



Apostilles and Certificates of Authentication (U.S. Documents)



<https://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/sja/>

An **"Apostille"** is a form of authentication affixed to or on public documents for recognition between member countries of the Hague Convention. The United States and the Republic of Korea are both active members of the Hague Convention (<https://www.hcch.net/en/states/hcch-members>). "The ABCs of Apostilles" brochure has short answers to frequently asked questions, and can be downloaded at:

<https://assets.hcch.net/docs/6dd54368-bebd-4b10-a078-0a92e5bca40a.pdf>). The United States has designated Competent Authorities at both the Federal level (for Federal Government issued documents) and State & Territory level (for local issued documents) that are authorized to issue apostille certificates, and specific information can be found at: <https://www.hcch.net/en/states/authorities/details3/?aid=353>. The Republic of Korea has designated Competent Authorities that are authorized to issue apostille certificates, and specific information can be found at: <https://www.hcch.net/en/states/authorities/details3/?aid=706>, and Client Legal Services can provide forms and guidance with the Korean Apostille process.

A **"Certificate of Authentication"** is a form of authentication affixed to or on public documents issued by, or for intended use in, a country that does not participate in the Hague Convention. If your document was issued by, or is to be used in, a country where the Apostille Convention does not apply, you should contact the Embassy or a Consulate of the country where you intend to use the document in order to find out specific requirements. United States designated Competent Authorities are authorized as well to issue certificates of authentication for documents to be used in a country where the Apostille Convention does not apply.

A **"Certified or Notarized Translation"** affixed to the public document after it has been apostilled or authenticated may be required, depending on the purpose of the document's use and/or country where it is to be used. You should contact the specific agency to which the document is being submitted to find out specific requirements.

Some of the more common documents that require an Apostille or Authentication and/or translation are Marriage Certificates, Divorce Decrees, Birth Certificates, Driver's License, and Diplomas & Transcripts. In viewing the Hague website listing for US Apostille Authorities, several broken links were found, as well as links that do not go directly to the actual referenced page, and the below listing is provided to further assist (*Note: Some links are browser specific*):

U.S. Federal Issued Documents	
Department of States:	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/records-and-authentications/authenticate-your-document/authentications-and-apostilles.html
U.S. State Issued Documents	
Alabama:	https://www.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:	https://www.sos.ca.gov/notary/request-apostille/
Colorado:	https://www.sos.state.co.us/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/
District of Columbia:	https://os.dc.gov/service/authentications
Florida:	https://www.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/apostille/

Illinois: https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/apostilles.html
Indiana: http://www.in.gov/sos/business/4096.htm
Iowa: https://sos.iowa.gov/business/FormsAndFees.html
Kansas: https://sos.kansas.gov/filing-center/all-filings-forms/
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: https://sos.maryland.gov/Certifications/Pages/default.aspx
Massachusetts: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/precom/comidx.htm
Michigan: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_4645_4702---,00.html
Minnesota: https://www.sos.state.mn.us/notary-apostille/apostille-authentication/
Mississippi: https://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-authentications
Nebraska: https://sos.nebraska.gov/business-services/apostilles-and-authentications
Nevada: https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/businesses/apostille
New Hampshire: http://sos.nh.gov/certs.aspx
New Jersey: https://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/apostilles.shtml
New Mexico: https://www.sos.state.nm.us/notary-and-apostille/apostille-and-certifications/
New York: https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/apostille.html
North Carolina: https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/authentications/Apostille Certificates
North Dakota: http://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/default.aspx
Rhode Island: https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/notary-public/apostilles-certifications/
South Carolina: https://sos.sc.gov/services-and-filings/apostilles
South Dakota: https://sdsos.gov/general-services/apostilles-authentications.aspx
Tennessee: https://www.sos.tn.gov/business-services/apostilles
Texas: https://www.sos.state.tx.us/authinfo.shtml
Utah: https://authentications.utah.gov/process-from-home-page/
Vermont: https://sos.vermont.gov/corporations/copies-certificates/apostilled-or-authenticated-copies/
Virginia: https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/official-documents/authentications/
Washington: https://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/apostilles/
West Virginia: https://sos.wv.gov/business/Pages/AuthDocs.aspx
Wisconsin: https://sos.wi.gov/apostilles.htm
Wyoming: https://sos.wyo.gov/Services/Authentication.aspx
U.S. Territory Issued Documents
American Samoa: https://www.americansamoa.gov/ - Requested assistance for apostille link to information.
Guam: https://www.guam.gov/ - Requested assistance for apostille link to information.
Northern Mariana Islands: Send 1) "original" document(s), 2) \$50 fully completed "money order" payable to "CNMI Treasury" for each apostille/authentication, and 3) "self-addressed postage prepaid return envelope (airmail or FedEx)", to "Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 2nd Floor Hon. Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Caller Box 10007 Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950"
Puerto Rico: http://www2.pr.gov/Pages/default.aspx
U.S. Virgin Islands: https://www.vi.gov/ - Requested assistance for apostille link to information.