



**Apostille**

When making application for permanent residency or citizenship in Portugal, foreign documents will need authentication. This certification is accomplished via an “*Apostille*” which is an international confirmation comparable to notarisation in national law, used when sharing domestic documentation abroad. The verification seal designates the corroboration of documents for legal purposes in one of the signatory countries of the Apostille Convention for recognition in all other signatory states. This agreement currently has 112 cosigners and is in force in all European Union members as well as most parties to the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

***Where to apply for an Apostille in the EU and United States***

Country	Authority	Cost
UK	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised">https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised</a> <a href="http://www.hagueapostille.co.uk/">http://www.hagueapostille.co.uk/</a>	£42 £54
Holland	<a href="http://www.apostilleinfo.com/netherlands.htm">http://www.apostilleinfo.com/netherlands.htm</a>	€12.50
Germany	<a href="http://www.bva.bund.de">http://www.bva.bund.de</a>	€13
France	<a href="https://assets.hcch.net/docs/e7b31b40-450f-42d6-bb53-95e02f8e9976.pdf">https://assets.hcch.net/docs/e7b31b40-450f-42d6-bb53-95e02f8e9976.pdf</a>	no charge
Finland	<a href="http://www.maistraatti.fi/en/Services/notary_public/Apostille/">http://www.maistraatti.fi/en/Services/notary_public/Apostille/</a>	
Ireland	<a href="https://www.dfa.ie/travel/our-services/authenticating-documents/">https://www.dfa.ie/travel/our-services/authenticating-documents/</a>	€40



USA	<p>Office of Authentications <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal-considerations/judicial/authentication-of-documents/office-of-authentications.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal-considerations/judicial/authentication-of-documents/office-of-authentications.html</a></p> <p>form to be filled out: <a href="https://eforms.state.gov/Forms/ds4194.PDF">https://eforms.state.gov/Forms/ds4194.PDF</a></p> <p><i>note: The U.S. Department of State does not issue an Apostille for state-issued documents.</i></p> <p><u>Commercial services:</u> <a href="http://www.internationalapostille.com/us-department-of-state-apostille/">http://www.internationalapostille.com/us-department-of-state-apostille/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.onesourceprocess.com/apostilleauthentication-of-documents/">http://www.onesourceprocess.com/apostilleauthentication-of-documents/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.usapostille.com/">https://www.usapostille.com/</a></p>	<p>\$0.80 (Cheque, money order or walk in)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> doc: \$195 then: \$95</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> doc: \$150 then: \$75</p> <p>\$45 and \$50</p>
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For information and contacts of the competent authorities in other countries, please consult the web site of the Hague Convention on Private International Law:

<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41>

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