



What is an Authenticated document?

Authentication is a process for determining if a document, intended for use in another country, is indeed a real document. With more than 270 legal countries and territories, all with their own document seals, systems and record keeping, finding the official record and process for authentication through foreign governments can be an intricate and complex procedure.

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Apostille

An apostille is a simplified process of legalizing a document. Legalization of documents after World War II was very complicated. In 1961, many of the world's countries, including the United States, entered into a treaty called the Hague Convention of 1961 which simplified the authentication process.

Today there are 98 countries that are members of this convention who accept the apostille process. Although this process makes verification of documents easier in many countries, dealing with the different jurisdictions and their regulations still requires expert knowledge of the process.



every election. Documents signed by officials, notaries or other authorities who are no longer current cannot be authenticated.

The country in which the document is to be used determines which process will be used. The type of document determines how and where the document needs to be processed.

Our trained staff deals with national and international documentation daily. Changes in requirements are maintained by constant research and first hand knowledge based on the continuous processing of documents.

This guarantees the most current, accurate information on legalizations. Using International Visa Service to process your document saves time and money.

How do we price our services?

There are four factors that determine the price for legalizing a document: **Time** allowed for processing, the **Country** for which the document is being prepared, the **Location** of the original jurisdiction of signatures on the original document and the **Document Type** that is being authenticated.

International Visa Service charges a service fee for each step of the process plus government fees and shipping method. The amount of time allotted for processing will determine service fee and shipping cost. The government fees are determined by the county of origin, the specific document that is being legalized and by the country where the document is to be used.

This pricing system offers you controllable pricing

based on your time frame. The more time allowed for processing, the lower the prices and expenses.

Foreign documents being used in the United States

International Visa Service can process documents from foreign countries to be used in the United States. With representatives in many foreign countries we offer a reliable, trustworthy service, which meets the requirements under current U.S. law.

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Authentication

If the country where the document will be used is not a party to the Convention, an "Embassy or Consular Legalization" otherwise known as a "Chain Authentication" is needed. This chain authentication is done on the Local, State, Federal and Embassy levels and requires additional verification at every step.

Authenticated or Apostilled?

A number of factors determine which documents can be legalized. In the United States, with 50 states, 3200 plus counties, and 1000s of towns, cities and other legal entities, the process is even more difficult. Since elections and appointments determine which signature can be authenticated, changes occur after