

PROCEDURE GUIDE FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE LEGALIZATION

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE LEGALIZATION**

Legalizing a birth certificate has become a mandatory administrative procedure for non-European Union citizens.

The French Government requires that citizens from countries which are related to the legalization of birth certificates certify the authenticity of their original birth certificate for certain administrative procedures such as *Sécurité Sociale* (health coverage) in France.

If you are a citizen from a country that requires legalization, please contact the French Consulate or the French embassy in your country and ask about the “*légalisation de l’acte de naissance*” procedure before leaving for France.

PLEASE SEE BELOW THE LIST OF COUNTRIES RELATED TO LEGALIZATION.

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE APOSTILLE**

The French Government requires that citizens from countries which are related to birth certificates’ *apostille* certify the authenticity of their original birth certificate with an *apostille* for some administrative procedures, such as the *Sécurité Sociale* (university health coverage) in France. The *apostille* is considered as a simplified legalization.

If you are a citizen from a country that requires an *apostille*, please contact the appropriate authorities within your country (for the United States: Division of Business Services of your state’s Department of State) and ask how you can get an apostille on your birth certificate before leaving for France.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ✓ If the authorities at the French Consulate or the French embassy cannot legalize or provide you the *apostille* on your birth certificate before your departure, you will need to bring your original birth certificate to France.
- ✓ Before getting your birth certificate translated into French, you need to get it legalized or to get the *apostille*. Once the original document has been legalized or *apostillé*, you can get it translated.
- ✓ French authorities require that all translations be done by a sworn translator (get a list of approved translators from your nearest consulate or the French Embassy)

LIST OF COUNTRIES RELATED TO LEGALIZATION OR APOSTILLE

COUNTRIES (IN FRENCH)	TYPE OF LEGALIZATION
Afghanistan	Legalization
Afrique du Sud (South Africa)	Apostille
Albanie (Albania)	Apostille
Algérie (Algeria)	Exempted (a)
Allemagne (Germany)	Exempted (a)
Andorre (Andorra)	Apostille
Angola	Legalization
Antigua et Barbuda (and Barbuda)	Apostille
Arabie Saoudite (Saudi Arabia)	Legalization
Argentine (Argentina)	Apostille
Arménie (Armenia)	Apostille
Australie (Australia)	Apostille
Autriche (Austria)	Exempted (e)
Azerbaïdjan (Azerbaijan)	Apostille
Bahamas	Apostille
Bahreïn (Bahrain)	Legalization
Bangladesh	Legalization
Barbade (Barbados)	Apostille
Belau (Pelau)	Legalization
Belgique (Belgium)	Exempted (e)
Belize	Apostille
Benin	Exempted (a)
Bhoutan (Bhutan)	Legalization
Biélorussie (Belarus)	Apostille
Birmanie (Myanmar)	Legalization
Bolivie (Bolivia)	Legalization
Bosnie Herzégovine (Bosnia-Herzegovina)	Exempted (a)
Botswana	Apostille
Brésil (Brazil)	Exempted (a)
Brunei	Apostille
Bulgarie (Bulgaria)	Exempted (a)
Burkina (Burkina Faso)	Exempted (a)
Burundi	Legalization
Cambodge (Cambodia)	Legalization
Cameroun (Cameroon)	Exempted (a)
Canada	Legalization
Cap-Vert (Cape-Verde)	Apostille
Centrafricaine, République (Central African Republic)	Exempted (a)
Chili (Chile)	Legalization
Chine (China)	Legalization
Chypre (Cyprus)	Apostille
Colombie (Colombia)	Apostille
Comores (Comoros)	Legalization
Congo (Brazaville)	Exempted (a)
Congo, République Démocratique du (DR Congo)	Legalization
Corée du Nord (North Korea)	Legalization
Corée du Sud (South Korea)	Apostille
Costa-Rica	Legalization
Côte d'Ivoire	Exempted (a)
Croatie (Croatia)	Exempted (a)

