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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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INFORMAZIONI SULL' APOSTILLE*

Cos'è l'Apostille?

L'Apostille è un certificato rilasciato da un'autorità autorizzata di un Paese che ha aderito alla Convenzione dell'Aia del 5 ottobre 1961.

Un'Apostille autentica e riconosce i sigilli e le firme riportati sui documenti pubblici, per esempio atti di stato civile, notarili, ordini del tribunale, e qualsiasi altro documento rilasciato da un'autorità pubblica straniera, affinché i documenti possano essere riconosciuti nei paesi membri della Convenzione dell'Aia.

Quali uffici rilasciano l'Apostille?

Negli Stati Uniti ci sono varie Autorità competenti per il rilascio dell'Apostille, le quali dipendono dall'origine del documento in questione:

- I documenti federali (per esempio un certificato penale dell'FBI) sono autenticati dal *US Department of State Authentications Office*.
- I documenti statali (per esempio atti di stati civile, documenti autenticati da un notaio pubblico, un certificato penale statale, ecc) sono autenticati dal *Secretary of State* dello stato dove l'atto è stato rilasciato.

Come e dove si richiede l'Apostille? Quali documenti sono richiesti? Quanto costa?

Consultare il sito web del Segretario di Stato dello stato dove il documento è stato rilasciato, facendo riferimento alla sezione "*Authentications*" oppure "*Apostille*." Sulle seguenti pagine 2 e 3 sono disponibili i link dei siti web dei Segretari di Stato con le informazioni ed istruzioni al riguardo.

Si prega di segnalare eventuali discrepanze e/o errori con i seguenti link all'indirizzo statocivile.sanfrancisco@esteri.it.

Per informazioni su come richiedere l'Apostille per documenti rilasciati fuori dagli Stati Uniti, contattare l'Autorità italiana competente per il Paese/territorio dove l'atto è stato rilasciato.

*Alcune delle informazioni riportate sulla presente pagina sono state prese direttamente dal sito <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/travel-legal-considerations/international-considerations/authentications-and-apostilles.html>



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US States and websites for Secretaries of State

| STATE | WEBSITE FOR APOSTILLE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS |
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| 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 | https://sos.iowa.gov/business/pdf/APCERT.pdf |
| 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 |