

APOSTILLE INFORMATION*

What is an Apostille?

An Apostille is a certificate issued by a designated authority in a country where The Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legalization of Foreign Public Documents, Apostille Convention, is in force. Apostilles authenticate the seals and signatures of officials on public documents such as birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates, notariats, court orders, or any other document issued by a public authority, so that they can be recognized in foreign countries that are parties to The Hague Convention.

Which office issues an Apostille?

In the United States, there are multiple designated Competent Authorities to issue Apostilles, and the authority to issue an Apostille for a particular document depends on the origin of the document in question:

- Federal executive branch documents, such as FBI background checks, are authenticated by the *U.S. Department of State Authentications Office*.
- State documents such as notarizations or vital records are authenticated by designated state competent authorities, usually the state Secretary of State.

How and where do I request an Apostille? What documents are required? What is the cost?

Consult the website of the Secretary of State of the State where your document was issued and refer to the section regarding Authentications and/or Apostille. Refer to pages 2 and 3 below for a list of US States and the websites of the Secretaries of State. If you notice any discrepancies or errors with the links, please notify us by sending an email to losangeles.cittadinanza@esteri.it.

For information and instructions on obtaining an Apostille / authentication for documents NOT issued in the United States of America, please contact the Vital Records department of the competent Italian Consulate/Embassy in whose jurisdiction the documents were originally issued.

*Some of the information contained in this document was obtained directly from <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/travel-legal-considerations/international-judicial-asst/authentications-and-apostilles.html>



US States and websites for Secretaries of State

STATE	WEBSITE FOR APOSTILLE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
Alabama	https://sos.alabama.gov/administrative-services/authentications
Alaska	https://ltgov.alaska.gov/notaries-public/authentications-and-apostilles/
Arizona	https://azsos.gov/business/authentication
Arkansas	https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/for-apostille-certification
California	http://www.sos.ca.gov/notary/authentication/
Colorado	https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/apostilles/general.html
Connecticut	https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Legislative-Services/Authentication-of-Documents-and-the-Apostille
Delaware	https://corp.delaware.gov/apost_info/
Florida	http://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/other-services/apostille-notarial-certification/
Georgia	https://www.gscca.org/notary-and-apostilles/apostilles/general-apostille-information
Hawaii	https://ltgov.hawaii.gov/application-for-apostille-or-certification-of-documents/
Idaho	https://sos.idaho.gov/apostille/
Illinois	http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/apostilles.html
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/sos/business/4096.htm
Iowa	https://sos.iowa.gov/business/pdf/APCERT.pdf
Kansas	https://sos.ks.gov/businesses/copies-and-certifications.html
Kentucky	https://www.sos.ky.gov/bus/apostilles/Pages/default.aspx
Louisiana	https://www.sos.la.gov/NotaryAndCertifications/Certifications/AuthenticateSignaturesOfLouisianaOfficials/Pages/default.aspx
Maine	https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/apostilles/
Maryland	http://sos.maryland.gov/Certifications/Pages/default.aspx
Massachusetts	https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/commissions/apostilles.htm
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/sos/all-services/document-authentication-and-apostille
Minnesota	https://www.sos.state.mn.us/notary-apostille/apostille-authentication/
Mississippi	https://www.sos.ms.gov/business-services/apostilles-authentications
Missouri	https://s1.sos.mo.gov/business/notary/notary/certify



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Montana	https://sosmt.gov/notary/apostilles/
Nebraska	http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/notary/not_auth.html
Nevada	https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/businesses/apostille
New Hampshire	https://www.sos.nh.gov/apostilles-and-certificates
New Jersey	https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/apostilles.shtml
New Mexico	https://www.sos.nm.gov/notary-and-apostille/apostille-authentications/
New York	https://dos.ny.gov/apostille-certificate-authentication
North Carolina	https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/authentications/Apostille_Certificates
North Dakota	https://sos.nd.gov/notaries-public/authentications-apostille-and-certification
Ohio	https://www.sos.state.oh.us/records/apostilles-certifications/
Oklahoma	https://www.sos.ok.gov/business/apostilles.aspx
Oregon	https://sos.oregon.gov/business/pages/apostille.aspx
Pennsylvania	https://www.dos.pa.gov/OtherServices/Certifications_Apostilles/Pages/How-Do-I-Obtain-an-Apostille-or-Certification.aspx
Rhode Island	https://www.sos.ri.gov/Divisions/NotaryPublic/Apostilles
South Carolina	https://sos.sc.gov/services-and-filings/apostilles
South Dakota	https://sdsos.gov/general-services/apostilles-authentications.aspx
Tennessee	https://sos.tn.gov/business-services/apostilles
Texas	https://www.sos.state.tx.us/authinfo.shtml
U.S. Department of State Authentications Office	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/replace-certify-docs/authenticate-your-document.html
Utah	https://authentications.utah.gov/
Vermont	https://sos.vermont.gov/secretary-of-state-services/apostille-or-authentication/
Virginia	https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/official-documents/authentications/
Washington	https://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/apostilles/howtoobtainanapostilleorcertification.aspx
Washington D.C.	https://os.dc.gov/service/authentications
West Virginia	https://sos.wv.gov/business/Pages/AuthDocs.aspx
Wisconsin	https://sos.wi.gov/Pages/Apostilles/howto.aspx
Wyoming	http://soswy.state.wy.us/services/authentication.aspx



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To obtain an Apostille in OUR JURISDICTION

CALIFORNIA

Filing in Person - LOS ANGELES

The Ronald Reagan Building
300 South Spring Street, Room 12513
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Tel. (213) 897-3062

Filing in Person - SACRAMENTO

1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 657-5448

Filing by Mail - SACRAMENTO

Notary Public Section
P.O. Box 942877
Sacramento, CA 94277-0001
Tel. (916) 653-3595

For more information: [click here](#)

Sample:

State of California
Secretary of State

This Certificate is not valid for use anywhere within the United States of America, its territories or possessions.