Cuba	Legalization
Danemark (Denmark)	Dispensé (e)
Djibouti (Republic of Djibouti)	Dispensé (a)
Dominicaine, République (Dominican republic)	Apostille
Dominique, La (Dominica)	Apostille
Egypte (Egypt)	Exempted (a)
Emirats Arabes Unis (UAE)	Legalization
Equateur (Ecuador)	Apostille
Erythée (Eritrea)	Legalization
Espagne (Spain)	Exempted (e)
Estonie (Estonia)	Apostille
Etats-Unis (USA)	Apostille
Ethiopie (Ethiopia)	Legalization
Fidji (Fiji)	Apostille
Finlande (Finland)	Apostille
Gabon	Exempted (a)
Gambie (Gambia)	Legalization
Géorgie (Georgia)	Apostille
Ghana	Legalization
Grèce (Greece)	Apostille
Grenade	Apostille
Guatemala	Legalization
Guinée (Guinea)	Legalization
Guinée Bissao (Guinea-Bissau)	Legalization
Guinée Equatoriale (Equatorial Guinea)	Legalization
Guyana (Guiana)	Legalization
Haiti	Legalization
Honduras	Apostille
Hongrie (Hungary)	Exempted (a)
Inde (India)	Apostille
Indonésie (Indonesia)	Legalization
Iran	Legalization
Iraq (Irak)	Legalization
Irlande (Ireland)	Exempted (e)
Islande (Iceland)	Apostille
Israël	Apostille
Italie (Italy)	Exempted (e)
Jamaïque (Jamaica)	Legalization
Japon (Japan)	Apostille
Jordanie (Jordan)	Legalization
Kazakhstan	Apostille
Kenya	Legalization
Kirghizistan (Kyrgyzstan)	Legalization
Kiribati	Exempted (a)
Kosovo	Legalization
Koweït (Kuwait)	Legalization
Laos	Legalization
Lesotho	Apostille
Lettonie (Latvia)	Exempted (e)
Liban (Lebanon)	Legalization
Liberia	Apostille
Libye (Libya)	Legalization
Liechtenstein	Apostille
Lituanie (Lithuania)	Apostille

Luxembourg	Exempted (e)
Macédoine (<i>Macedonia</i>)	Exempted (a)
Madagascar	Exempted (a)
Malaisie (<i>Malaysia</i>)	Legalization
Malawi	<i>Apostille</i>
Maldives	Legalization
Mali	Exempted (a)
Malte (<i>Malta</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Maroc	Exempted (a)
Marshall, Iles (<i>Islands</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Maurice (<i>Mauritius</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Mauritanie (<i>Mauritania</i>)	Exempted (a)
Mexique (<i>Mexico</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Micronésie (<i>Micronesia</i>)	Légalisation
Moldavie (<i>Moldavia</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Monaco	Exempted (a)
Mongolie (<i>Mongolia</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Monténégro	Exempted (a)
Mozambique	Legalization
Namibie (<i>Namibia</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Nauru	Legalization
Népal	Legalization
Nicaragua	Legalization
Niger	Exempted (a)
Nigeria	Legalization
Norvège (<i>Norway</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Nouvelle-Zélande (<i>New-Zealand</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Oman	Legalization
Ouganda (<i>Uganda</i>)	Legalization
Ouzbékistan (<i>Uzbekistan</i>)	Legalization
Pakistan	Legalization
Panama	<i>Apostille</i>
Papouasie Nouvelle Guinée (<i>Papua New Guinea</i>)	Legalization
Paraguay	Legalization
Pays-Bas (<i>The Netherlands</i>)	Exempted (c)
Pérou (<i>Peru</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Philippines	Legalization
Pologne (<i>Poland</i>)	Exempted (c)
Portugal	Exempted (c)
Qatar	Legalization
Roumanie (<i>Romania</i>)	Exempted (a)
Royaume-Uni (<i>United-Kingdom</i>)	Exempted (a)
Russie, Fédération de (<i>Russian Federation</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Rwanda	Legalization
Saint-Christophe et Nevis (<i>Saint-Christopher and Nevis</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Sainte-Lucie (<i>Saint-Lucia</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Saint-Marin (<i>San Marino</i>)	Exempted (a)
Saint-Siège (Vatican) (<i>the Holy See</i>)	Legalization
Saint-Vincent-et-les- (<i>and-the</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>

