

Officially certified translations

What is an officially certified translation?

If your original documents are not written in **French, German, Italian or English**, you must have them translated into **French, German or English**. The translation has to bear a **certification**, in other words the seal and signature of a translator or a public office recognised by the University of Fribourg, attesting that the **translation corresponds to the document in the original language**.

We usually accept a scanned copy of the officially certified translation. However, we reserve the right to request the original documents at any time for the further processing of your application.

Formal requirements for the translator:

- The translation must be done on the basis of the original document or an officially certified copy. It must be enclosed to the document which was used as a basis for the translation
- The name of the diploma, the status and the academic titles, as well as the name of the school / higher education institution / university must be translated literally with the original denomination in brackets
- Changes which were made to the documents later (handwritten crossing outs, additions, remarks, etc.) must bear the date of the modification on the original document as well as the copy and must be confirmed by the signature of the recognised person for the legalisation

The University of Fribourg **only** recognises translations which were done and legalised by translators or specific offices.

Translations done in Switzerland:

- Translations done by a member of the Swiss Association of Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters (**astti** – <http://www.astti.ch>)
- Translations done by a member of the Swiss Association of Sworn Translators (**astj** – <http://www.astj.ch/>)
- Translations done by the “**Centre de traduction de Fribourg**” (*Translation Center of Fribourg*) (+41 26 436 44 88, centrad.fr@gmail.com)
- Inlingua Language schools (<http://www.inlingua.ch>)

Translations done abroad:

- Translations done by a sworn translator and legalised by a **Swiss embassy abroad**. Usually, the embassy legalises the signature of the translator or of another public office which legalised the translator’s signature (see example 3)
- Translations done by a sworn translator and legalised with **The Hague Apostille** (see examples 1 and 2)
- Translations done by a sworn translator and legalised by the **embassy of the country which awarded the original diploma** in a foreign country
(Ex.: if you studied in France but you are now in Spain, you can go to a French Embassy in Spain)

Important information: the University of Fribourg **does not recognise:**

- Translations which were done by a sworn foreign translator and which were not legalised according to the criteria mentioned above
- Translations legalised by:
 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - The police
 - A foreign notary
 - Any other office which is not mentioned above

Only applications which are complete and which respect the directives above will be processed.

The University of Fribourg reserves the right to refuse translations of poor quality.

The University of Fribourg reserves the right to verify the authenticity of the presented diplomas directly with the institution which awarded the diploma.

Specific procedure for China:


If you are a holder of a diploma awarded by a Chinese school or higher education institution, please submit the following documents instead of the certified translations:

- Copies of all your diplomas and transcripts (certification not required);
- Verification report of the Academic Transcript, Qualification Certificate and Degree Certificate.

Please submit your documents to the Center for Student Services and Development (CSSD) (<https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/>) for verification in English. The verification reports will be issued by CSSD and have to be sent directly by CSSD to aux-admission@unifr.ch as a pdf version. We cannot accept verification reports sent by the candidate.

Example 1

ΑΠΟΣΤΙΛΛΗ - Επιστημεύση
 CONVENTION DE LA HAYE 5 OCTOBRE 1961/
 Σύμβαση της Χάγης της 5 Οκτωβρίου 1961)
 Ελλάδα ΕΛΛΑΣ
 ΠΑΡΟΣ GRECE
 Το παρόν δημόσιο έγγραφο
 LE PRÉSENT ACT PUBLIC
 2. Έχει υπογραφεί από
 A ETE SIGNED PAR.....
 3. που ενήργησε με την ιδιότητα
 AGISSANT EN QUALITE DE
 4. Φέρει τη σφραγίδα / επίσημα
 EST REVÊTU DU SCEAU TIMBRE DE
 Η βεβαίωση χορηγείται / ATTESTE)
 5. (τόπος) (ημερομηνία)
 Α. LE
 7. από ΑΠΟΚΕΝΤΡΩΜΕΝΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΗ ΑΤΤΙΚΗΣ
 10. Υπογραφή
 SIGNATURE



Example 2

REPÚBLICA DE COLOMBIA
 MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
APOSTILLE
 (Convention de La Haye du 5 Octobre 1961)

País: REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
 (Country: - Pays)

El presente documento público
 (This public document - Le présent acte public)

Ha sido firmado por:
 (Has been signed by: - A été signé par:)

Actuando en calidad de:
 (Acting in the capacity of: - Agissant en qualité de:)

Lleva el sello/estampilla de:
 (Bears the seal/stamp of: - Est revêtu du sceau de / timbre de:)

Certificado
 (Certified - Attesté)

En:
 (AE: - À:)

En:
 (On: - Le:)

Por: **APOSTILLA Y LEGALIZACIÓN**
 (By: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia - Par: Ministère des Affaires Étrangères de la Colombie)

No:
 (Under Number: - Sous le numéro:)

Firmado Digitalmente por: (Digitally Signed by):
 Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Colombia

Reason: DOCUMENT AUTHENTICITY
 BOGOTÁ - COLOMBIA

Firma: (Signature):

Número del Titular:
 (Name of the holder of document: - Nom du titulaire:)

Tipo de documento:
 (Type of document: - Type de document:)

Número de hojas apostilladas: 1
 (Number of sheets: - Numero de feuillets:)

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www.cancilleria.gov.co/apostilla

Example 3

Ambassade de Suisse à Rabat
 Embassy of Switzerland in Rabat

Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
 Confédération suisse
 Confederazione Svizzera
 Confederaziun svizra

Législation / Législation

Vu à l'Ambassade de Suisse à Rabat pour la **législation de la signature et du sceau de**
 Seen at the Embassy of Switzerland in Rabat for the **legalisation of the signature and the stamp** ←

Noms / Names:
 Autorité / Authority: **Le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération.**

Cette législation se réfère uniquement à la signature et au sceau de l'autorité mentionnée.
 L'Ambassade de Suisse n'assume aucune responsabilité quant à la validité et au contenu du document.
 This legalization refers only to the signature and the stamp of the authority concerned. The Embassy of Switzerland declines all responsibility regarding the validity and content of the attached document.

Rabat, 15.09.2015
 Le chargé d'affaire a.i. de Suisse

