

RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCE OF THE EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

By **recognition** is meant the acceptance by the national competent authority of a study document (issued by an accredited educational institution in the country of origin) as authentic, as well as acceptance of the value / content of the study document in order to allow access to the next level studies (**academic recognition**) and / or employment (**professional recognition**).

Recognition and equivalence of the study is based on:

- type of study program / training program;
- the number of transferable credits;
- the content of the education / training program;
- Professional qualification (Diploma Supplement / Qualification Certificate), in comparison with the national education system, in order to determine the level they provide in national education.

By **equivalence** is understood the evaluation of the curriculum followed by the holder of the educational document until the respective document is received and its compatibility with the national education system in terms of the learning outcomes and the obtained competencies.

Recognition and equivalence are followed by the issuance of a **Certificate of Recognition and Equivalence**, a document issued by the National Competent Authority (Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova), which formalizes the decision on the recognition and the equivalence of an educational document or a qualification obtained abroad, which confers the same rights to the holder, as well as to those who have studied at the respective level, in the educational institutions of the national education system.

NECESSARY ACTS FOR RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCE OF EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The file will include the following:

- 1) The application form, addressed to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, requesting the recognition and equivalence of the educational document (the country where the studies were conducted, the exact postal address of the applicant, the telephone number and an e- mail will be mentioned);
- 2) Educational document - xerox copy of the original (legalized if it is in Romanian), authenticated translation in original, except for educational documents issued in English;
- 3) Supplement to the diploma / transcript and / or other additional documents (legalized xerox copy);
 - for countries that are part of the Hague Apostille Convention, papers subject to equivalence / recognition must be addressed to the Hague Apostille by the competent authorities of the issuing countries;
 - for countries that are **NOT** part of the Hague Apostille Convention, educational documents will be over-legalized;
- 4) Educational document certifying the continuation of studies abroad - xerox copy of the original, legalized (if necessary);
- 5) Notarization (if necessary);
- 6) A Xerox copy of the identity card / passport (pages that contain identification data).