

What's an Apostille?

Apostilles are forms with gold seals used by the Secretary of State to authenticate the signature and authority of the notary public. Apostilles are placed on documents presented outside the US. The forms are attached to notarized documents that go to countries who signed the 1961 Hague Convention Treaty.

What's a Certificate of Authority?

Certificates of Authority are placed on notarized documents being sent to countries who are not members of the Hague Convention Treaty. Again, the Certificate of Authority verifies that the notary is authentic.

Apostille and Certificates of Authority for Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, Marriages Licenses, Divorce Decrees, and other Vital Records:

It is necessary to request a certified copy of the vital document from the Washington State Department of Health or the County in which the record originated. Apostilles and Certificates of Authority are then obtained in Olympia for presentation outside the US.

Contact Information for State of Washington Apostille and Certificate of Authority Programs:

Address for Walk-in Service:

Notary Public Program
Department of Licensing
405 Black Lake Blvd. S. W. First Floor
Olympia, WA

Mail Requests:

Corporations Division
Apostille and Certificate Program
801 Capitol Way South
PO Box 40228
Olympia, WA 98504-0228

Get an Apostille, Certificate of Authority, or Vital Record in 24 Hours or Less:

Come To You Notary

24 Hour Phone: 800-622-4030
3933 Stone Way North
Seattle, WA 98103