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Dear Graduating Students,

Usually there is a special arrangement to be done which certifies in the country you are going to work that your degree from the University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest is a valid document. This is, however, rather different for some countries, thus - in your own interest- feel free to gather the local information.

Let us inform you on the usual progress how to certify your diploma after graduation – prior to work abroad! In the process the Hungarian state certifies in two steps that you have achieved a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine diploma, with which you are entitled to use a DVM-title, thus they also validate the copy of the diploma.

Hungary is a member of the 'Apostilla de La Haya' – Apostil Convention, so the degrees earned in Hungary are acknowledged internationally. This is certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, i.e. putting an Apostille-stamp on it, signed by the authorized officers.

It is possible that you do not need your document to be legalized at all. Regulation (EU) 2016/1191 abolished the Apostille-requirement and simplified obtaining official translations for commonly used public documents (e.g. birth and marriage certificates, certificates of being alive, certificates of family status, criminal record certificates) within the European Union. For further information please refer to https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_public_documents-551-en.do

Anyway, to receive it, you are requested to visit two offices - and I think it is worth making the process just for sure, in order to avoid travelling back to Hungary just for this purpose..

1: Ministry of Natural Resources (formerly Ministry of Education, in Hungarian: Nemzeti Erőforrás Minisztérium)

Here you have to appear personally, **or you can also authorize someone** but it is a short procedure. They certify that the signatures on your diploma are valid, e.g. from the rector of the university.

Please check for possible updates at on the Hungarian website: https://www.oktatas.hu/kepesitesek_elismertetese/hatosagi_bizonyitvany/magyar_oklevelrol_bizonyitvanyrol

(Usual) office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8.00-12.00; 13.00-16.00, Friday 8.00-13.00

Address: Budapest, 12th district, Maros u. 19-21.

Phone: +36 -1 374-2100

Email: ekivalencia@oh.gov.hu

2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Külgazdasági és Külügyminisztérium)

Here you are asked to pay 5.500 HUF in cash for each of the Apostile-stamps you ask for.

You need to book an appointment online and follow the steps:

<http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/information-on-the-legalisation-procedure-of-documents-to-be-used-abroad>

You can receive the necessary document with this so-called 'Apostile-stamp' on it, indicating the degree is valid in countries having signed the relevant agreement. It has to be put on the validated copy of the diploma made by the uni, not to the original diploma!

Here you also do not need to show up personally, you can authorize someone to arrange it for you (in that case authorization is required). You receive the apostilled document(s) back within 15 days the latest.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9.00 – 12.00

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Phone: +36 1 458 1706, +36 458 1529

Email: konz@mfa.gov.hu

Website: <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/information-on-the-legalisation-procedure-of-documents-to-be-used-abroad>

You can also arrange it BY POST, procedure + link + form to fill out also available on the link!

Budapest, 11th January 2021