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Dear Editor

In his letter "Don't allow unaccredited universities to operate here" (TODAY, Dec 18), Mr Leong Sze Hian noted that the Public Service Commission would only recognise degrees that were recognised by the home country of the degree-granting institution.

We would like to clarify that degrees from a University accredited by the government of the country where the University is located will be acceptable for employment in the Civil Service. In addition, for professional qualifications, the degrees obtained from foreign institutions must be recognised by the relevant professional bodies in Singapore.

Recruitment in the Civil Service is based on open competition and on merit. Educational qualifications is just one of the many factors for consideration. Each Ministry, and not the Public Service Commission, selects and appoints its own recruits.

Your readers may wish to check on the accreditation status of foreign degrees with the relevant education centres/embassies or professional bodies, whose contact details can be found at <http://www.vog.gov.sg> ("Site Map >> Resources >> Entry Qualifications"). Alternatively, they may refer to relevant guidebooks, such the Commonwealth Universities Yearbook, available from the libraries.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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