# Verification of Signatures and Stamps in Original Educational Documents

Your educational documents **MUST be verified** for use in the Czech Republic **accordingly to the country where they were issued** - explanatory notes below.

Country	Verification	Country	Verification
Afghanistan	В	Commonwealth of the Northern	А
-	P	Mariana Islands	
Albania	B	Comoros Islands	A
Algeria	B	Congo	L
American Samoa	A	Congo, Democratic Republic (DRC)	L
Andorra	A	Cook Islands	A
Angola	<u>A</u>	Costa Rica	A
Anguilla	A	Crete	L
Antarctica	L	Croatia	В
Antigua and Barbuda	A	Cuba	В
Argentina	A	Cyprus, The Republic of Cyprus	В
Armenia	<u>A</u>	Cyprus, Turkish Republic of Northern	A
Aruba	A	Denmark	A
Australia	A	Djibouti	L
Austria	В	Dominica	A
Azerbaijan	A	Dominican Republic	А
Bahamas	A	Ecuador	А
Bahrain	Α	Egypt	L
Bailiwick of Guernsey	A	El Salvador	A
Bangladesh	L	Eritrea	L
Barbados	А	Estonia	А
Belarus	В	Eswatini	Α
Belgium	В	Ethiopia	L
Belize	А	Falkland Islands	А
Benin	L	Faroe Islands	L
Bermuda	А	Fiji	А
Bhutan	L	Finland	А
Bolivia	Α	France	В
Bosnia and Herzegovina	В	French Polynesia	А
Botswana	А	Gabon	L
Bouvet Island	L	Gambia	L
Brazil	Α	Georgia	В
British Virgin Territory	А	Germany	А
British Virgin Islands	A	Ghana	L
Brunei Darussalam	Α	Gibraltar	А
Bulgaria	В	Greece	В
Burkina Faso	L	Grenada	A
Burundi	A	Guadeloupe	A
Cambodia	L	Guam	A
Cameroon	L	Guatemala	A
Canada		Guinea	L
Cape Verde	A	Guinea-Bissau	L
Cayman Islands	A	Guyana	A
Central African Republic		Haiti	L
Ceuta		Heard Island and McDonald Islands	L
Chad	L	Honduras	A
Chile	L	Hong Kong	A
China			B
Christmas Islands		Hungary Iceland	
Colombia	L A	India	A

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Indonesia	L	Nauru	L
Iran, Islamic Republic of Iran	L	Nepal	L
Iraq	L	Netherlands	А
Ireland	A	Netherlands Antilles	А
Israel	A	New Caledonia	А
Italy	A	New Zealand	А
Ivory Coast	L	Nicaragua	Α
Jamaica	A*	Niger	L
Japan	A	Nigeria	L
Jordan	L	Niue	А
Kazakhstan	A	Norfolk Island	L
Kenya	L	Norway	А
Kiribati	L	Oman	Α
Korea, Democratic People's	В	Pakistan	L
Korea, Republic of	A	Palau	Α
Kosovo	Α	Panama	А
Kuwait	L	Papua New Guinea	L
Kyrgyzstan	В	Paraguay	Α
Lao People's Democratic Republic	L	Peru	Α
Latvia	A	Philippines	Α
Lebanon	L	Poland	В
Lesotho	A	Portugal	Α
Liberia	A	Puerto Rico	A
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	L	Qatar	L
Liechtenstein	A	Republic of Guinea	L
Lithuania	A	Republic of Moldova	В
Luxembourg	A	Reunion	A
Macao	A	Romania	В
Macedonia, Republic of North	B	Russia (Russian Federation)	B
Madagascar	L	Rwanda	L
Malawi	A	Saint Helena	A
Malaysia		Saint Kitts and Nevis	A
Maldives		Saint Pierre and Miguelon	A
Mali	L	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	A
Malta	A	Samoa	A
Marshall Islands	A	San Marino	A
Mauritania	L	Sao Tome and Principe	Α
Mauritius	A	Saudi Arabia	L
Mayotte		Senegal	L
Melilla		Serbia	В
Mexico	A	Seychelles	A
Micronesia, Federated States of			
Micronesia	L	Sierra Leone	L
Monaco	A	Singapore	A**
Mongolia	B	Slovakia	B
Montenegro	B	Slovenia	B
Morocco	A	Solomon Islands	A
Mozambique	L	Somalia	
Myanmar	L	South Africa	L
		South Georgia and the South	
Namibia	A	Sandwich Islands	А

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Spain	В	Turkmenistan	L
Sri Lanka	L	Tuvalu	L
Sudan	L	Uganda	L
Suriname	А	Ukraine	В
Sweden	А	United Arab Emirates	L
Switzerland	В	United Kingdom	A
Syrian Arab Republic	В	United States of America	A
Taiwan	L	United States Minor Outlying Islands	L
Tajikistan	Α	United State Virgin Islands	A
Tanzania, United Republic of Tanzania	L	Uruguay	Α
Thailand	L	Uzbekistan	В
Timor-Leste (East Timor)	L	Vanuatu	A
Тодо	L	Vatican City State	L
Tokelau	L	Venezuela	Α
Tonga	А	Vietnam	В
Trinidad & Tobago	А	Wallis and Futuna	A
Tunisia	А	Yemen	В
Turkey	А	Zambia	L

### **Glossary:**

A – APOSTILLE verification - University diploma apostille verification (see below) accordingly Hague agreement

**B** – **Notary verification** - Agreement of legal help exists (TBU requires just the basic verification by a notary office)

L – Superlegalization - University diploma verification by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country where the university is located and the Embassy of the Czech Republic (in compliance with § 90 Para 3 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Alterations and Amendments to Other Acts (Higher Education, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act")

#### **Explanatory notes:**

According to conditions stipulated by existing international treaties, the verification procedure is subdivided into three groups:

**ad. A** - Multilateral agreement on the legalization of foreign public documents (Hague Convention) concluded between two countries – relevant documents consequently need not be legalized by a representative body of the Czech Republic in the issuing country. Instead, an international certification, the so-called **Apostille**, is issued by the <u>Competent Authority</u>. Usually by the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the country where the school/university which issued the Diploma is located.

**ad. B** - Bilateral treaty on legal assistance concluded between two countries documents issued by such countries are exempt from the requirements of section 90, subsection 3 of the Act. All documents are thus considered valid with no further authentication necessary - (**TBU still requires Notary verification even in this case**)

**ad.** L - Other countries - diplomas and proofs of graduation issued in all remaining countries must be verified in accordance with the provisions of section 90, subsection 3 of the Act; all signatures and stamps on original documents must be simultaneously authenticated by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** of the country where the university in question is located (or relevant foreign authority) and the relevant representative body of the Czech Republic in that country (e.g. **Embassy of the Czech Republic**). This process is called **SUPERLEGALIZATION**.

**ad.\*** - Apostille verification on documents issued on Jamaica is effective from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2021.

**ad.**\*\* - Apostille verification of documents issued in Singapore is effective from the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

For further details kindly refer to www.msmt.cz (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic).