



Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Degrees in Portugal

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gateway to recognition of qualifications



Why is **Degree Recognition** important?

- Ensures your foreign academic qualification is officially valid in Portugal
- Required for regulated professions (e.g.: medicine, law, teaching, engineering, ...)
- Helps employers understand your level of education
- Opens access to public sector jobs or further studies
- It's essential if you plan to work or study in Portugal



Recognition gives your degree the same value as a Portuguese one.



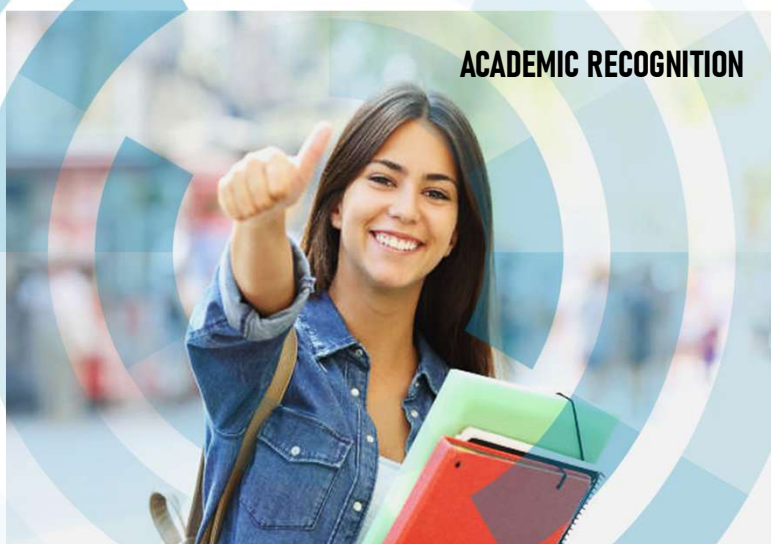
What does “**Recognition**” mean?

- Formal validation of your foreign degree by the Portuguese authorities
- Confirms it is comparable to a Portuguese qualification
- Managed by DGHE & Higher Education Institutions (depending on the type of recognition)
- You don't need to re-study — it's a process of comparability, not repeating your degree





ACADEMIC RECOGNITION



- **Applicability:**
Applies to Portuguese degrees comparable in level, objectives, and nature to:
 - Licenciatura → Bachelor's Degree
 - Mestrado → Master's Degree
 - Doutoramento → Doctoral Degree (PhD)
 - Diploma Técnico Profissional Superior → Senior Professional Technician Diploma
- Awarded by foreign higher education institutions



TYPES OF RECOGNITION

Automatic *

*only applies to the degree in the deliberation table (Generic Deliberations).

- It allows for the general recognition of a foreign degree or diploma whose level, objectives, and nature are comparable to those of Portuguese bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees, or to the diploma of senior professional technician
- This recognition is limited to degrees and diplomas that have already been reviewed and included in the official list established by the Commission for the Recognition of Foreign Degrees and Diplomas – also known as Generic Deliberations

Level

- It allows for the individual recognition of a foreign higher education degree or diploma, by comparison, as being a level comparable to a Portuguese academic degree or higher education diploma
- As with Automatic Recognition, this process assesses only the level of the foreign Degree/Diploma – not its scientific or disciplinary area

Specific

- It is the process of recognizing a foreign higher education degree or diploma as comparable to a Portuguese academic degree or diploma, based on a case-by-case analysis of its level, duration and programme content within a specific study field or specialization

Example:

Foreign degrees
and diplomas
=
Generic Deliberations

Master in
Psychology
=
Mestrado

Master in
Psychology
=
Mestrado em Psicologia

WHO CAN DO IT?

Directorate-General
for Higher Education

Public Institutions of
higher education

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Examples of the degrees for automatic recognition

(Generic Deliberations)