APOSTILLE (Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)			
1. Country: Pays / País:	United States of America		
This public document Le présent acte public / El presente documento público			
2. has been signed by a été signé par ha sido firmado por	James Greene, MD MS		
3. acting in the capacity of agissant en qualité de quien actúa en calidad de	State Registrar		
4. bears the seal / stamp of est revêtu du sceau / timbre de y está revestido del sello / timbre de	State of California		
Certified Attesté / Certificado			
5. at à / en	Los Angeles, California	6. the le / el día	3rd day of August 2021
7. by par / por	Secretary of State, State of California		
8. No. sous n° / bajo el número	96631		
9. Seal / stamp: Sceau / timbre Sello / timbre	10. Signature: Signature: Firma:		

This Apostille only certifies the authenticity of the signature and the capacity of the person who has signed the public document, and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which the public document bears.
This Apostille does not certify the content of the document for which it was issued.
To verify the issuance of this Apostille, see: apostille.state.ca.gov.
This certificate does not constitute an Apostille under the Hague Convention of 8 October 1961, when it is presented in a country which is not a party to the Convention. In such cases, the certificate should be presented to the consular section of the mission representing the country.
Certe Apostille certifie uniquement la véracité de la signature, la qualité en laquelle la signature de l'acte a été faite, le cas échéant, l'identité du sceau ou timbre dont cet acte public est revêtu.
Certe Apostille ne certifie pas le contenu du document pour lequel elle a été délivrée.
Certe Apostille ne constitue pas une Apostille au sens de la Convention de La Haye du 5 Octobre 1961, lorsque présentée dans un pays qui n'est pas partie à cette Convention. Dans ce cas, le certificat doit être présenté à la section consulaire de la mission qui représente ce pays.
Este Apostilla verifica únicamente la autenticidad de la firma, la calidad en que el signatario del documento haya actuado y, en su caso, la identidad del sello o timbre del que el documento público está revestido.
Este Apostilla no certifica el contenido del documento para el cual se expide.
Este Apostilla no constituye una Apostilla en virtud del Convenio de La Haya de 8 de octubre de 1961 cuando se presenta en un país que no es parte del Convenio. En estos casos, el certificado debe ser presentado a la sección consular de la misión que representa a ese país.

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ARIZONA

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Attn: Apostille Department
1700 W. Washington Street, Fl. 7
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2808

Filing in Person – PHOENIX OFFICE

State Capitol Executive Tower
1700 W. Washington Street
First Floor, Suite 103

Filing in Person – TUCSON OFFICE

Arizona State Complex Building
400 West Congress
First Floor, Suite 141

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Sample:

State of Arizona
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ARIZONA

APOSTILLE (Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)	
1. Country: Pays / País:	United States of America
This Public Document Le présent acte public / El presente documento público	
2. has been signed by: à été signé par ha sido firmado por	Jeff Fine
3. acting in the capacity of agissant en qualité de quien actúa en calidad de	Clerk of Superior Court
4. bears the seal / stamp of est revêtu du sceau / timbre de y está revestido del sello / timbre de	Jeff Fine
Certified Attesté / Certificado	
5. at à / en	Phoenix, Arizona
6. on le / el día	January 25, 2022
7. by par / por	the Secretary of State, State of Arizona
8. No. sous n° / bajo el número	116095865
9. Seal / Stamp Sceau / timbre Sello / timbre	10. Signature Signature: Firma:

Katie Hobbs
Secretary of State



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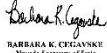
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Carson City, NV. 89701

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Las Vegas Nevada 89101
Tel. 702-486-2880

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Sample:

SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF NEVADA	
APOSTILLE (The Hague Convention of October 5, 1961)	
1. Country:	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2. Page / Pages:	
The public document: Le présent acte public / El presente documento público	
3. It has been signed by:	LYNN MARR GOYA
4. acting in the capacity of:	CLARK COUNTY CLERK
5. bears the seal/stamp of:	CLARK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
CERTIFIED Attesté / Certificado	
6. at:	Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.
7. the:	TWENTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022
8. by:	Barbara K. Ciganovske, SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF NEVADA, U.S.A.
9. Number:	N221221092001
10. Seal/Stamp:	
11. Signature:	 BARBARA K. CIGANOVSKI Nevada Secretary of State

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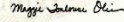
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER SECRETARY OF STATE	
APOSTILLE (Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)	
1. Country:	United States of America
2. This public document has been signed by:	Isana Doney
3. acting in the capacity of:	State Registrar, State of New Mexico
4. bears the seal/stamp of:	Isana Doney State of New Mexico
Certified	
5. at:	Santa Fe, New Mexico
6. the:	16 TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022
7. by:	the Secretary of State, State of New Mexico
8. No.:	134742
9. Seal/Stamp:	
Signature:  Maggie Toulouse Oliver SECRETARY OF STATE	