Grenadines	
Salomon (<i>Solomon</i>)	Legalization
Salvador (<i>El Salvador</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Samoa Occidentales (<i>Western Samoa</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Sao-Tomé-Et-(e)-Principe	<i>Apostille</i>
Sénégal	Exempted (a)
Serbie (<i>Serbia</i>)	Exempted (a)
Seychelles	<i>Apostille</i>
Sierra Leone	Legalization
Singapour (<i>Singapore</i>)	Legalization
Slovaquie (<i>Slovakia</i>)	Exempted (a)
Slovénie (<i>Slovenia</i>)	Exempted (a)
Somalie (<i>Somalia</i>)	Légalisation
Soudan (<i>Sudan</i>)	Légalisation
Sri Lanka	Légalisation
Suède (<i>Sweden</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Suisse (<i>Switzerland</i>)	Exempted (b)
Surinam(e)	<i>Apostille</i>
Swaziland	<i>Apostille</i>
Syrie (<i>Syria</i>)	Legalization
Tadjikistan (<i>Tajikistan</i>)	Legalization
Taiwan	Legalization
Tanzanie (<i>Tanzania</i>)	Legalization
Tchad (Chad)	Exempted (a)
Tchèque, République (<i>Czech Republic</i>)	Exempted (a)
Timor Oriental (<i>East Timor</i>)	Legalization
Thaïlande (<i>Thailand</i>)	Legalization
Togo	Exempted (a)
Tonga	<i>Apostille</i>
Trinité et Tobago (<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>)	<i>Apostille</i>
Tunisie (<i>Tunisia</i>)	Exempted (a)
Turkménistan (<i>Turkmanistan</i>)	Legalization
Turquie (<i>Turkey</i>)	Exempted (e)
Tuvalu	Legalization
Ukraine	<i>Apostille</i>
Uruguay	Legalization
Vanuatu	<i>Apostille</i>
Venezuela	<i>Apostille</i>
Viet Nam (<i>Vietnam</i>)	Exempted (a)
Yémen	Legalization
Zambie (<i>Zambia</i>)	Legalization
Zimbabwe	Legalization

LIST OF DEPENDENT TERRITORIES RELATED TO LEGALIZATION OR APOSTILLE

DEPENDENT TERRITORIES	TYPE OF LEGALIZATION
Anguilla - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Antilles Néerlandaises (Netherlands Antilles)	Exempted (b)
Aruba - The Netherlands	Exempted (b)
Bermudes (Bermuda) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Bonaire	See Netherlands Antilles
Cayman, Iles (Islands) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Cook, Iles (Islands) - New-Zealand	<i>Apostille</i>
Curaçao	See Netherlands Antilles
Falkland, Iles (Islands) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Feroe, Iles (Islands) - Danemark	Legalization
Georgie du Sud, Ile (South Georgia) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Gibraltar - U.K.	<i>Apostille</i>
Groenland (Greenland) - Danemark	Legalization
Guam - E.U.A.	<i>Apostille</i>
Guernesey (Guernsey) - UK UK	Exempted (a)
Hong-Kong - China	<i>Apostille</i>
Jersey - UK	Exempted (a)
Macao - China	<i>Apostille</i>
Man, Ile de (Isle of Man) - UK	Exempted (a)
Marianne du Nord (Northern Mariana Islands) - USA	<i>Apostille</i>
Montserrat - U.K.	<i>Apostille</i>
Niue - Nouvelle-Zélande	<i>Apostille</i>
Pitcairn, Ile (Island) - UK	Legalization
Porto-Rico - E.U.A.	<i>Apostille</i>
Saba	See Netherlands Antilles
Saint-Eustache	See Netherlands Antilles
Saint-Martin	See Netherlands Antilles
Sainte-Hélène (Saint-Helena) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Samoa Américaines (US Samoa)	<i>Apostille</i>
Territoire Antarctique (Antarctic Territory)	<i>Apostille</i>
Tokelau, Iles (Islands) – New-Zealand	Legalization
Turques & Caïques, Iles (Turks and Caicos Islands) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>
Vierges Américaines, Iles (US Virgin Islands) - USA	<i>Apostille</i>
Vierges Britanniques, Iles (British Virgin Islands) - UK	<i>Apostille</i>

LEGEND :

Apostille : Country related to birth certificate *apostille* procedure

Legalization : Country related to birth certificate legalization procedure

Exempted (a) : Exemption allowed by a bilateral agreement

Exempted (b) : Exemption allowed by the Registrar of births International Commission agreement (Sept.9th, 1957)

Exempted (c) : Exemption allowed by the Registrar of births International Commission agreement (Sept.15th, 1977)

Exempted (e) : Exemption allowed by the European Communities agreement (May 25th, 1987)