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**1. For which license area(s) and/or endorsement(s) should I apply?**

You should **only** apply for the license area(s) and/or endorsement(s) that is on your international license. Any license area or endorsement not on your license is not eligible for licensure through the International pathway.

**2. How do I prepare my foreign transcripts for the application when they are in a different language?**

Have your foreign transcripts evaluated for U.S. equivalency by an approved company. **Be sure to obtain a course-by-course equivalency AND degree evaluation.** For a list of companies that we accept who provide this service go to the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#).

**3. What materials need to be included in an International License application?**

For information about submitting an application go [Apply for an Educator License](#), click on the Out-of-State (OOS) tab, and follow the directions there.

**4. Do I need to be a U.S. citizen?**

No, but you do need to have the proper Visa approval to work in the United States of America.

**5. Do I have to take the language Praxis exam if I am a native speaker and applying for a World Language endorsement?**

Yes, anyone applying for a World Language endorsement must successfully complete the Praxis exam in that language. The only exception to this requirement is if an applicant has submitted four or more years of verified experience teaching that language in another country or out-of-state.

**6. Do I have to take the language OPI if I am a native speaker and applying for a World Language endorsement? No,** if you have a bachelor's or higher degree equivalent from a foreign university where the native language is the same as the language that you are seeking licensure for the language OPI is waived.

**7. Do I have to take the English OPI if I have a degree from an English-speaking university?**

No, if you have a bachelor's or higher degree from an English-speaking university the English OPI is waived.

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**8. May I apply for the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) endorsement without having a current teaching assignment?**

No, any applicant for the DLI endorsement must have a current teaching assignment and complete the appropriate requirements as outlined in the endorsement application form. The only exception to this requirement is if an applicant has already completed all the DLI endorsement requirements at the time an International License application is submitted to the Utah State Board of Education (USBE).

**9. Do I have to submit the original course-by-course equivalency document or can I submit a copy of it?**

The USBE needs to see the original equivalency document. Once the document is verified by USBE and recorded appropriately, we can accept a copy of the equivalency report to be included in the International License application.

**10. Does Utah have reciprocity with other countries?**

No, Utah does not have reciprocity with other countries. We will honor/transfer that country's license if the requirements for it are reasonably equivalent to Utah's licensure requirements. It does not mean the license is automatically transferred over (as many incorrectly think it does). In order to see if the international license requirements are equivalent to ours, we ask that educators submit an International-credentialed application that requests certain evidence of training and testing to be submitted. When all that matches up with Utah's requirements, we can approve Utah licensure. If we find it does not match up, we typically ask for additional evidence. In rare instances we are unable to approve any licensure.

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