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Background

Neither the U.S. Department of Education nor its [International Affairs Office](#) (USNEI) endorses or recommends specific international education credential evaluation services. However, the following two (2) associations of international education credential evaluators promote best practices in international education credential evaluation services, have published standards for membership, hold affiliations to national and international higher education associations and are frequently linked to and used by federal agencies, state agencies, educational institutions, accreditors and employers.

1. [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#) is an association of 19 credential evaluation services with admission standards and an enforced code of good practice.
2. [Association of International Credentials Evaluators \(AICE\)](#) is an association of 10 credential evaluation services with a board of advisors and an enforced code of ethics.

ACAOM Position

For accreditation purposes, ACAOM recognizes only those international educational qualification documents (i.e., academic transcripts, degrees, diplomas, etc.) that have been assessed by an evaluation service that is a current member in good standing of either of NACES or AICE.

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