



# Document legalisation request form effective 1 January 2023

This document contains important information about the document legalisation process. Please read it carefully before completing the Document legalisation request form.

For detailed information, please visit our website:

[www.smartraveller.gov.au/consular-services/notarial-services](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/consular-services/notarial-services)

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) provides the following legalisation services in Australia:

- **Authentications**
- **Apostilles**
- **Certificates of No Impediment to Marriage (CNIs).**

## Authentication and Apostilles

Foreign governments sometimes need proof that the signatures of Australian officials on public documents are genuine before they can be accepted. DFAT will certify that a signature, stamp or seal on an official Australian public document is genuine by checking it against a specimen held on file, and provide a certificate (stamp) in the form of an 'Authentication' or an 'Apostille' stating certain facts. The Authentication or Apostille is then signed by DFAT staff and sealed with a wet and a dry seal. Private documents and copies that have been certified by an Australian Notary Public can also be presented to us for an Authentication or an Apostille.

- **You should check first with the Embassy or Consulate of the country in which you will present your document (s) whether you require EITHER an Authentication OR an Apostille.** The DFAT website provides a list of foreign Embassies and Consulates in Australia to assist you to confirm these requirements.
- Our staff can only verify the signatures, seals and stamps of Australian government officials, or Australian Notaries Public (not Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations).
- Where a private document or photocopies of government documents are to be used overseas, they must first be certified by an Australian Notary Public (a specially qualified lawyer) but you should make sure the foreign government will accept a copy. Locations and contact details for Australian Notaries Public are available from the Yellow Pages or Society of Notaries Public (links are available at [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au)).

## Certificates of No Impediment (CNI)

If you intend to marry overseas you should check first with the relevant foreign Embassy or Consulate to confirm whether a CNI is required, if it can be issued from within Australia and if it needs any additional legalisation (Authentication or Apostille). Many foreign authorities will only accept CNIs issued by the Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate within their country.

Further information, including the CNI application form and the list of supporting documents required, is available on the Smartraveller website. You should ensure you submit all relevant supporting documentation for your application. We will not accept incomplete applications.



## What do I need to do to obtain an apostille or an authentication?

Type of Australian Document	What you should do before lodgement
<p><b>Government documents</b> - An <b>original</b> Government document with a signature or seal such as a birth, marriage or death certificate, issued by a state Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, a divorce certificate or other document stamped by an Australian court, an Australian citizenship certificate or International Movement Record stamped or signed by the Department of Home Affairs or a police records check issued by the Australian Federal Police or an Australian state police force.</p> <p><b>Public Tertiary Education documents</b> – An original public tertiary education document with a signature and seal such as TAFE, CIT or any other public technical institution.</p>	<p>You can submit the <b>original</b> document to DFAT in Australia or at one of our missions overseas.</p>
<p><b>Private documents</b> including private education institution documents, contracts, wills, powers of attorney.</p>	<p>An <b>original</b> private document must be notarised by an Australian Notary Public before lodgement as they are not public documents.</p>
<p><b>University documents</b> including degrees, awards, transcripts, certificates and letters</p>	<p>An <b>original</b> university degree, award or transcript which bears the signature/seal of the university must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• verified and signed as a '<b>true and accurate record</b>' by the student administration office of the issuing institution; or</li><li>• the award must be verifiable through the university website. You can lodge your document with the result of your online award verification printed from the website.</li></ul>
<p><b>Primary and secondary education documents</b></p>	<p>An <b>original</b> certificate, transcript or letter must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• signed by an authorised officer of the issuing State/Territory education authority (eg Department of Education, State Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Board of Senior Secondary Studies) ;or</li><li>• notarised by an Australian Notary Public prior to lodgement.</li></ul>
<p><b>Photocopies of documents</b></p>	<p>A <b>photocopy</b> of a document must be notarised by an Australian Notary Public before lodgement.</p>
<p><b>Translations of documents</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A translation must be completed, certified and signed by a translator certified or recognised by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters LTD (NAATI). The translator must sign and stamp (with a NAATI approved stamp) both the copy of the original document, and the translated document, and certify that it is a 'true and accurate translation of the text provided in the attached'.</li><li>• Documents prepared by an Australian Notary Public in a language other than English or translations certified by an Australian notary Public can be submitted without further requirements.</li></ul>

