

THE FORMER USSR AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The placement recommendations are guidelines for international educational credentials and how they compare to Canadian educational standards. They represent benchmark credentials and do not cover all credentials. The fact that a credential is not mentioned in the placement recommendations does not mean it cannot be assessed by IQAS. International credentials that are not covered by the placement recommendations should therefore be referred to IQAS for individual evaluation.

The placement recommendations are advisory in nature, and indicate the general level of a credential in Canadian terms.

Given the different educational philosophies, objectives and program structures in the educational systems of the world, evaluation in terms of direct equivalence to specific Canadian credentials is not possible. It is for this reason that IQAS' placement recommendations are made in terms of 'generally compares' and not 'equivalent'.

When evaluating international credentials IQAS considers the following; the education system of the country concerned, the recognition of the awarding institution, and the level, length and structure of the program.

Credential Name	IQAS Recommendation
Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education (Аттестат о среднем (полном) общем образовании, <i>Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii</i>)	The Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education generally compares to the completion of Grade 12 (regardless whether it was a 10, 11, or 12-year system)

<p>Diploma of Lower Vocational Education (Диплом о начальном профессиональном образовании, <i>Diplom o nachal'nom professional'nom obrazovanii</i>)</p>	<p><u>In the former USSR and the Russian Federation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission after incomplete secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it incorporates complete secondary education then the Diploma of Lower Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of Grade 12 plus vocational training in xxx/ or as xxx. • If it does not incorporate complete secondary education then the Diploma of Lower Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of vocational training in xxx/ or as xxx. • Admission after complete secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diploma of Lower Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of vocational training in xxx/ or as xxx. <p><u>For the Russian Federation only:</u></p> <p>If vocational training is offered through a professional lyceum and the number of years and the type of training warrant it, the Diploma of Lower Vocational Education may generally compare to a 1-year post-secondary certificate with a focus in xxx. [If the training incorporates complete secondary education, acknowledge the completion of Grade 12.]</p>
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<p>Diploma of Higher Vocational Education (Диплом о среднем профессиональном образовании, <i>Diplom o srednem professional'nom obrazovanii</i>)</p>	<p><u>In the former USSR and the Russian Federation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission after incomplete secondary education: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of Grade 12 plus a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. • Admission after complete secondary education: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. • If vocational training is offered through a <i>college</i> (this option mainly applies to the Russian Federation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At a basic level: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. [If the training incorporates complete secondary education, acknowledge the completion of Grade 12.] • At an advanced level: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of a 3-year post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. [If the training incorporates complete secondary education, acknowledge the completion of Grade 12.]
<p>Bachelor's degree (Бакалавр, <i>Bakalavr</i>) (4 years)</p>	<p>The Bachelor's degree (4 years) generally compares to the completion of a 4-year Bachelor's degree with a focus in xxx.</p>
<p>Diploma of "Specialist" (Диплом Специалиста, <i>Diplom Spetsialista</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diploma of "Specialist" of 5 years generally compares to the completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-year Bachelor's degree plus 1 year of graduate level work in xxx, or • 5-year combined Bachelor degrees, e.g. B.Ed./B.Sc., or • assessed individually. • The Diploma of "Specialist" of 4 years generally compares to the completion of a 4-year Bachelor's degree in xxx.

Master's degree (Магистр, <i>Magistr</i>)	The Master's degree generally compares to the completion of a 2-year Master's degree with a focus in xxx.
Candidate of Sciences (Кандидат наук, <i>Kandidat Nauk</i>)	Compares to the completion of an advanced research-based graduate degree. The general level of study may be compared to the PhD level. The scope and quality of research can only be determined by an expert in the field.
Doctor of Sciences (Доктор наук, <i>Doktor Nauk</i>)	The Doctor of Sciences represents post-doctoral advanced research that includes refereed publications. The research represents a significant contribution to the field of study and can only be assessed by an expert in the field.
Diploma of Incomplete Higher Education (Диплом о неполном высшем образовании, <i>Diplom o Nepochnom Vysshem Obrazovanii</i>)	The Diploma of Incomplete Higher Education generally compares to the completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years of undergraduate study in xxx, or • a 2-year undergraduate Diploma with a focus in xxx (if appropriate).
Non-University Teaching Credentials	<p><u>In the former USSR:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission after incomplete secondary education: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education [for a teaching credential] generally compares to the completion of Grade 12 plus a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. • Admission after complete secondary education: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education [for a teaching credential] generally compares to the completion of a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. <p><u>In the Russian Federation:</u></p> <p><u>Training for pre-school and primary school teachers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission after incomplete secondary education:

	<p>The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of Grade 12 plus a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission after complete secondary education: The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education generally compares to the completion of a post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. <p><u>Training for lower secondary school teachers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diploma of Higher Vocational Education [for lower secondary school teachers] generally compares to the completion of a 3-year post-secondary Diploma with a focus in xxx. [If the training incorporates complete secondary education, acknowledge the completion of Grade 12.]
University-Level Teaching Credentials	<p><u>In the Former USSR and the Russian Federation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diploma of "Specialist"-Teacher of 4 years or a Bachelor's degree generally compares to the completion of a 4-year Bachelor's degree with a focus in xxx. • The Diploma of "Specialist"-Teacher of 5 years generally compares to the completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-year Bachelor's degree plus 1 year of graduate-level coursework with a focus in xxx, or • 5-year combined Bachelor's degree in xxx, e.g. B.Ed./B.Sc. (Bachelor of Education/Bachelor of Science), or • assessed individually.
University-Level Credentials In Medicine/Dentistry	<p><u>In the Former USSR and the Russian Federation:</u></p> <p>The Diploma of a Physician/ Stomatologist/ Paediatrician/ Hygienist/etc generally compares to the completion of a first professional university degree in medicine, dentistry, etc. preceded by prerequisite undergraduate study in science.</p>

In the Russian Federation:

The Diploma of a Nursing Supervisor generally compares to the completion of a 4-year Bachelor of Science with a focus in Nursing.