

LIST OF COUNTRIES

indicating the type of legalization required and the existence of agreements on the recognition of documents on education and academic degrees

(as of 10.04.2022)

The full text of agreements on the mutual recognition of foreign documents on education, academic degrees and academic titles, as well as on mutual legal assistance can be found on the website of the national information center for the recognition of education and (or) qualifications, academic degrees and titles: <http://nic.gov.ru/>

Notes and abbreviations:

1. **APC** – party to the Asia-Pacific Convention
1. **HE** – RC applies only to the recognition of higher education;
2. **RC** – reciprocal contract on mutual recognition;
3. **LC** – party to the Lisbon Recognition Convention;
4. **CL** – consular legalization;
4. **MA** – multilateral recognition agreement;
5. **Ph.D.**– RC applies only to the recognition of academic degrees;
6. * – countries with special recognition status.

No.	Country	Legalization			Agreement
		Legalization is not required	Apostille	Consular legalization	
1.	Abkhazia	not required		CL	General agreement (2008) RC (2017)
2.	Australia		from 16.03.1995		LC (2003) APC (1985)
3.	Austria		from 13.01.1968		LC (1999)
4.	Azad Kashmir			CL	
5.	Azerbaijan	not required	from 02.03.2005		RC (2003) LC (1999) APC (1995)
6.	Akrotiri and Dhekelia			CL	
7.	Aland Islands			CL	
8.	Albania	not required	from 09.05.2004		RC (2000) LC (2002)
9.	Algeria	not required			RC (1969)
10.	US Virgin Islands			CL	
11.	American Samoa			CL	
12.	Anguilla			CL	
13.	Angola			CL	RC (1986) RC (in 2019 didn't enter into force)
14.	Andorra		from 31.12.1996		LC (2008)
15.	Antigua and Barbuda		from 01.11.1981		
16.	Aomin			CL	
17.	Argentina		from 18.02.1988		(RC is pending)
18.	Armenia	not required	from 14.08.1994		RC (2002) LC (2005) APC (1993)
19.	Aruba			CL	

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20.	Afghanistan			CL	RC (1978)
21.	Bahama Islands		from 10.07.1973		
22.	Bangladesh			CL	RC (1987) (RC is being updated)
23.	Serranilla Bank			CL	
24.	Barbados		from 30.11.1966		
25.	Bajo Nuevo Bank			CL	
26.	Bahrain		from 31.12.2013		
27.	Belarus	not required	from 31.05.1992		RC (1996) MA (1998, 2004) LC (2002) (RC is being updated)
28.	Belize		from 11.04.1993		
29.	Belgium		from 09.02.1976		LC (2009)
30.	Benin			CL	
31.	Bermuda Islands			CL	
32.	Bulgaria	not required	from 29.04.2001		RC (1972) LC (2000)
33.	Bolivia		from 07.05.2018		RC (1971)
34.	Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba			CL	
35.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	not required	from 06.03.1992		RC (1988) LC (2004)
36.	Botswana		from 30.09.1966		
37.	Brazil		from 14.08.2016		
38.	British territory in the Indian Ocean			CL	
39.	British Virgin Islands			CL	
40.	Brunei Darussalam		from 03.12.1987		
41.	Burkina Faso			CL	RC (1976)
42.	Burundi		from 13.02.2015		RC (1972)
43.	Butane			CL	
44.	Waziristan			CL	
45.	Vanuatu		from 30.07.1980		
46.	Vatican			CL	LC (2001) APC (1995)
47.	Great Britain		from 24.01.1965		LC (2003) (RC is pending)
48.	Hungary	not required	from 18.01.1973		RC (1975) LC (2000) (RC 2018)
49.	Venezuela		from 16.03.1999		RC (2010)
50.	East Timor			CL	
51.	Vietnam	not required			RC (1978, 2010)
52.	Gabon			CL	

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53.	Hawaii			CL	
54.	Haiti			CL	
55.	Guyana		from 18.04.2019		
56.	Gambia			CL	
57.	Ghana			CL	RC (1985)
58.	Guadeloupe			CL	
59.	Guatemala		from 18.09.2017		(RC is pending)
60.	Guinea			CL	RC (1968)
61.	Guinea-Bissau			CL	RC (1979)
62.	Germany		from 13.02.1966		RC (1999) LC (2007) (RC is pending)
63.	Gibraltar			CL	
64.	Honduras		from 30.09.2004		
65.	Grenada		from 07.04.2002		
66.	Greenland			CL	
67.	Greece		from 18.05.1985		
68.	Georgia	not required	from 14.05.2007		RC (1994?!) LC (1999)
69.	Guam			CL	
70.	Denmark		from 29.12.2006		LC (2003)
71.	Jersey			CL	
72.	Djibouti			CL	
73.	Dominica		from 03.11.1978		
74.	Dominican Republic		from 30.08.2009		
75.	Egypt	not required			(RC is pending)
76.	Zambia			CL	RC (1973)
77.	Zimbabwe			CL	
78.	Israel		from 14.08.1978		LC (2007)
79.	India	not required	from 14.07.2005		RC (1987?!) APC (2000) (RC is pending)
80.	Indonesia			CL	APC (2008)
81.	Jordan			CL	
82.	Iraq	not required			RC (Ph.D.) (1972)
83.	Iran	not required			(RC is pending)
84.	Irian Jaya			CL	
85.	Ireland		from 09.03.1999		LC (2004)
86.	Iceland		from 27.11.2004		LC (2001)
87.	Spain	not required	from 25.09.1978		RC (1991) LC (2009) (RC is pending)
88.	Italy		from 11.02.1978		RC (2015) LC (2010)
89.	Yemen	not required			RC (1981)

