

Certificate Authentication Mechanism

First: Certificates and Documents Issued in Iraq:

Certificates and documents issued by universities, institutes, schools, and academic institutions in Iraq, and authenticated by the Consular Department at the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, shall be further authenticated exclusively by the Consular Section at the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in New Delhi, in accordance with the regulations issued by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Second: Certificates and Documents Issued in India:

The Cultural Attaché in New Delhi authenticates academic certificates and documents issued by recognized Indian universities, colleges, schools, and academic institutions. The office does not process any authentication requests for documents issued by Indian universities, colleges, schools, or academic institutions that adopt the principle of distance learning, in accordance with the instructions of the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

The following procedure is applied for authenticating such certificates and documents:

1. The certificate or document to be authenticated by the Cultural Attaché (whether original or a certified copy) must first be authenticated by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Education.
2. If the document to be authenticated is a certified copy, it must be accompanied by the authenticated original.
3. The applicant must submit a request addressed to the Cultural Attaché, specifying the type of documents to be authenticated, signed by the applicant, along with a copy of the documents to be authenticated.
4. An official letter will then be sent to the issuing institution, attaching a copy of the certificate or document, for the purpose of verifying its authenticity and contents, and providing the required information about it—particularly regarding the nature of study (full-time or part-time, regular or correspondence)⁹ as well as the start and end dates of the study period for post-secondary education.
5. Once the authenticity of the document is confirmed and the required information is provided, the document will be authenticated upon payment of a fee of **fifteen US dollars (USD 15) for each original certificate or document, and ten US dollars (USD 10) for each certified copy.