

APOSTILLE

What is an Apostille?

An Apostille is a certification provided under The Hague Convention of 1961 for authenticating documents for use in foreign countries.

You must obtain an Apostille for all government issued documents including school records, birth/death/marriage certificates, etc. for children who will be travelling overseas to reunify with family. Please see the list below of all countries that are signatories of the Convention. If the child with whom you are working is moving to one of these countries, you must obtain the Apostille.

What Countries Signed the Hague Convention?

A

- Albania
- Andorra
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan

B

- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bulgaria
- Burundi

C

- Cape Verde
- Chile
- China, People's Republic of (Hong Kong & Macao Only)
- Colombia
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic

D

- Denmark
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic

E

- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Estonia

F

- Fiji
- Finland
- France

G

- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guatemala

H

- Honduras
- Hungary

I

- Iceland
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy

J

- Japan

K

- Kazakhstan
- Korea, Republic of
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan

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L

- Latvia
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg

M

- Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of
- Malawi
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Moldova, Republic of
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Morocco

N

- Namibia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niue
- Norway

P

- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal

R

- Romania
- Russian Federation

S

- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- San Marino
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Suriname
- Swaziland
- Sweden
- Switzerland

T

- Tajikistan
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey

U

- Ukraine
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan

V

- Vanuatu
- Venezuela

What if the Country I am Looking for is Not Listed or I am working within a U.S. State?

If the country you are looking for has not signed the Hague Convention, you may ask for an **exemplified certification**.

If you are working within the U.S. please ask your case manager for more details about state based apostilles.