnaja ili zaocnaja forma obucenija)) and the standard duration of the full-time degree program (нормативный (не сокращенный) срок обучения (в годах) на очном отделении по специальности (normativnyj (ne sokrascennyj) srok obucenija (v godach) na ocnom otdelenii po specialnosti)) in Kazakh or Russian as a regular photocopy

**Has your name changed since your diploma was issued (e.g. through marriage)?**
- Official proof of name change (e.g. marriage certificate) as a regular photocopy

**Are you a recognized refugee or asylum seeker?**

It may be necessary for the ZAB to check the authenticity of your documents. For this purpose, we may have to obtain information from the relevant institutions in your home country. If you do not agree to this, we will require:
- Refugee ID or asylum notice as a regular photocopy

**Do you need the Statement of Comparability for a Blue Card application?**
- Employment contract or written confirmation of employment from the employer as a regular photocopy

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**Additional documents & information**

If we need additional documents or information to evaluate your degree, we will contact you by email. Please check your email regularly.

**We are looking forward to your application**

If you have any questions, please consult the ZAB website or contact our support team.