



Ministry of Social Affairs and
Employment

Work and income for refugees from Ukraine

Diploma recognition in the Netherlands

You can recognize your high school or university diploma in the Netherlands. This will help you to find employment which matches the level of your qualification. You can have your foreign diploma evaluated or recognized in the Netherlands by various bodies. Where to go depends on what kind of work you want to do in the Netherlands.

Free diploma recognition

Ukrainian displaced people can recognize their diploma for free. After diploma recognition you will be able to understand what your diploma is worth in the Netherlands.



International credential evaluation

A diploma evaluation describes to which Dutch education or Dutch diploma your foreign diploma or education is comparable. The [SBB Centre of Expertise for International Credential Evaluation](#) and [Nuffic](#) draw up the credential evaluations. The SBB International Credential Evaluation Centre do this for preparatory secondary education (vmbo) and senior secondary vocational education (mbo). Nuffic draws up [credential evaluations for secondary education and higher education](#).

You can apply for your qualification recognition via [Internationale Diploma Waardering \(IDW\)](#). This process can last up to six weeks.



In order to recognize your pedagogic diploma you have to do it via DUO (www.duo.nl) and other diplomas (except medical) via Nuffic (www.nuffic.nl/en).

The following 12 (medical) professions need to register in the **BIG-register**: clinical technologist, dentist, doctor, health psychologist, midwife, nurse, pharmacist, physiotherapist, physician assistant, psychotherapist, registered dental hygienist (temporary BIG registration) and remedial educationalist.

Ukrainian medical professionals who want to start working in healthcare field in the Netherlands need to **recognize a medical diploma issued in Ukraine**.

In order to send an application for recognition of qualification you need the following documents:

- Copy of passport, residence permit or identity card;
- Copy of diploma or certificate for evaluation;
- Copy of the grades list or the complete diploma supplement;
- a sworn translation of the required documents, if these are not issued in Dutch, English, German or French.

If you received an English version of the documents from your educational institution, then you do not need to submit a sworn translation. A copy of the documents in the original language and a copy of the English version are sufficient;

Recognition of diploma in regulated professions

A person may only practice a regulated profession if they have obtained a national diploma to do so. Examples of regulated professions are teacher, nurse, lawyer or interpreter. How you apply for recognition of your foreign diploma depends on the profession. You can visit [Nuffic](#) for an [overview of regulated professions](#) and more details on this topic.



Relevant websites:

Nuffic: www.nuffic.nl/en

SBB: <https://s-bb.nl/en/>

DUO: www.duo.nl/particulier/international-visitor

IDW: www.idw.nl/en

BIG-register: <https://english.bigregister.nl/foreign-diploma>

Useful links:

www.workinnl.nl

www.refugeehelp.nl

www.refugeework.nl

www.fairwork.nu

www.ind.nl/nl/oukraine

www.nllabourauthority.nl

www.government.nl/topics/reception-of-refugees-from-ukraine

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