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90.	Cape Verde		from 13.02.2010		RC (1976)
91.	Kazakhstan	not required	from 30.01.2001		RC MA (1998, 2004) LC (1999) APC (1997)
92.	Cayman Islands			CL	
93.	Cambodia			CL	RC (1988) RC (2019)
94.	Cameroon			CL	RC (1989)
95.	Canada			CL	LC (2018)
96.	Canary Islands			CL	
97.	Qatar			CL	(RC is pending)
98.	Kenya			CL	
99.	Cyprus	not required	from 30.04.1973		LC (2002) RC (2016)
100.	Kiribati			CL	
101.	People's Republic of China	special type of legalization			RC (1995) APC (1984)
102.	Clipperton			CL	
103.	Cocos Islands			CL	
104.	Colombia		from 30.01.2001		RC (1990) (RC is being updated)
105.	Comoros			CL	
106.	Congo, Democratic Republic			CL	
107.	Republic of the Congo			CL	RC (1970)
108.	North Korea	not required		CL	APC (1989)
109.	South Korea		from 14.07.2007		APC (1989) (RC is pending)
110.	Kosovo		from 14.07.2016		
111.	Costa Rica		from 14.12.2011		
112.	Ivory Coast			CL	
113.	Cuba	not required			RC (2010)
114.	Kuwait			CL	
115.	Kyrgyzstan	not required	from 31.07.2011		RC MA (1998, 2004) LC (2004) APC (1996)
116.	Curacao			CL	
117.	Laos			CL	RC (1978) APC (2003)
118.	Latvia	not required	from 30.01.1996		LC (1999)
119.	Lesotho		from 04.10.1966		
120.	Liberia		from 08.02.1996		
121.	Lebanon			CL	
122.	Libya			CL	

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123.	Lithuania	not required	from 19.07.1997		LC (1999)
124.	Liechtenstein		from 17.09.1972		LC (2000)
125.	Luxembourg		from 03.06.1979		LC (2000)
126.	Mauritius		from 12.03.1968		RC (1977)
127.	Mauritania			CL	RC (1979)
128.	Madagascar			CL	RC (1973)
129.	Madeira			CL	
130.	Mayotte			CL	
131.	Macedonia	not required	from 17.11.1991		RC (2012) LC (2003)
132.	Malawi		from 02.12.1967		
133.	Malaysia			CL	(RC is pending)
134.	Mali	not required			RC (1967)
135.	Maldives			CL	APC (1990)
136.	Malta		from 03.03.1968		RC (2017) LC (2006)
137.	Morocco		from 14.08.2016	CL	
138.	Martinique			CL	
139.	Marshall Islands		from 14.08.1992		
140.	Mexico		from 14.08.1995		(RC is pending)
141.	Melilla			CL	
142.	Mozambique			CL	RC (1983)
143.	Moldova	not required	from 16.03.2007		RC (2003, 2004) MA LC (1999) (RC is being updated)
144.	Monaco		from 31.12.2002		
145.	Mongolia	not required	from 31.12.2009		RC (2006) LC (1999) APC (1991)
146.	Montserrat			CL	
147.	Myanmar			CL	(RC is pending)
148.	Navassa			CL	
149.	<i>Nagorno-Karabakh *</i>	not required			
150.	Namibia		from 30.01.2001		RC (1998)
151.	Nauru			CL	
152.	Nepal			CL	RC (1970) APC (1989)
153.	Niger			CL	RC (1975)
154.	Nigeria			CL	RC (1973) (RC is being updated)
155.	Netherlands		from 08.10.1965		LC (2008)
156.	Nicaragua		from 14.05.2013		RC (2020)
157.	Niue		from 02.03.1999		

