

# Authentication of documents

The originals or authenticated copies of all documents must be submitted. Authentication must be provided by the competent authorities of the state of issue and confirmed by the Austrian representation (Embassy/Consulate). Documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a German translation.

A translation made abroad must also be officially authenticated and confirmed by the Austrian representation (Embassy/Consulate).

Translations made in Austria by a court-sworn interpreter do not need any further authentication for recognition in Austria.

By virtue of bilateral agreements, there is no need for authentication for certificates from, **Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Finland, France, Italy, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Hungary.**

Documents from the signatory states to the Hague Convention with which no bilateral agreement has been concluded (namely **Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua und Barbuda, Argentine, Armenia, Aserbajdschan, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Brunei, Cape Verde, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Georgia, Grenada, Greece, Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom), Guyana, Honduras, India, Ireland, Island, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Lesotho, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Marshall-Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Nive, Oman, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation (Russia), Samoa, San Marino, São Tomé and Príncipe, Solomon Islands, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, Surinam, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Vanuatu, Venezuela, United States of America (USA), Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe**) only require the special authentication in the form of an Apostille certificate (official confirmation) issued by the domestic authorities. (as of 01 January 2012)