



Letter to universities from the International Baccalaureate regarding Legalization process delays

Dear Admissions Officer,

As you are no doubt aware the IB released the results of its May 2020 session on 5th July 2020. We took the difficult decision to cancel the examinations and therefore this session the results were awarded using a model, which took into account; Student Coursework, Predicated Grades and School Context.

On 17th August we took the unprecedented step to amend a significant number of our students' grades, following an additional review process that had been established for schools to provide additional information and context. More information can be found on that process here:

www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/update-m20-dp-cp-results/

As in every year, a number of our students who are seeking to enter into universities had requested that the Legalization process was completed. Their results certificates were sent to the responsible agency following the initial release of results in July to begin this process. However, as a result of the decision taken on 17th August, for a number of our students whose results had changed, the Legalization process had to be started again. This process as you are aware can take a number of weeks to complete and therefore a number of our students do not yet have the Legalization for the revised grades.

The IB, like many other awarding bodies, uses a third party to complete the Legalization process, who are also impacted by COVID-19 and it possible that the new Legalized documents may not reach you until late October, as the current turnaround time is about eight weeks.

As a university you are of course able to view the revised results on IBIS through our e-transcript service (or paper copies have been sent to you if you don't use the electronic service).

www.ibo.org/university-admission/benefits-to-universities-and-colleges-of-accepting-ib-students/receiving-student-results/

We recognize that this situation may cause significant inconvenience to your institution, but we ask for your patience and that this delay in getting the official documentation to you does not disadvantage our students.

If you have any questions regarding this situation, please don't hesitate to contact me at paul.teulon@ibo.org.

Kind regards,

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