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To: All Interested Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities
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Subject: Agencies Approved to Review Documentation of Foreign Trained
Credential Candidates

There are now five foreign evaluating agencies approved by the Commission to determine equivalencies of coursework and degrees completed at institutions outside of the United States. A panel of university international admissions officers was established by the Commission to evaluate agencies seeking approval to review foreign academic programs. Based on the panel's findings, the following additional agency has been given Commission approval:

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

P. O. Box 92970
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-0970
Phone: (414) 289-3400
Fax: (414) 289-3411
E-mail: EVAL@ECE.ORG and <http://www.ece.org>

The following four agencies continue to have Commission approval:

Educational Records Evaluation Service

777 Campus Commons Road, Suite 200
Sacramento, California 95825-8309
Phone: (916) 565-7475
Fax: (916) 565-7476
E-mail: edu@eres.com

Institute for International Credentials Evaluation at CSU Fresno

5150 North Maple Avenue, Room 211
Fresno, California 93740-0056
Phone: (209) 278-7622
Fax: (209) 278-7879
E-mail: carolm@zimmer.csufresno.edu

International Education Research Foundation, Inc.

Credentials Evaluation Service
P. O. Box 66940
Los Angeles, California 90066
Phone: (310) 390-6276
Fax: (310) 397-7686
E-mail: IERF@IX.NETCOM.COM

World Education Services, Inc. (3 locations)

P. O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10113-0745	P. O. Box 11623 Chicago, IL 60611-0623	P. O. Box 01-5060 Miami, FL 33101
Phone: (212) 966-6311 Fax: (212) 966-6395 E-mail: INFO@WES.ORG	Phone: (312) 222-0882 Fax: (312) 222-1217 E-mail: MIDWEST@WES.ORG	Phone: (305) 358-6688 Fax: (305) 358-4411 E-mail: SOUTHEAST@WES.ORG

For the Commission to accept the evaluations from any of these agencies, they must be based on original, official documentation. The agencies below do evaluations based on photocopies as well as originals. Consequently, the Commission has required that they indicate on the evaluation letters that the appropriate documentation was used. They will do this by the following methods:

- Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.: A statement that the evaluation was based on original educational documentation will be noted at the end of the letter.
- Educational Records Evaluation Service: A statement within the body of the letter indicates that the evaluation is based on the needed documentation.
- World Education Services, Inc.: The letter lists "California" as the purpose for the evaluation.

Those applying for an evaluation by the Institute for International Credentials Evaluation at CSU Fresno or the International Education Research Foundation, Inc. must follow the procedure outlined in the respective agency's brochure.

These agencies are private agencies and do charge service fees for which the credential candidate is responsible. The agency's original evaluation letter must accompany the credential application packet when it is submitted to the Commission. The Commission retains the ultimate authority to determine the equivalency of coursework.