## What do I need to do to obtain a Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage?

- Fill the Certificate of no Impediment to Marriage form available to download from the Smartraveller website under *Legalising documents*> Getting documents legalised in Australia.
- Both applicants will need to provide supporting documents to the application. You can find additional information on the type of documents that may be required on the Smartraveller website under *I want to get married overseas - can DFAT help?*

can be presented in person or lodged by mail

## How much will it cost?

Fees from 1 January 2023

Authentication	Apostille	Certificate of No Impediment
• A\$92**	• A\$92**	• A\$161

\*\* We may **bind** together multiple page or double sided documents at no extra cost, where there is insufficient space to affix the certificate on the document. To bind documents together we will need to punch a small hole through the papers so we can insert our binding ribbon. Pages, once bound together, cannot be separated.

## How to lodge documents

Legalisation requests can be presented in person or lodged by mail. You can make an appointment to attend in person at any of the Australian Passport Office locations in the table below. Book an appointment online at [smartraveller.gov.au](https://smartraveller.gov.au). If you would prefer to mail in your application, you can also visit [smartraveller.gov.au](https://smartraveller.gov.au) for mail-in instructions and postal addresses.

Payment must be received for services at the time of lodgement with a completed form. Either you or someone you nominate can lodge and collect on your behalf. Payment in Australia is by EFTPOS or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) only. Cash is not accepted in Australian Passport Offices.

## Lodging your form by mail

To lodge your form by mail, see 'Notarial Services' at [smartraveller.gov.au](https://smartraveller.gov.au)

## Lodging your form in person - by appointment only

To book an appointment online, see 'Notarial Services' at [smartraveller.gov.au](https://smartraveller.gov.au)

### Adelaide Passport Office

5th Floor Allianz House  
55 Currie Street  
Adelaide SA 5000  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Brisbane Passport Office

Level 17  
150 Charlotte Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Canberra Passport Office

R G Casey Building  
Sydney Avenue  
Barton ACT  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Darwin Passport Office

5th Floor, Northern Territory House  
22 Mitchell Street  
Darwin NT 0800  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Hobart Passport Office

Level 1  
111 Macquarie Street  
Hobart TAS 7000  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Melbourne Passport Office

Level 2 Collins Square  
747 Collins Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Perth Passport Office

Level 1  
140 William Street  
Perth WA 6001  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

### Sydney Passport Office

Level 7  
26 Lee Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
8.30am to 1.00pm – normal business days  
Appointment necessary.

# International delivery

## Charging zones

Economy Air Letter zones align to the below charging zones for Parcels as follows:  
NZ = Zone 1, Asia Pacific = Zone 2, US & Canada = Zone 3, UK & Europe = Zone 4, Rest of World = Zone 5

Destination country	Zones
Arab Emirates	Zone 5
Argentina	Zone 5
Austria	Zone 4
Bahrain	Zone 5
Belgium	Zone 4
Brazil	Zone 4
Brunei Darussalam	Zone 2
Cambodia	Zone 2
Canada	Zone 3
Chile	Zone 5
China	Zone 2
Cook Islands	Zone 2
Croatia	Zone 4
Cyprus	Zone 4
Czech Republic	Zone 4
Denmark	Zone 4
Estonia	Zone 4
Fiji	Zone 2
Finland	Zone 4
France	Zone 4
French Polynesia	Zone 2
Germany	Zone 4
Greece	Zone 4
Hong Kong	Zone 2
Hungary	Zone 4
India	Zone 2

Destination country	Zones
Indonesia	Zone 2
Iran, Islamic Republic Of	Zone 5
Ireland	Zone 4
Israel	Zone 5
Italy	Zone 4
Japan	Zone 2
Kenya	Zone 5
Korea, Republic Of	Zone 2
Kuwait	Zone 5
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Zone 2
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of	Zone 4
Malaysia	Zone 2
Malta	Zone 4
Mauritius	Zone 5
Mexico	Zone 5
Myanmar	Zone 2
Nauru	Zone 2
Nepal	Zone 2
Netherlands	Zone 4
New Caledonia	Zone 2
New Zealand	Zone 1
Nigeria	Zone 5
Norway	Zone 4
Pakistan	Zone 2
Papua New Guinea	Zone 2
Peru	Zone 5