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158.	New Zealand		from 22.11.2001		LC (2008)
159.	New Caledonia			CL	
160.	Norway		from 29.07.1983		LC (1999) (RC is pending)
161.	United Arab Emirates			CL	(RC is pending)
162.	The Island of Guernsey			CL	
163.	Isle of Man			CL	
164.	Norfo Island			CL	
165.	Easter Island			CL	
166.	Island of Christmas			CL	
167.	Island of Svalbard			CL	
168.	Saint Helena Island			CL	
169.	Cook Islands		from 30.04.2005		
170.	Pitcairn Islands			CL	
171.	Oman		from 30.01.2012		(RC is pending)
172.	Pakistan			CL	RC (1979)
173.	Palau		from 23.06.2020		
174.	Palestine			CL	
175.	Panama		from 04.08.1991		(RC is pending)
176.	Papua New Guinea			CL	
177.	Paraguay		from 30.08.2014		
178.	Peru		from 30.09.2010		RC (1987, 2012) (RC is being updated)
179.	Poland	not required	from 14.08.2005		LC (2004) (RC is pending)
180.	Portugal		from 04.02.1969		LC (2001) (RC is pending)
181.	<i>Transnistria*</i>	not required			
182.	Puerto Rico			CL	
183.	reunion			CL	
184.	Russian Federation	not required	from 31.05.1992		LC (2000) APC (1990)
185.	Rwanda			CL	RC (1972)
186.	Romania	not required	from 16.03.2001		RC (2001) LC (1999)
187.	Salvador		from 31.05.1996		(RC is pending)
188.	Samoa		from 13.09.1999		
189.	San Andres y Providencia			CL	
190.	San Marino		from 13.02.1995		LC (2012)
191.	Sao Tome and Principe		from 13.09.2008		RC (1982)
192.	Saudi Arabia			CL	
193.	Sahara Republic			CL	
194.	Northern Mariana Islands			CL	
195.	Northern Cyprus			CL	

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196.	Seychelles		from 31.03.1979		
197.	Saint Barthelemy			CL	
198.	Senegal			CL	
199.	Saint Martin			CL	
200.	Saint Pierre and Miquelon			CL	
201.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		from 27.10.1979		
202.	Saint Kitts Nevis		from 14.12.1994		
203.	Saint Lucia		from 31.07.2002		
204.	Serbia	not required	from 27.04.1992		LC (2004) RC (2015)
205.	Ceuta			CL	
206.	Sealand, Principality			CL	
207.	Singapore			CL	
208.	Sint Maarten			CL	
209.	Syria			CL	RC (HE) (1966)
210.	Slovakia	not required	from 18.02.2002		LC (1999) RC (2020)
211.	Slovenia	not required	from 25.06.1991		RC (1996) LC (1999)
212.	USA		from 15.10.1981		
213.	Solomon Islands			CL	
214.	Somalia			CL	RC (1968)
215.	Sudan			CL	RC (HE) (1968) (RC is being updated)
216.	Suriname		from 25.11.1975		RC (1987)
217.	Sierra Leone			CL	RC (1988)
218.	Hong Kong			CL	
219.	Tajikistan	not required	from 31.10.2015		MA (2003, 2004) LC (2012) APC (1993)
220.	Thailand			CL	
221.	Taiwan			CL	
222.	Tanzania			CL	
223.	Turks and Caicos			CL	
224.	Togo			CL	
225.	Tokelau			CL	
226.	Tonga		from 04.06.1970		
227.	Trinidad and Tobago		from 14.07.2000		
228.	Tuvalu			CL	
229.	Tunisia	not required	from 30.03.2018		
230.	Turkmenistan	not required			RC (2009) APC (1997)

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231.	Turkey		from 29.09.1985		LC (2007) APC (1986) (RC is pending)
232.	Uganda			CL	
233.	Uzbekistan	not required	from 15.04.2012		RC (Ph.D.) (1998) RC (2019)
234.	Ukraine	not required	from 22.12.2003		LC (2000)
235.	Wallis and Futuna			CL	
236.	Uruguay		from 14.10.2012		
237.	Faroe Islands			CL	
238.	Federal possessions of Venezuela			CL	
239.	Federated States of Micronesia			CL	
240.	Fiji		from 10.10.1970		(RC is pending)
241.	Philippines		from 14.05.2019		APC (2003)
242.	Finland		from 26.08.1985		RC (1979) LC (2004) (RC is being updated)
243.	Falkland Islands			CL	
244.	France		from 24.01.1965		RC (2003) RC (2015) LC (1999)
245.	French Guiana			CL	
246.	French Polynesia			CL	
247.	Croatia	not required	from 08.10.1991		RC (1998) LC (2002)
248.	Central African Republic			CL	RC (1970)
249.	Chad			CL	RC (2000)
250.	Montenegro	not required	from 03.06.2006		LC (2006)
251.	Czech Republic	not required	from 16.03.1999		RC (1972) LC (2000)
252.	Chile		from 30.08.2016	CL	(RC is pending)
253.	Shang			CL	
254.	Switzerland		from 11.03.1973		LC (1999)
255.	Sweden		from 01.05.1999		LC (2001)
256.	Sri Lanka			CL	RC (1982) APC (1986)
257.	Ecuador		from 02.04.2005		(RC is pending)
258.	Equatorial Guinea			CL	RC (1982)
259.	Eritrea			CL	
260.	Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)		from 06.09.1968		
261.	Estonia	not required	from 30.09.2001		LC (1999) (RC is pending)
262.	Ethiopia			CL	RC (1978)

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263.	South George and South Sandwich Islands			CL	
264.	South Ossetia	not required		CL	General agreement (2008) (RC 2017)
265.	Republic of South Africa		from 30.04.1995		RC
266.	South Sudan			CL	
267.	Jamaica			CL	
268.	Japan		from 27.07.1970		(RC is pending)

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