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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 depends on your country if they need the Apostiled copy of your diploma or not, so before making the steps please consult with your own authorities and if not needed, do not ask for Apostile!**

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](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_public_documents-551-en.do)

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**To receive the Apostiled documents, you are requested to visit two offices.**

**1: Oktatási Hivatal, Központi Ügyfélszolgálat (Education Office, Central State Office)**

Address: Budapest, 12th district, Maros u. 19-21. postcode: 1122

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

or under the following link: [https://www.oktatas.hu/kapcsolat/kozponti\\_ugyfelszolgalat](https://www.oktatas.hu/kapcsolat/kozponti_ugyfelszolgalat)

Phone: +36 -1 374-2100

Email: [ekivalencia@oh.gov.hu](mailto:ekivalencia@oh.gov.hu)

Here you can arrange the matter in person, no need to make an appointment in advance.

The process at this office is **free of charge**.



You may **authorize** someone to arrange it for you, here you can find the authorization form (that is required to be submitted in original to the office):

[https://www.oktatas.hu/pub\\_bin/dload/felsooktatas/apostille/Meghatalmazas\\_minta.pdf](https://www.oktatas.hu/pub_bin/dload/felsooktatas/apostille/Meghatalmazas_minta.pdf)

You can also arrange **by post**. (former agreement necessary with their office:  
[https://www.oktatas.hu/kapcsolat/kozponti\\_ugyfelszolgalat](https://www.oktatas.hu/kapcsolat/kozponti_ugyfelszolgalat))

Then you need to go to the second place:

**2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Külgazdasági és Külügyminisztérium Konzuli és Állampolgársági Főosztály Felülhitelesítési Ügyfélszolgálat)**

Their contact details:

**Consular Service, Budapest**

**Address:** H-1027 Budapest, Nagy Imre tér 4.

**Phone number:** +36 1 458 1000

**Fax:** +36 1 201 7323

**Consular Service for official bodies only:**

[konz@mfa.gov.hu](mailto:konz@mfa.gov.hu)

**Consular information for individuals only:**

[taj.konz@mfa.gov.hu](mailto:taj.konz@mfa.gov.hu)

**24/7 Information Service (Call Center):**

+36 80 36 80 36

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 (all steps are described here well-detailed):

<https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/legalisation-procedure-documents-be-used-abroad>

Appointment booking:

<https://konzinfobooking.mfa.gov.hu/>

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).