



Most degrees submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse are verified instantly. However, certain factors can impact the likelihood that a request will not be immediately confirmed and will require research by the college.

You can increase the probability that you will receive an immediate verification by using this simple checklist.

- Include the Social Security number. Requests without Social Security numbers are up to 36% more likely to require research. If you have the student's consent, you should always submit the Social Security numbers to speed up the verification process.
- **Provide date of birth.** Not including a date of birth in your request can make it 16% more likely to require research.
- Ensure information is accurate. Before you submit your request, check the data you entered for accuracy. Make sure there are no typos or transposed numbers and that you selected the correct institution.
- Enter complete data. Don't forget to include the individual's maiden and/or other prior name(s), if you have them. Providing complete data helps expedite the system search.

Research May Be Required

Whenever an education verification request requires research, don't worry! The Clearinghouse's dedicated DegreeVerify team works closely with the college to get a resolution for you as quickly as possible. You never have to contact the college, because we do it for you.

- Degrees issued in the last 2 years that require research can take 15% longer to resolve.
- Associate degrees, certificates and other miscellaneous degree types take an average of 33% more time to resolve.

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