Destination country	Zones
Philippines	Zone 2
Poland	Zone 4
Portugal	Zone 4
Qatar	Zone 5
Romania	Zone 4
Russian Federation	Zone 4
Samoa	Zone 2
Saudi Arabia	Zone 5
Serbia	Zone 4
Singapore	Zone 2
Slovenia	Zone 4
Solomon Islands	Zone 2
South Africa	Zone 4
Spain	Zone 4
Sri Lanka	Zone 2
Sweden	Zone 4
Switzerland	Zone 4
Taiwan, Province Of China	Zone 2
Thailand	Zone 2
Tonga	Zone 2
Turkey	Zone 4
Ukraine	Zone 4
United Kingdom	Zone 4
United States	Zone 3
Vanuatu	Zone 2
Vietnam	Zone 2

The above countries together account for the majority of outgoing international mail.  
For complete country zoning information ask at your local post office or visit [auspost.com.au/international](https://auspost.com.au/international).





## Document Service Request and Payment Form

This form can be completed electronically on screen, printed and submitted. If you choose to print and fill out this form by hand

Use **BLACK PEN**



and print within the boxes in **B L O C K L E T T E R S**

### 1. YOUR DETAILS

Family name

Given names

Company Name (if applicable)

Contact email address

Contact telephone

**Postal address** (your documents will be sent to this address)

Unit or house number and street or rural address

Suburb/City

State/Territory

Post/Zip code

**International contact details – if applicable**

Country

International telephone number

### 2. TYPE OF DOCUMENTS

e.g. Birth certificate

### 3. COUNTRY OR CONSULATE WHERE YOUR DOCUMENT(S) WILL BE PRESENTED

e.g. Italian Embassy, UAE, Greece (must be a country other than Australia)

### 4. THE SERVICE YOU ARE REQUESTING

**Number of Apostilles**

A\$92 (each) = A\$

**Number of Authentications**

A\$92 (each) = A\$

**Number of Certificates of No Impediment to Marriage**

A\$161 (each) = A\$

Please include separate Certificate of No Impediment application form.



## 5. HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR DOCUMENTS RETURNED

<input type="checkbox"/>	I, or my representative, will collect the documents	No charge
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have provided a stamped, self-addressed envelope	No charge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post my document by regular mail (domestic) or regular air mail (international)	No charge
<b>Express International delivery – Prepaid envelopes</b> <small>Service available only for requests submitted by mail. See page 4 for full zone listing</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zone 1: A\$29.80	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 2: A\$33.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zone 4: A\$39.75	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 3: A\$34.95
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 5: A\$44.50

We accept no responsibility for documents in transit when using regular mail (domestic or international). If your document is lost or damaged in transit, you may be entitled to compensation from Australia Post depending on the service that was used to send it. Refer to the Australia Post website for more information [auspost.com.au](http://auspost.com.au)

## 6. DECLARATION

I declare that:  
The information I have given in this form and supporting documentation is true and correct;  
I am aware that it is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) to provide false and misleading information or a false document; and  
I understand that it is a serious offence to make or give false or misleading statements and/or produce false or misleading documents in relation to Australian travel documents under Part 4, Division 2 of the Australian Passports Act 2005 (Cth).

Full name

Date:  /  /

Signature

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Receipt number <input type="text"/>	CIS entry finalised and receipt number entered? <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature and name of payment processing officer	Signature and name of CIS processing officer
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature of client on collection	Reception officer ID
Date: <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	Mailed out: <input type="checkbox"/>

## 7. CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION



**Credit card details and authorisation information should only be completed if you are lodging this form through the mail. Only VISA and MasterCard credit cards are accepted.**

<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Credit card number	Card Expiry date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Authorized amount for all services <i>(plus postage)</i>	CCV number <i>(on reverse)</i>
A\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Cardholder's name	Cardholder's Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>

## NOTARIAL SERVICES DISCLAIMER

**Please ensure that documents relating to the notarial services you require from the Australian Government, are presented in the correct form and that you provide the correct instructions for the notarial service you require. If you are unsure of the legislative requirements relating to the notarial service you require, you should seek independent legal advice. Please note that neither the Australian Government guarantees the legal effectiveness of the notarised document or the accuracy of its content.**