PAÍSES	GRAUS	GRAUS PT	LEGISLAÇÃO
Alemanha	Bachelor	licenciado	Deliberação genérica n.º 2 Deliberação n.º 2430/2008, de 9 de setembro
	Master	mestre	
	Doktor/Dr./Ph.D.	doutor	Deliberação genérica n.º 1 Deliberação n.º 2429/2008, de 9 de setembro
Andorra	Diploma Professional Avançat	diploma de técnico superior profissional	Deliberação genérica n.º 23 Deliberação n.º 1050/2019, de 8 de outubro
	Bàtxelor	licenciado	
	Bàtxelor d'especialització	licenciado	
	Màster	mestre	Deliberação genérica n.º 24 Deliberação n.º 1051/2019, de 8 de outubro
	Doctorat	doutor	
Áustria	Bachelor Bakkalaureus/Bakkalaurea	licenciado	Deliberação genérica n.º 2 Deliberação n.º 2430/2008, de 9 de setembro
	Master/ Magister/Magistra/ diplom -ingenieur/in	mestre	Deliberação genérica n.º 2 Despacho n.º 12713/2009, de 28 de maio Deliberação n.º 2430/2008, de 9 de setembro Deliberação n.º 1052/2019, de 8 de outubro
	Doctor medicinae universae Doctor medicinae dentalis		
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)/ Doktor Doktorin	doutor	Deliberação genérica n.º 1 Deliberação n.º 2429/2008, de 9 de setembro Deliberação n.º 1069/2019, de 9 de outubro
Bélgica	Brevet de l'Enseignement Supérieur	diploma de técnico superior profissional	Deliberação genérica n.º 23 Deliberação n.º 1050/2019, de 8 de outubro
	Bachelor/ bachelier	licenciado	
	Master/ médecin vétérinaire/ médecin	mestre	Deliberação genérica n.º 2 Despacho n.º 12713/2009, de 28 de maio Deliberação n.º 2430/2008, de 9 de setembro
	Doctor/Docteur/ Doctor of Philosophy	doutor	Deliberação genérica n.º 1 Deliberação n.º 2429/2008, de 9 de setembro
Bulgária	Професионален бакалавър по Бакалавър	licenciado	Deliberação genérica n.º 2 Deliberação n.º 2430/2008, de 9 de setembro
	Мастър	mestre	

PAÍSES	GRAUS	GRAUS PT	LEGISLAÇÃO
Brasil	Mestre (classificação 5, 6 ou 7 CAPES)	mestre	Deliberação genérica n.º 14 Deliberação n.º 2156/2009, de 23 de julho Deliberação n.º 1068/2019, de 9 de outubro
	Doutor (classificação 5, 6 ou 7 CAPES)	doutor	Despacho nº 22017/99, de 26 de outubro Deliberação genérica n.º 14 Deliberação n.º 1068/2019, de 9 de outubro
Canadá	Bachelor Honours Bachelor Baccalauréat/Bachelier	licenciado	Deliberação genérica n.º 11 11-A Deliberação n.º 2311/2009, de 7 de agosto Deliberação n.º 1643/2015, de 20 de agosto
	Master Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Doctor of Medicine (MD) Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) Doctor of Veterinary (DVM) Maîtrise/Maitre	mestre	
	Doctor (PhD) Doctorat/Docteur	doutor	
Estados Unidos da América	Bachelor Honors Bachelor	licenciado	Deliberação genérica n.º 10 10-A Deliberação n.º 1493/2009, de 28 de maio Deliberação n.º 788/2010, de 28 de abril
	Master Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C. / D.C.M.) Doctor of Dental Science (D.D.S.) Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) Doctor of Jurisprudence Juris Doctor (J.D.) Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Osteopathy (D.O.) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine/Podiatry (D.P.M., D.P., or Pod.D.) Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Master of Hebrew Letters (M.H.L.) Rabbinical Ordination (Rav) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)	mestre	
	Doctor	doutor	
Região Administrativa Especial de Macau	副學士文憑 / Diploma de Associado / Associate's Degree	diploma de técnico superior profissional	Deliberação genérica n.º 23 Deliberação n.º 1050/2019, de 8 de outubro
	學士學位 / Licenciatura / Bachelor's Degree Licenciatura/Double Major Licenciatura/Double Degree	licenciado	Deliberação genérica n.º 25 Deliberação n.º 1053/2019, de 8 de outubro
	碩士學位 / Mestrado/Master's Degree	mestre	
	博士學位 / Doutoramento/Doctoral Degree	doutor	



RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

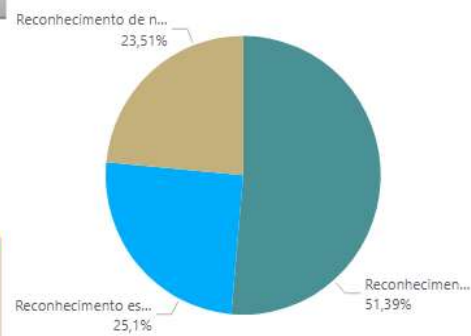
Recognition Numbers

Reconhecimentos em Portugal

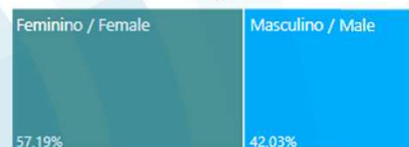
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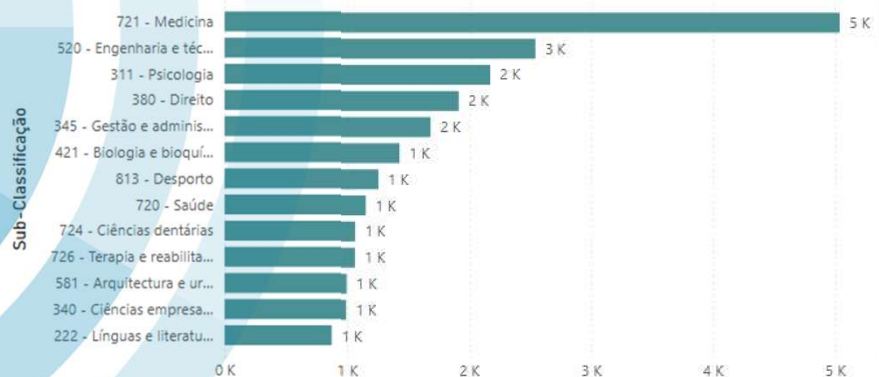
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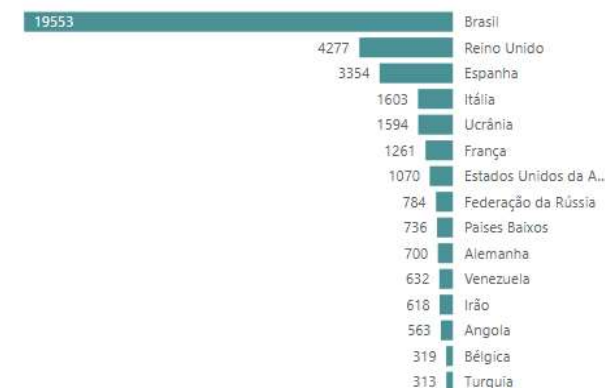
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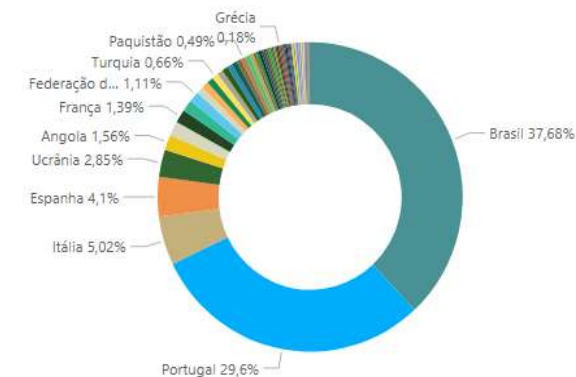
Área Científica



País de Origem do Diploma



Nacionalidade





When should you apply?

- Before or after arriving in Portugal
- As soon as you start job searching or applying for a regulated profession



Processing time:

- Automatic: up to 30* days
- Level/Specific: up to 90* days

*(after full/complete instruction of the process)



The result is an **official certificate** valid nationwide.



It's best to start early: you can apply online from your home country



How to Apply

(Step-by-Step Process – all digital)

- **Go to:**
 - [DGES Recognition](#) ([DGES Website](#)):
 - Choose a public university ou polytechnic institute (for Level/Specific Recognition)
 - After chosen the type of recognition and institution = fill in the [online form](#)
- **Upload documents:**
 - ✓ Copy of the Diploma (authenticated)
 - ✓ Transcript / Diploma Supplement
 - ✓ Certified translation (if required)
 - ✓ More documents depending on the type of recognition
- **Pay the fee** (the amount depends on the type of recognition and the public higher education institution chosen)
- **End:** You will receive an official certificate in your e-mail 



The official Certificate

What you will receive

- Official certificate valid across Portugal
- Confirms comparability to a Portuguese qualification
- Enables job applications, professional licensing, or further studies
-  You'll get a digital certificate you can attach to your CV or job applications



For Regulated Professions



Some professions require additional recognition from professional orders, such as:

- Ordem dos Médicos (Doctors)
- Ordem dos Engenheiros (Engineers)
- Ordem dos Psicólogos (Psychologists)
- Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (Teachers)
- many others ...



For these careers, degree recognition is the first step — then you apply for **the relevant professional body**



Resources & Tips

- [DGES – Recognition Website](#)
- [Professional recognition DGES Website](#)
- [FAQS](#)
- [ENIC-NARIC Gateway](#)



- Start early — the process can take several weeks
- Make sure your university abroad is officially recognized in your country
- Keep certified digital copies of all your documents
- Use certified translators for any translations
- And always check the DGES website FAQs for updated information



Recognition is not just paperwork!

It's a bridge to growing
academically and professionally
in Portugal.

OBRIGADA!

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