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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, notarials, 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 statocivile.sanfrancisco@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-assistance/authentications-and-apostilles.html>



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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/services/authentication-and-apostille
Arkansas	https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/apostille-certification
California	http://www.sos.ca.gov/notary/authentication/
Colorado	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/notary/apostilleHelp.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	http://ltgov.hawaii.gov/the-office/apostilles-and-certifications/
Idaho	https://sos.idaho.gov/notary/apostille/index.html
Illinois	http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/apostilles.html
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/sos/business/4096.htm
Iowa	http://www.in.gov/sos/business/4095.htm
Kansas	http://www.kssos.org/business/notary_public/certifications.html
Kentucky	https://www.sos.ky.gov/bus/businessrecords/Pages/Apostilles-and-Authentications.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	http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/precom/comidx.htm
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1638_8734---,00.html
Minnesota	https://www.sos.state.mn.us/notary-apostille/apostille-authentication/
Mississippi	http://www.sos.ms.gov/BusinessServices/Pages/Apostilles-Authentications.aspx
Missouri	https://s1.sos.mo.gov/business/notary/notary/certify
Montana	https://sosmt.gov/notary/apostilles/



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Nebraska	http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/notary/not_auth.html
Nevada	https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/businesses/apostille
New Hampshire	http://sos.nh.gov/certs.aspx
New Jersey	https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/apostilles.shtml
New Mexico	http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Business_Services/Apostille_Information_Overview.aspx
New York	https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/apostille.html
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	http://sos.ri.gov/divisions/Business-Portal/Certifications-Apostille-Goodstanding
South Carolina	https://www.scsos.com/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/legal/travel-legal-considerations/international-judicial-assistance/authentications-and-apostilles.html
Utah	https://authentications.utah.gov/
Vermont	https://www.sec.state.vt.us/archives-records/certifications-fees/apostilles-authentications.aspx
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-licensing/apostilles-authentications/Pages/default.aspx
Wisconsin	http://www.sos.state.wi.us/apostilles.htm
Wyoming	http://soswy.state.wy.us/services/authentication.aspx