



ONLINE FOREIGN DEGREE EQUIVALENCY DATABASE

May 8, 2008: Attorneys are reporting that the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), and the USCIS Nebraska and Texas Service Centers are issuing RFEs in EB2 and EB3 I-140 cases that challenge or question the equivalency of the beneficiary's degree to the U.S. degree required in the petitioner's approved labor certification based on an online foreign degree equivalency database known as the AACRAO EDGE database. AACRAO stands for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; EDGE is the Electronic Database for Global Education database. AACRAO is self-described as "a nonprofit, voluntary, professional association of more than 10,000 higher education admissions and registration professionals who represent approximately 2,500 institutions in more than 30 countries." The online database is available by annual subscription at:

<http://aacraoedge.aacrao.org/>

A discussion of this potential new resource for degree equivalency information will appear in the June 1, 2008 issue of *Bender's Immigration Bulletin* in the article, "EB2 and EB3 Degree Equivalency Update" by Ron Wada.

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