

The Texas Secretary of State Changes To A New Universal Apostille Certificate System

The Texas Secretary of State as of October 1st, 2023 has changed to a new universal apostille certificate system.

See the official press release from them here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXSOS/bulletins/36fbd0e0>

What that means to you and your company is you will no longer receive different certifications for Hague Convention country members (apostille certificates) and non-Hague member countries (authentication certificates).

You will now only receive this new Texas universal apostille certificate for every country in the world regardless if the country is a member or non-member of The 1961 Hague Convention.

The Texas Secretary of State will issue, print out, and staple a universal apostille certificate (the certificate is an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper) onto the legal document that was presented to them.

Then they will place a red stamp in the lower right-hand corner that will have half the stamp on the apostille certificate and the other half of the stamp placed on your document. Then the Texas Secretary of State employee who issued the apostille will sign their initials next to where they placed the stamp at.


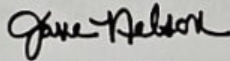
If the document presented to them is a **non-recordable document** (documents that DO require notarizations), they will staple the universal apostille certificate onto the specific

page where the notarization was placed on your document by a Texas notary public.

If the document presented to them is a **recordable document** (documents that DON'T require notarizations) they will staple the universal apostille certificate onto the specific page where the city, county, or state registrar, county clerk, district clerk, or deputy clerk signed their name on your legal document.

The State of Texas Secretary of State

This Certificate is not valid for use anywhere within the United States of America, its territories or possessions.

APOSTILLE (Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)			
1. Country: Pays / País:	United States of America		
This public document Le présent acte public / El presente documento público			
2. has been signed by a été signé par ha sido firmado por	[Redacted]		
3. acting in the capacity of agissant en qualité de quien actúa en calidad de	Notary Public, State of Texas		
4. bears the seal / stamp of est revêtu du sceau / timbre de y está revestido del sello / timbre de	Notary Public, State of Texas, Commission Expires: 05-31-24		
Certified Attesté / Certificado			
5. at à / en	Austin, Texas	6. the le / el día	4th day of January 2024
7. by par / por	Secretary of State		
8. N° sous n° bajo el número	[Redacted]		
9. Seal / stamp: Sceau / timbre: Sello / timbre:		10. Signature: Signature: Firma:	 Jane Nelson Secretary of State

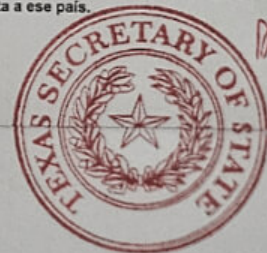
This Apostille only certifies the authenticity of the signature and the capacity of the person who has signed the public document, and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which the public document bears.
This Apostille does not certify the content of the document for which it was issued.
To verify the issuance of this Apostille, see: <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/certificationsA/index.aspx>
This certificate does not constitute an Apostille under the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961, when it is presented in a country which is not a party to the Convention. In such cases, the certificate should be presented to the consular section of the mission representing that country.

Cette Apostille atteste uniquement la véracité de la signature, la qualité en laquelle le signataire de l'acte a agi et, le cas échéant, l'identité du sceau ou timbre dont cet acte public est revêtu.
Cette Apostille ne certifie pas le contenu de l'acte pour lequel elle a été émise.
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Ce certificat ne constitue pas une Apostille en vertu de la Convention de La Haye du 5 Octobre 1961, lorsque présenté dans un pays qui n'est pas partie à cette Convention. Dans ce cas, le certificat doit être présenté à la section consulaire de la mission qui représente ce pays.

Esta Apostilla certifica únicamente la autenticidad de la firma, la calidad en que el signatario del documento haya actuado y, en su caso, la identidad del sello o timbre del que el documento público esté revestido.
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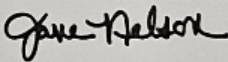
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3. acting in the capacity of agissant en qualité de quien actúa en calidad de	District Clerk		
4. bears the seal / stamp of est revêtu du sceau / timbre de y está revestido del sello / timbre de	Bexar County, Texas		
Certified Attesté / Certificado			
5. at à / en	Austin, Texas	6. the le / el día	5th day of January 2024
7. by par / por	Secretary of State		
8. N° sous n° bajo el número	[Redacted]		
9. Seal / stamp: Sceau / timbre: Sello / timbre:		10. Signature: Signature: Firma:	 Jane Nelson Secretary of State

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Document Type: ORDER CHANGING THE NAME OF AN ADULT



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These two examples below are what the pre-10/1/23 Texas apostille certificates and Texas authentication certificates looked like which have been terminated and replaced by the new Texas universal apostille certificate system.


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Certificate Validation available at www.sos.state.tx.us

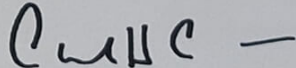
APOSTILLE
(Convention de La Haye du 5 Octobre 1961)

1. Country	United States of America
This public document	
2. has been signed by	SANDRA GARCIA
3. acting in the capacity of	Notary Public, State of Texas
4. and bears the seal/stamp of	SANDRA GARCIA, Notary Public, State of Texas, Commission Expires: 02-04-18

CERTIFIED

5. at Austin, Texas	6. on March 15, 2016
7. by the Secretary of State of Texas	
8. Certificate No. 10352807	
9. Seal	10. Signature:





Carlos H. Cascos
Secretary of State
GF/eg

Pre-10/1/23 Texas Apostille Certificate



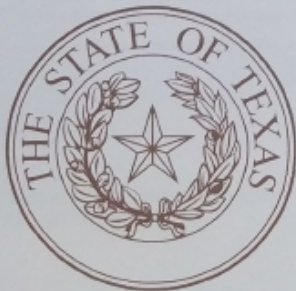
The State of Texas
Secretary of State

I, Rolando B. Pablos, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, DO HEREBY
CERTIFY that according to the records of this office,

RICHARD ALAN MAPLES

was commissioned as a Notary Public for the State of Texas on August 3,
2015, for a term ending on August 3, 2019.

Issued: November 29, 2018
Certificate Number 11646361



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Pablos", written over a horizontal line.

Rolando B. Pablos
Secretary of State
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